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SLED CONDUCTING OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING **INVESTIGATION IN COLLETON COUNTY**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division continue work today in their investigation of an incident Wednesday in which a woman wanted in connection with a Walterboro bank robbery was shot in the hand by a Colleton County Sheriff's Department deputy as the woman attempted to flee a traffic stop.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer-involved shooting incidents at the request of the agency involved in the incident. This independent investigation follows SLED's guidance in conducting interviews along with the gathering and analysis of forensic evidence. Interviews are being conducted with the responding officers and others. There is no body cam or dash cam video of the incident. The Walterboro Department of Public Safety is investigating the robbery.

Information gathered in the SLED investigation will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors for review and determination of what, if any, criminal charges that may be filed.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Colleton County Sheriff's Department for further information regarding the deputies involved in the incident.

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Wednesday's incident is the 16th officer-involved shooting in South Carolina in 2015 and the first this year by a Colleton County Sheriff's deputy. In 2014, there were 42 officer-involved shooting incidents in South Carolina, none of which involved a Colleton County Sheriff's deputy.

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