



**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
**MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM**

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SCENE CASE NOTES**

MAIT CASE #: <i>CL-062-15</i>		LOCATION: <i>Sandy Run Rd.</i>		
DATE ARRIVED: <i>7-9-15</i>	TIME ARRIVED: <i>1110</i>	RESPONSE TYPE: IMMEDIATE <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
TEAM MEMBERS ON-SCENE: <i>Booker, Duncan, Conley</i>			<small>* Indicates MAIT Scene Supervisor</small>	
ISSUES: <i>incident</i>				
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY MAIT OF SCENE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		BY: <i>Booker</i> DATE: <i>7-9-15</i>		
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY MAIT OF VEHICLES: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N		BY: _____ DATE: _____		
OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N		BY: _____ DATE: _____		
VIDEO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIT <input type="checkbox"/> I/O <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LEO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____				
VIDEOGRAPHER: <i>Booker</i> DATE: <i>7-9-15</i>				
MAPPING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCENE <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE(S) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____				
Station: <i>Conley</i>		Architect(s): <i>Booker</i>		
FIELD SKETCH: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N By: <i>Conley</i>				
YAW: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	If Yes: Rotation: <input type="checkbox"/> CW / <input type="checkbox"/> CCW	Tire: <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R		
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#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Surface: _____ f= _____		Pulled by: _____		Read by: _____
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
VEHICLE INSPECTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A By: _____ Date: _____				
EDR IMAGED: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A By: _____ Date: _____				
EVIDENCE COLLECTED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A By: <i>Booker, Duncan</i>				
E-FRICTION READING: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N Date: _____ By: _____				
Readings: _____		Equip: _____		
Notes: _____				

## SCDPS Incident Report

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Inq. _____	Entd. _____
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Date <b>7-8-2015</b>	Day of the Week <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun. <input type="checkbox"/> Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> Tues. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.	Time <b>0100</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm
Location of Incident <b>SANDY RUN ROAD</b>		County <b>HAMPTON</b>
Name of Officer <b>D.B.ROWELL</b>	Rank <b>L/CPL</b>	Badge <b>97</b>
District/Unit <b>SEVEN</b>	Duty Station <b>POST A</b>	Page <b>1 of 1</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> Invest. Officers Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandon/Stolen Vehicle Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge of Firearm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Towed Vehicle Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

Status	Type	Nature of Assignment
<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/> Found <input type="checkbox"/> Towed <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Article <input type="checkbox"/> Pickup <input type="checkbox"/> MTC <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Gun <input type="checkbox"/> License Plate	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol <input type="checkbox"/> Riot or Crowd Control <input type="checkbox"/> Special Duty: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Complainant	Driver's or Pedestrian's Name: <u>STEPHEN N.SMITH</u>	Jailed?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim	Address: _____	Intoxicated?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject	Race: <u>W</u> Sex: <u>M</u> DOB: _____ DL Number: _____	Summons or Warrant #: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Runaway	Height: <u>5 8</u> Weight: <u>165</u> Hair: <u>BRN</u> Eyes: <u>BLU</u> Scars, Tattoos, Etc.: <u>N/A</u>	DL Record Requested?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Wanted	Occupation: <u>STUDENT</u> Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest	Vehicle Make: <u>N/A</u> Model: <u>N/A</u> Lic/Yr: <u>N/A</u> State: <u>N/A</u> Color: <u>N/A</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	DOT/ICC#: <u>N/A</u> VIN#: <u>N/A</u>	
	Owner: <u>N/A</u> Address: <u>N/A</u>	
	Physical Evidence Found: <u>N/A</u> Witness: <u>N/A</u> Address: <u>N/A</u>	
	Test Administered: <u>N/A</u> Results: <u>N/A</u> By Whom?: <u>N/A</u> Rank: <u>N/A</u>	

