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SLED CONTINUING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION **IN DARLINGTON COUNTY**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division continue work in their investigation of an incident Monday evening when shots were exchanged between a suspect and sheriff's deputies of the Darlington County Sheriff's Office along with Hartsville police officers who responded to a break in call at a business.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident. These independent investigations follow SLED's guidance in conducting interviews along with the gathering and analysis of forensic evidence. Interviews are being conducted with the responding officers and others. There is no dash camera video of the incident.

Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Darlington County Sheriff's Office and the Hartsville Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Darlington County was the 25th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2019 and the first this year involving either the Darlington County Sheriff's Office or the Hartsville Police Department. In 2018, there were 43 officer-involved shootings in South Carolina; two involved the Darlington County Sheriff's Office and none involved the Hartsville Police Department.

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