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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN LEXINGTON COUNTY**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in Lexington County.

Deputies with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSO) responded to an early-morning home invasion call on Wednesday, September 6. When deputies arrived at the home, they found a woman deceased and a child alive inside. Deputies also encountered an armed male subject, Jamal Walker, 39, at the home. A LCSO deputy was shot by Walker, and Walker drove off. Following a vehicle pursuit, there was an exchange of gunfire between Walker and law enforcement from the LCSO and the Lexington Police Department. Walker was shot and died at the scene along Two Notch Road. No law enforcement officers were injured in the exchange of gunfire during or after the pursuit. The injured LCSO deputy who was shot at the home was transported to the hospital for treatment and is expected to recover. SLED was requested to investigate by the officer involved shooting by The Lexington County Sheriff's Department and Lexington Police Department.

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 Lexington County was the 25th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for the Lexington County Sheriff's Department this year. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Lexington Police Department this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department had 1 officer involved shooting last year. The Lexington Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

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