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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting in Aiken County the evening of Friday, October 28, 2022.

Several Aiken County deputies and members of the Aiken County SWAT team responded to a home on Friday evening in Beech Island where a 16-year-old murder subject was believed to be inside. SLED is not naming the subject at this time because he is a juvenile. After an exchange of gunfire, the subject was taken into custody. One deputy was taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time.

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.

The incident in Aiken County was the 30<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Aiken County Sheriff's Office had 3 officer involved shootings last year.

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