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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHESTER COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident today in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and deputies from Chester County Sheriff's Office. No one was shot in the incident and no injuries are being reported.

Deputies were responding to a 911 call when the incident took place. The suspect retreated to their residence where a multi-hour standoff ensued. The situation was ultimately resolved without further incident. The suspect is in custody.

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 Chester County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

The incident in Chester County was the 46th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the first this year involving Chester County Sheriff's Office. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

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