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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHARLESTON COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred in the late evening of Tuesday, December 26, 2023, and into the early morning of Wednesday, December 27, 2023, in Charleston County.

Officers with the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) responded to a call about gunshots heard in the community. NCPD officers and deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) encountered an armed male subject near the intersection of Meeting Street and Dorchester Road. Following an attempted negotiation, NCPD officers and CCSO deputies shot at the armed subject, who was struck and died at the scene. The subject was identified as Winston Dunham, 33. No police officers or sheriff's deputies were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the North Charleston 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 Charleston County was the 41st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the North Charleston Police Department this year. This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office this year.

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

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