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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 on Sunday, February 4, 2024, in Charleston County.

During a neighborhood patrol, officers with the North Charleston Police Department encountered a group of people outside of a vacant home on Kent Avenue. During a foot chase between North Charleston police officers and an unidentified male subject, a North Charleston police officer fired their gun. The subject continued to flee. At this time, the subject has not been located or identified, and there is no evidence to suggest anyone was injured. A handgun was later located in the vicinity of the foot chase. 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 6th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the North Charleston Police Department this year.

In 2023, there were 43 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The North Charleston Police Department had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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

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