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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Monday in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and an officer from the Lancaster Police Department while conducting a traffic stop. The suspect fled the scene on foot. Law enforcement continues to search for the suspect at this time. 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 agents 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 Police Department for any information about their officer.

The incident in Lancaster County was the 27th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Lancaster Police Department.

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