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

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting Saturday in Georgetown County involving a Georgetown police officer and a man armed with a knife, James Robert Frazier, 50, behind a home in Georgetown, S.C. Frazier was shot and died at the scene. The Georgetown officer was not injured. Georgetown Police Chief Bill Pierce requested SLED investigate.

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 Georgetown County was the 18<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the first officer involved shooting involving the Georgetown Police Department this year. In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; the Georgetown Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)

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