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

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday, May 30, 2025, in Central, SC. The Central Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Central Police officers responded to an apartment complex, located at University Village Drive, to investigate a disturbance call involving a knife. One of the officers was responding to an apartment when a man opened the apartment door and ran toward the officer with a knife. The officer shot the man, who was taken to the hospital for treatment. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

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 Central, SC is the 24th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2025. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Central Police Department this year.

In 2024, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Central Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

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