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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Sunday in which a suspect was shot and killed during a confrontation with a deputy from the Newberry County Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement was responding to a reported carjacking when the deputy located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. A vehicle pursuit ensued traveling east on I-26. The pursuit entered Lexington County where the chase ended, and the confrontation took place. 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 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.

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 Newberry County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputy.

The incident in Lexington County was the 26<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.

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