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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Friday in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and an officer from the Spartanburg Police Department while conducting a traffic stop. The suspect was taken into custody after briefly fleeing on foot. No one was struck by gunfire and 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 Spartanburg Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Spartanburg County was the 19th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Spartanburg Police Department.

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