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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LEXINGTON COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Saturday, November 14, 2026, in Lexington County.

A Lexington County Sheriff's Department deputy and a South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP) agent were working an off-duty security detail at a gun and knife show Saturday afternoon at the Jamil Temple in Columbia, SC. A show employee notified the deputy that an individual was acting suspiciously. The man was later identified by the Lexington County Coroner's Office as Telvin Pierre Portee, 34. The deputy and PPP agent approached Portee, who had his hands inside his overalls. The officers asked Portee to show his hands, but he refused. During the encounter, Portee pulled out a gun and fired, shooting the deputy. The deputy returned fire, shooting Portee. The deputy was transported to the hospital and remains there at this time. Portee was pronounced dead at the scene by the county coroner's office. SLED was requested to investigate by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

This is an ongoing investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time.

Witnesses who have photos and/or videos of the incident can send them to SLED through the public community link here:https://sled.evidence.com/axon/communityrequest/public/jamilois or utilizing the QR code here:

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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 Lexington County is the 42nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2026. This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for the Lexington County Sheriff's Department this year.

In 2025, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Lexington County Sheriff's Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

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