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### **SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED** **SHOOTING IN LEXINGTON COUNTY**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Friday where a man armed with a knife was shot during a confrontation with deputies from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department who were attempting to execute a search warrant. The subject was transported to the hospital and is expected to survive.

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 Lexington County Sheriff's Department for any additional initial information.

The incident in Lexington County was the 40th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; 3 involved the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

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