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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN AIKEN COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from early Monday morning in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and a deputy from the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were responding to a disturbance call regarding a man with a knife. The man was shot and killed during the incident. 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 Aiken County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputy.

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

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