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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, June 18, 2023, in Lee County.

Deputies with the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a home on Sunday afternoon regarding a domestic assault involving an armed male subject, later identified as Marquis Griffin, 27. When deputies arrived, there was an exchange of gunfire. One deputy was shot in the leg. Griffin was shot and died at the scene. The injured deputy was taken to the hospital for treatment.

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 Lee County was the 18<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> officer involved shooting for the Lee County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Lee County Sheriff's Office had no officer involved shootings last year.

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