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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN BERKELEY COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred on Friday, September 8, 2023, in Berkeley County.

Berkeley County deputies pursued a vehicle after an attempted traffic stop in the area of S.C. Highway 41 and U.S. Highway 17 in Berkeley County. The driver, a male subject, was determined to be armed. Following an exchange of gunfire on Interstate 526, the subject died at the scene. The subject was later identified as Brent Conrad, 37. No deputies were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office.

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 Berkeley County was the 26th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office this year.

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

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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