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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN YORK COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Tuesday afternoon in York County. Deputies from the York County Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop for a reported stolen vehicle. The subject fled and deputies pursued. During the pursuit, the vehicle struck two patrol vehicles in an attempt to flee. A York County sheriff's deputy fired at the subject as the vehicle driven by the subject accelerated, striking the patrol car again. The subject was shot and transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. No law enforcement officers were injured. The subject was identified by the York County Coroner as Tyshawn Malik Benjamin, 25.

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 York County was the 24th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the first officer involved shooting involving the York County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The York County Sheriff's Office 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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