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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN NORTH CHARLESTON

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from this morning in which shots were fired during a confrontation between an individual and officers from the North Charleston Police Department. The suspect was shot during the incident and taken to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No other injuries were reported.

Officers were responding to reports of a disturbance when they encountered the subject who had been presenting what looked like a firearm.

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 North Charleston Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in North Charleston was the 41st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the second this year involving North Charleston Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the North Charleston Police Department.

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