<input type="checkbox"/> Complainant	Driver's or Pedestrian's Name: <u>UNKNOWN</u>	Jailed?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Victim	Address: _____	Intoxicated?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subject	Race: _____ Sex: _____ DOB: _____ DL Number: _____	Summons or Warrant #: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Runaway	Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair: _____ Eyes: _____ Scars, Tattoos, Etc.: _____	DL Record Requested?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Wanted	Occupation: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest	Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Lic/Yr: _____ State: _____ Color: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	DOT/ICC#: _____ VIN#: _____	
	Owner: _____ Address: _____	
	Physical Evidence Found: _____ Witness: _____ Address: _____	
	Test Administered: _____ Results: _____ By Whom?: _____ Rank: _____	

**Pursuit:** Time Began: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Ended: \_\_\_\_\_ Location Began: \_\_\_\_\_ Location Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Trooper Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Trooper(s) Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Agencies Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Was Supervisor Involved in Pursuit?: No Yes (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Event Ending Pursuit: Accident Stopped Escaped Other

**Abandoned Vehicle:** Highway Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff Notified?: Yes No

Towed To: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked for Stolen?: Yes No Stolen?: Yes No Owner Contacted and Vehicle Identified?: Yes No

Does Officer Wish to Contact Owner Before Release?: Yes No

Final Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Records Cleared?: Yes No Follow Up Investigation?: Yes No

**Remarks:** ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0100 AND 0400 AN INCIDENT TOOK PLACE INVOLVING THE VICTIM AND AN UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S). THE VICTIM WAS FOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF SANDY RUN ROAD DECEASED FROM SOME SORT OF BLUNT FORCE TRAMA TO THE HEAD. RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. I SAW NO VEHICLE DEBRIS, SKID MARKS, OR INJURIES CONSISTENT WITH SOMEONE BEING STRUCK BY A VEHICLE. THE VICTIMS SHOES WERE LOOSELY TIED AND BOTH WERE STILL ON. AFTER CONSULTING WITH MAIT, WE SEE NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THE VICTIM WAS STRUCK BY A VEHICLE. THE INCIDENT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO FOLLOW.

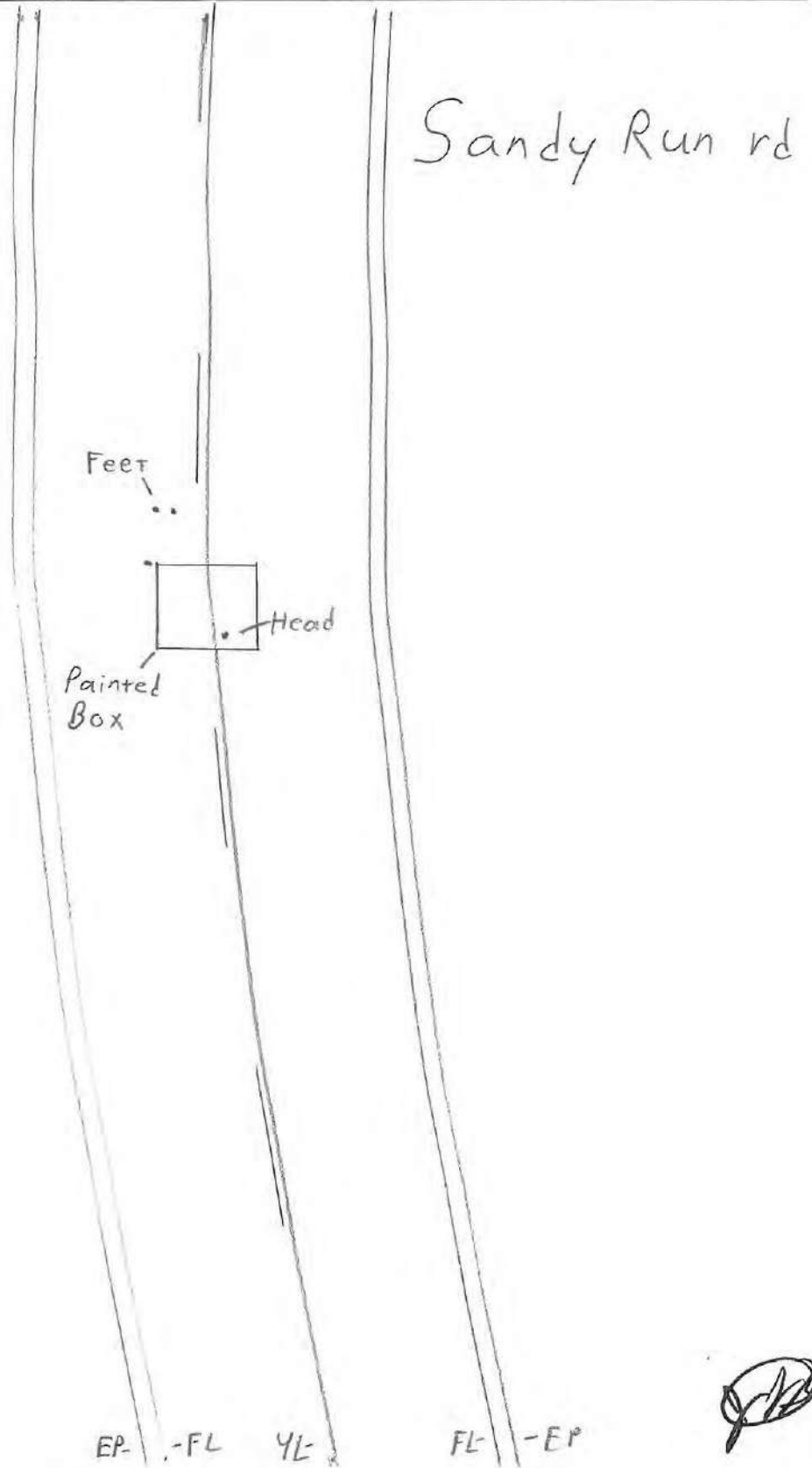
**(Attach Supplement Report if Necessary)**

