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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LAURENS COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting Saturday afternoon in Laurens County involving Laurens County deputies and an armed woman that resulted in the woman, Kalah Shannon Gary, 26, being shot. Gary died at the scene. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Laurens County Sheriff's Office.

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 Laurens County was the 15th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the 1st officer involved shooting involving the Laurens County Sheriff's Office this year. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; Laurens County Sheriff's Office had no officer involved shootings last year.

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

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