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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in Richland County.

Officers with the Columbia Police Department (CPD) responded to the intersection of Greystone Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive regarding a 911 call about a man with a gun. When officers arrived, there was an exchange of gunfire with an armed man. The armed man was later identified as Brandon Joyner, 26. During the incident, two CPD officers were injured. In the exchange, Joyner was shot. Joyner has since been transferred from the hospital where he was treated to the Alvin S Glenn detention center where he is being held without bond. Joyner has since been charged by the CPD. Deputies with the Richland County Sheriff's Department also responded to the scene but were not engaged in the officer involved shooting. The City of Columbia Police Department requested SLED investigate the OIS incident.

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 Richland County was the 23<sup>rd</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> officer involved shooting for the Columbia Police Department this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Columbia 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](http://www.sled.sc.gov).

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