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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Saturday, June 14, 2025, in Summerville, SC. The Summerville Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Summerville Police Department officers responded to a 911 call Saturday evening for a welfare check regarding a domestic dispute at the Summervillage Mobile Home Park, located on Winter Drive. When officers arrived, there was a gunshot from inside the residence. When an officer entered the home, the officer encountered a man armed with a handgun. During the encounter, the officer shot the man. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The deceased was identified by the Dorchester County Coroner's Office as Patrick David Hatcher, 61. No law enforcement 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 Dorchester County is the 25th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2025. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Summerville Police Department this year.

In 2024, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Summerville Police Department had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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