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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Friday night where a man was shot during an encounter with deputies from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. The subject, Jimmy Ray Whiteside, 63, was transported to the Spartanburg Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries.

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 Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for any additional initial information regarding their deputies.

The incident in Spartanburg County was the 8th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; 2 involved the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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