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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in Pickens County.

A trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol attempted a traffic stop that resulted in a vehicle pursuit. The driver's vehicle crashed into an embankment. During an exchange of gunfire, the armed driver, later identified as Brian Shumway, 36, was shot and died at the scene. The trooper was not injured. SLED was requested by the S.C. Highway Patrol.

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 Pickens County was the 28<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> officer involved shooting for the South Carolina Highway Patrol this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The South Carolina Highway Patrol had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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