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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 Friday in which shots were exchanged between an armed man and a deputy from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were executing a search warrant at a residence connected to a missing persons investigation. Both the individual and deputy were shot during the incident. The individual died at the scene and the deputy was 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 Lancaster County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputy.

The incident in Lancaster County was the 30th 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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