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

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in Florence County.

Deputies with the Florence County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic call at a home on Anderson Field Road. Florence County EMS also responded to the home. Deputies encountered an armed man at the home. The man fired a gun at the ambulance, then left the residence and walked to the intersection of Anderson Field Road and Highway 52. During an encounter with a deputy at that intersection, the deputy shot the armed man. The man was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. The deceased was identified by the Florence County Coroner as Justin Lowery, 30. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident. The Florence County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

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 Florence County is the 35th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2025. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Florence County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2024, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Florence County Sheriff's Office had 1 officer involved shooting last year.

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