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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in Greenwood County.

Officers with the Greenwood Police Department (GPD) responded to the area of Parker Avenue and Jordan Street in Greenwood, SC in response to a call of a person brandishing a handgun. When officers arrived, an armed male subject at that location ran from approaching officers. During the pursuit, there was an exchange of gunfire. No one was injured. The armed male subject evaded GPD officers and was located by Greenwood County Sheriff's Office deputies hiding in a U-Haul trailer nearby. The GPD charged the 17-year-old armed male subject with Possession of a handgun by unlawful person under 18 and Discharging a firearm in the city. SLED is investigating the officer involved shooting at the request of the GPD.

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 Greenwood County was the 16<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the Greenwood Police Department's 1<sup>st</sup> officer involved shooting this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The GPD had no officer involved shootings last year.

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