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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) were requested on February 2, 2023 by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) to investigate an officer involved shooing (OIS) at a residence in Spartanburg.

Following an attempt to serve outstanding warrants by Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office deputies, SCSO SWAT responded to a home where the man facing the warrants had barricaded himself inside. Following a standoff between the SCSO SWAT team and the barricaded man, a SCSO K9 was deployed. The man, later identified as Darius Holcomb, 39, began to attack the SCSO K9 with a sharp object. A SCSO deputy then fired at Holcomb. Holcomb was shot and died at the scene. No officers were 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 Spartanburg County was the 4th officer involved shooting in South Carolina for 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office had 3 officer involved shootings last year.

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