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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting on Friday, July 7, 2023 which occurred in Spartanburg County.

Deputies with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) responded to a 911 call on Friday morning regarding an armed individual threatening to shoot a person inside a home. When deputies arrived at the Boiling Springs residence, one armed male subject had barricaded himself inside with another individual. During the incident, an officer with the Inman Police Department responded after additional law enforcement assistance was requested by the SCSO. During an interaction with the subject, deputies and the police officer fired their weapons. The subject was shot and died at the scene. The subject was later identified as Somchan Dan Somsanith, 42. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office to investigate the officer involved shooting.

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 Spartanburg County was the 21st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 4th officer involved shooting for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office this year. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Inman Police Department this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office had 3 officer involved shootings last year. The Inman Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

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