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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHESTER COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Sunday afternoon in which shots were exchanged between an individual and law enforcement.

The event initially began in Lancaster County where deputies from the Lancaster Sheriff's Office were responding to a domestic violence call for service. After firing shots at the responding deputies, the suspect led law enforcement on a chase into Chester County where he eventually wrecked his vehicle. The suspect then tried to evade authorities on foot and a deputy with Chester County Sheriff's Office fired his weapon at the armed suspect. A multi-agency search ensued and the suspect was eventually located in the woods near Highway 9, deceased. No other injuries have been 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 Chester County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

The incident in Chester County was the first officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

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