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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN AIKEN COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident in Aiken County from Thursday morning where an armed man was shot during an encounter with an ATF agent and a United States Marshals Service task force officer. Both law enforcement officers are assigned to the United States Marshals Service Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force. The subject, Robert L. Wright, 34, 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 or the agency with jurisdiction. 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.

The incident in Aiken County was the 9th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.

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