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

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday, August 9, 2024, in Charleston County.

A North Charleston police officer responded to Big T's gas station for a reported hit and run. While working the hit and run, the officer was approached by a gas station employee and civilians regarding a man with a gun. The officer encountered a man armed with a handgun in the parking lot of Big T's. During the encounter the armed man was shot by the officer. Upon initial investigation by SLED, the handgun was determined to be an all-black airsoft gun with GLOCK markings. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the North Charleston Police Department.

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 Charleston County was the 30<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting for the North Charleston Police Department this year.

In 2023, there were 43 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The North Charleston Police Department had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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