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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HORRY COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Saturday night in which shots were exchanged during a confrontation between a man and officers from Myrtle Beach Police Department who were responding to a domestic call. One officer was killed and a second officer was shot during the incident. The officer was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Following the exchange of gunfire, the suspect was discovered deceased. No other injuries were reported.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting (OIS) investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident. When requested to investigate an OIS, SLED's goal is to conduct a thorough, independent criminal investigation as timely as is possible under the circumstances. SLED investigators will conduct interviews with all potential witnesses in this matter. Further, SLED will collect all relevant evidence and will forensically test such evidence as needed.

Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Myrtle Beach Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Horry County was the 37th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the first this year involving Myrtle Beach Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

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