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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CALHOUN COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Saturday, November 15, 2025, in Calhoun County.

While patrolling, an Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office deputy encountered a man driving a black Ford Mustang that was reported as stolen. Following a vehicle pursuit in Orangeburg County, the driver of the stolen car crashed into a tree in St. Matthews, SC, which is in Calhoun County. The driver got out of the car and attacked the deputy. During the altercation, the man attempted to get into the deputy's vehicle, and the deputy shot the man. Both the deputy and the man sustained injuries from the encounter and were transported to the hospital for treatment. The deputy was released, and the man remains hospitalized at this time. SLED was requested to investigate by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office and the Calhoun 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 Calhoun County is the 42nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2025. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2024, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office had no officer involved shootings last year.

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