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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN HORRY COUNTY**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Horry County.

Officers with the Horry County Police Department responded to an active shooting on South Reindeer Road, where two victims were taken to the hospital for gunshot wounds. When officers arrived at the active shooting, they encountered Neil Wade Brown, 60, who was armed. There was an exchange of gunfire between Brown and responding officers. Brown and the officers were not injured, and Brown was taken into custody. SLED was requested to investigate by the Horry County 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 Horry County was the 32nd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Horry County Police Department this year.

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

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