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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN JASPER COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred the morning of Monday, May 1, 2023 in Jasper County.

Hardeeville Police Department (HPD) officers responded to a 911 call on Monday, May 1, 2023, regarding an armed and aggressive driver shooting at a vehicle in Jasper County. Hardeeville Police officers and a Jasper County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) deputy located a vehicle at a gas station matching the description from the 911 call. The driver, later identified as Calaab Kirby, 33, of Union, SC, drove away from law enforcement at the gas station. The HPD officers and the JCSO deputy followed Kirby, who pulled over onto a gravel road. Following an exchange of gunfire, Kirby died at the scene. 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 Jasper County was the 10th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Hardeeville Police Department this year. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2022 there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Hardeeville Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office had no officer involved shootings last year.

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