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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HORRY COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident today in which an individual was shot during a confrontation with officers from the Horry County Police Department. The individual was taken to a local hospital. No other injuries were reported.

Horry County Police were responding to a request for a welfare check when during the course of the call, the individual presented a firearm at officers.

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 Horry County Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Horry County was the 39th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the second this year involving Horry County Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; three involved the Horry County Police Department.

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