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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MARION COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an incident from Thursday morning where a man armed with a knife was shot during an encounter with officers from the Marion Police Department. The man, Prince Gurley, 29, and an officer were both taken to the hospital for medical treatment. That officer sustained injuries but was later released from the hospital. Gurley succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

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

The incident in Marion County was the 13th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the first officer involved shooting involving the Marion Police Department this year. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; there were no officer involved shootings involving the Marion Police Department last year.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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