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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LEXINGTON COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred earlier today in Lexington County. Lexington County sheriff's deputies, West Columbia police officers and an armed man were involved in an incident that resulted in the man, Tyler Mehki Sincere Boages, 19, being shot and killed. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

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 Lexington County was the 16th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the 1st officer involved shooting involving the Lexington County Sheriff's Department this year. This is the 1st officer involved shooting involving the West Columbia Police Department this year. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; 1 involved the Lexington County Sheriff's Department; none involved the West Columbia Police Department.

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