Investigating Officer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIT FIELD SKETCH**



Case / CAD #: <i>CL-062-15</i>	Drawn By: <i>J. F. Conley</i>	North 
Date Drawn: <i>07/24/2015</i>	NOT TO SCALE	



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Date:	Notes:
7/8	(0515) - Notified by Lt. Brock of the incident
	- I notified Cpl. Duncan (on call supervisor) to contact on scene supervisor.
	(0600) - Cpl. Duncan called me to advise that he was told it appeared to be a homicide and SLED was taking it over. I was advised there was a possible gunshot wound to the victim's head. Cpl. Duncan then discontinued his trip to the scene.
	- I then advised Lt. Brock of the updated status of the incident.
	(1814) - I was notified by Lt. Brock that the victim did not have a gunshot wound according to the autopsy.

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MAIT Case # CL-062-15 Investigator: Booker

Date:	Notes:
7/8	- contacted Sgt. Burns and
	F/Sgt. Moore to gather further
	information.
	- contacted Cpl. Duncan to formulate
	a plan of action
	- Flyer was made and disseminated
7/9	(0900) - met with F/Sgt. Moore, Cpl. Duncan,
	L/Cpl. Rowell and Brittany Burke (SLED)
	at Peoples Rhoden Funeral Home to
	examine the body.
	- attempted to make contact with
	911 caller at his residence
	(He was not home)
	- traveled to the scene and
	documented.
	- met with Hampton County S.O.
	to gather any of their information
	and the victim's phone.

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Date:	Notes:
07/08/15	CPL ALLEN advised that we were not needed @ the autopsy. This was according to SLED AND Hampton County S.O.
	SGT Booker contacted @ 1830 in reference to the incident in Hampton County.
07/09/15	- MET with FSGT Moore, SGT. BOOKER, L/CPL Rowell and Brittany BURKE-SLED @ Peoples - Rhoden Funeral home to EXAMINE the body. Photograph were done @ this time.
	- Left the funeral home to attempt an interview with Ronnie CAPERS; 911 caller.
	- TRAVELED to the incident site.
	- traveled to 4220 Joe Miley Rd and met with father, sister & brothers.



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Date:	Notes:
7/28/15	- Notified @ 0518 by SGT. Booker in REFERENCE to AN Incident in Hampton County on Sandy Run Rd.
	- contacted Cpl M.D. ALLEN (ON-SCENE SUPERVISOR) in REFERENCE to this incident. states A white male was found in the roadway on Sandy Run Road. The only injuries to the victim were around the head area.
	- Cpl Allen called back and advise me that it appeared to be A Homicide and SLED had been called. states it appeared to be a possible gun shot wound to the victim's head. At this point I contacted SGT Booker and advised him of the circumstance.

