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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN LAURENS COUNTY**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Tuesday, October 2, 2024, in Laurens County.

Deputies with the Laurens County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call from a home in Gray Court, SC. When deputies arrived, they encountered a vehicle that drove away from them. Deputies followed the car to make a traffic stop. Following the pursuit, the driver's car backed into the deputy's cruiser, deputies fired their service weapons, and the driver was shot. The subject and the deputies were transported to the hospital for treatment. The deputies have been discharged from the hospital. The subject is still receiving medical treatment. SLED was requested to investigate by the Laurens 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 Laurens County was the 34th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for the Laurens County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2023, there were 43 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Laurens County Sheriff's Office had 2 officer involved shootings last year.

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