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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HORRY COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Saturday in which a state trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) shot a man during a confrontation while conducting a traffic stop. The suspect was shot during the incident and taken to a local hospital. The state trooper was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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 SCHP for any information about their trooper.

The incident in Horry County was the 28th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2021. In 2020, there were 49 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; two involved the SCHP.

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