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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN FLORENCE COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday, September 18, 2026, in Florence County.

A Florence County Sheriff's Office Deputy initiated a traffic stop, which led to a pursuit on West Black Creek Road in Florence. Both the male subject's and deputy's vehicles briefly stopped, the deputy fired, and the pursuit continued. The man's vehicle later stopped. He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at the hospital and was released into Florence County Sheriff's Office's custody. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Florence 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 Florence County is the 29th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2026. This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for the Florence County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2025, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Florence County Sheriff's Office had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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