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

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday, January 23, 2026, in Jasper County.

Hardeeville Police Department officers responded to the Super 8 Motel on Whyte Hardee Boulevard regarding a call for service involving a person trying to enter parked vehicles. Officers encountered an armed man matching the description of the subject in the parking lot of the Shell gas station located next to the Super 8 Motel. Officers identified the man in the gas station parking lot as the same person trying to enter parked cars at the Super 8 Motel. During the encounter, there was an altercation and an exchange of gunfire. Both the man and a Hardeeville Police officer were shot and transported to the hospital. The man died and was identified by the Jasper County Coroner's Office as Jayden Jerome Holloway-Caldwell, 19. The law enforcement officer who was shot is recovering from his injuries. SLED was requested to investigate by the Hardeeville 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 Jasper County is the 4th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2026. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Hardeeville Police Department this year.

In 2025, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Hardeeville Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

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