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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHARLESTON COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from today in which gunfire was exchanged between a man and deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and an officer with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). Deputies were attempting to serve a warrant on the individual when the shooting took place. The armed suspect proceeded to barricade himself in a residence to evade law enforcement. The SCDNR officer was in the area and responded when the call acknowledging shots fired and request for backup was announced. One deputy was shot during the incident and has non-life threatening injuries. The suspect, who is now in custody, was also wounded during the incident and has been taken to a hospital. No information is available on his condition at this time. 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 Charleston County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

The incident in Charleston County was the 12th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; three involved the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and none involved SCDNR.

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