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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an incident from Sunday night where an armed man was shot during an encounter with deputies from the Colleton County Sheriff's Office. The subject, William 'Jerry' Crosby, 55, was transported by Colleton Fire Rescue to Colleton Medical Center where he succumbed to 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 Colleton County was the 12th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> officer involved shooting by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office this year. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; Colleton County Sheriff's Office had no officer involved shootings last year.

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