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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting in Williamsburg County.

Deputies from the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office responded to an early morning call of a reported hostage situation on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Deputies called for backup after arriving outside a residence in Kingstree, SC. After an exchange of gunfire, one armed man was shot and taken to the hospital for medical treatment. A woman inside the home was not injured and safely escorted out of the house by law enforcement. No law enforcement officers were injured.

This is an ongoing investigation. As such, 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 Williamsburg County was the 31st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the first officer involved shooting for the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Williamsburg 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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