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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN COLLETON COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Wednesday in which a police officer with the Walterboro Police Department fired shots at an armed man during a confrontation following a traffic stop. The subject fled the scene on foot and has not yet been apprehended. No injuries have been reported at this time.

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 Walterboro Police Department for any information about their officer.

The incident in Colleton County was the 35th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Walterboro Police Department.

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