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### **SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHARLESTON COUNTY**

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from early Tuesday morning in which shots were exchanged between an individual and officers from the Charleston Police Department who were responding to a domestic violence call for service. One officer was shot in the chest during the encounter but sustained non-life threatening injuries as the officer was wearing a ballistic vest. The suspect was also shot during the incident and later died as a result of the shooting. No other injuries have been reported.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting (OIS) investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident. 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 investigators 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.

This is an ongoing investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Charleston Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Charleston County was the 49<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the second this year involving Charleston Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Charleston Police Department.

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