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SLED INVESTIGATING SECURITY OFFICER INVOLVED **SHOOTING ON FRIPP ISLAND**

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident Tuesday night in which an armed man was shot and killed during a confrontation with a security officer from Fripp Island Security.

Two Fripp Island security officers responded to a domestic disturbance call at the request of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, which also had deputies responding to the call. The suspect reportedly presented a firearm during the confrontation.

While security officers are not certified law enforcement officers in South Carolina, SLED is proceeding with this investigation as an officer involved shooting (OIS). When investigating 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 considers the incident on Fripp Island as the 42nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the first involving a security officer. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involving security officers.

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