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### **SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LANCASTER COUNTY**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Thursday night where shots were fired by a Lancaster County Sheriff's deputy who responded to reports of gunfire on Community Lane in Lancaster. Three individuals were taken into custody by local law enforcement in connection to the incident. No 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 Lancaster County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

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

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