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Officer Involved Critical Incident - April 9, 2020

Charleston, SC– Today Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that the State would not pursue charges against officers or deputies involved in the April 9, 2020 Officer Involved Critical Incident that occurred in the West Ashley area of Charleston County. Along with the independent investigative agency (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)), we reviewed witness statements and video both from law enforcement and private businesses at the scene of the incident. Based on our review, it is clear that law enforcement officers from the Charleston Police Department and the Charleston County Sheriff's office were justified in firing upon the armed, fleeing suspect who first fired upon them. No one was injured in the incident. SLED obtained warrants against the suspect (Harold Lee Goss, Jr., age 32) and he remains innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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