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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HORRY COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting on Thursday, December 29 in Conway, SC between an armed man and a Conway Police officer.

A Conway Police officer initiated a traffic stop on Thursday at around 8:45 p.m. The subject, an 18-year-old man who was driving, stopped the vehicle in the driveway of a residence. The subject got out of the vehicle, fired a gun in the direction of the officer, and an exchange of gunfire followed. The subject was shot and taken to the hospital for treatment. The officer was not injured.

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

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.

The incident in Horry County was the 32nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2022. This is the Conway Police Department's first officer involved shooting this year.

In 2021, there were 40 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Conway 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

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