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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN AIKEN COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred on Sunday, November 26, 2023, in Aiken County.

Responding to a 911 call regarding an armed man, deputies with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office encountered an armed man, later identified as Cody Talley, 30, around Depot Avenue in Aiken County. During the encounter, deputies fired at Talley, who was struck and transported to the hospital for medical treatment. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Aiken 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 Aiken County was the 39th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 3rd officer involved shooting for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Aiken County Sheriff's Office had 4 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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