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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN ANDERSON COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Thursday, November 12, 2026, in Anderson County.

Anderson County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a rest stop along I-85 near mile marker 24 in Anderson, SC, in reference to a subject who may be a danger to himself. Deputies encountered an armed man in a vehicle. The man, later identified by the Anderson County Coroner's Office as Anthony Richard Potter, 43, would not come out of the vehicle and attempted to drive away. Deputies stopped the vehicle. Potter fired a gun from inside his vehicle, and a deputy fired from outside the vehicle. Potter died at the scene. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office.

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 Anderson County is the 41st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2026. This is the 3rd officer involved shooting for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office this year.

In 2025, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina.
The Anderson County Sheriff's Office had 2 officer involved shootings last year.

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