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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN FLORENCE COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Wednesday evening in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and deputies from the Florence County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were responding to a call for service where a man had barricaded himself and was threatening to set a house on fire. The suspect ultimately set fire to the house and reportedly fired at law enforcement multiple times. Deputies returned fire. The armed suspect was injured during the incident and taken to a local hospital. 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 Florence County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

The incident in Florence County was the seventh officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

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