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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN GREENVILLE COUNTY**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting Saturday morning in Greenville County. There was an exchange of gunfire between an officer from the City of Greenville Police Department and a man armed with a handgun, later identified as Theodis Hester Williams, 29. Neither Williams nor the Greenville police officer were struck. Williams fled, but was later located, arrested, and transported to the hospital for medical treatment. No law enforcement officers were injured.

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 Greenville County was the 22nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the 1st officer involved shooting involving the Greenville City Police Department this year.

In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Greenville City Police Department had one officer involved shooting last year.

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

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