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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 Saturday in which shots were exchanged during a confrontation between an armed man and a deputy from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were responding to a call for service where there were reports of an individual shooting a gun in a neighborhood. The suspect was shot 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 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 Charleston County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputies.

The incident in Charleston County was the 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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