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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HORRY COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting late Sunday evening that lasted into Monday morning in Horry County.

Officers with Horry County Police Department responded to a call Sunday evening regarding a disorderly tenant at a hotel in Myrtle Beach. When officers arrived, a man inside a room fired a gun multiple times. One officer suffered a non-life-threatening fragment wound to the head. That officer has since been discharged from the hospital. The man then barricaded himself in the room. The Horry County Police Department SWAT team responded to the scene. Hours later, there was an exchange of gunfire. The man died at the scene. The Horry County Coroner's Office later identified the deceased as Hendrix Herschel Washington, 39.

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 Horry County was the 3rd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Horry County Police Department this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. Horry County Police Department 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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