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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting on the afternoon of January 26, 2023 in Laurens County.

Laurens County Deputies were conducting a grand larceny investigation and attempting to serve multiple warrants on a male subject in Gray Court, SC when there was an exchange of gunfire between the subject and deputies. No one was shot. The Laurens County Sheriff's Office requested SLED following the shots fired, as well as requested SLED SWAT for assistance as the armed subject remained barricaded in a shed. Following a standoff, the subject was removed from his barricaded position by a SLED K9 and secured by law enforcement. The subject, Reuben Virgil Greene Jr., 42, was treated by Laurens County EMS, arrested by the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, and booked at the Laurens County Detention Center. 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 Laurens County was the 2nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Laurens County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Laurens County Sheriff's Office had 2 officer involved shootings last year.

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