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Date:	Notes:
7/9/15	- According to Family, Stephen would never have been walking <del>into</del> in the middle of the roadway. States he was very skittish.
7/10/15	- Clothes and iPhone SENT to SLED.
7/13/15	- Audio interview conducted with 911 caller, Ronnie Capers. Mr. Capers states he never stopped, just saw someone lying in the road. States he thought it was an animal at first but when he got closer, he saw it was a white guy laying in the road.
7/14/15	- TRAVELED to Hampton County S.O impound lot to Photograph Stephen's CAR: Gas cap was unscrewed and hanging outside of the Gas cap door.

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Date:	Notes:
7/14/15	- Contacted MARC Bickhardt by phone. Mr. Bickhardt was in a relationship with Stephen Smith.
7/14/15	- TRAVELED to Mr. Bickhardt's residence and conducted an audio interview. - states him and Stephen were in relationship. - states he had talked with Stephen by phone and text on the morning of the incident. - States he believed foul play was involved.
7/14/15	- After leaving Mr. Bickhardt's residence, he called me @ approximately 1412. States he is not sure about the time lines AND just rambled in conversation.

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Date:	Notes:
07/14/15	-Contacted 4/cpl. Rowell about asking the family for Stephen's I-PAD and Laptop.
7/14/15	- Mr. Bickhardt called again @ 1637 hrs and left a message.
7/15/15	- Mr. Bickhardt called three times; 0034 hrs, 0034 hrs, and 0035 hrs. - subject left a voice message.
7/15/15	- Mr. Bickhardt called twice while I was in a meeting. Call times 1049 hrs and 1051 hrs. - subject left voice message.
7/15/15	- TRAVELED TO TROOP 7 HQ and met with Lt. Taylor and F/SGT MOORE. Briefed them on the incident. F/SGT MOORE transferred the I-Pad & computer to me.

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Date:	Notes:
7/16/15	- Contracted 4cpl Rowell to make arrangements
	to interview Stephen's twin sister Stephanie
	Smith.
7/17/15	- TRAVELED to Hampton County and
	interviewed Stephanie Smith @ the DMV office.
	- States Stephen became very secretive about
	two weeks prior to incident. - She did not
	know anyone who had a problem with
	Stephen. - States Stephen had class at
	Orangeburg Tec on the 7 <sup>th</sup> of July. - Also
	says she didn't talk about his boyfriend
	alot. - Retrieved computer.
7/17/15	I-pad TAKEN to Charleston S.O. by
	4cpl Proctor.
7/17/15	Spoke with and interviewed Stephen's
	mother.

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Date:	Notes:
07/17/15	- Mother confirmed that Stephen had become more secretive lately. - Mother also said that Stephen had a friend @ Bilo but they had a disagreement a while back. Possible named James, but they became friends. - Thought it was strange Stephen was not studying like he use to and was playing hooky from school.
7/17/15	Spoke with Hcr Rowell about tracking down James @ Bilo and checking on video from store @ seeing MACE Bickhardt earlier that morning around incident site.
7/21/15	- Spoke with Hcr Rowell about James and video. No video and James states him and Stephen had a relationship for a while but has not seen him in a while

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Date:	Notes:
7/21/15	- Contacted Lt. Johnson @ SLED, still
	no luck unlocking the phone.
7/21/15	Spoke with Stephen's mother, no new
	information
7/28/15	Reviewing I-PAD Download.
	: MEDIA: 7/5/15 14:44:33 EDT
	: 11:50-1:00 do not come ... &nbsp; nbsp
	: Francamente me quiero ir a casa, la color me
	esta matando
	: Tuesday 3:30
	: 1955
	- This is information from the I-PAD

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Date:	Notes:
08/3/15	- Contacted Lt. Johnson with SLED MAde Arrangements to pick up the I-Phone on Tuesday.
8/3/15	- Contacted Sandy Smith in reference to assisting with unlocking the phone. - Sandy Smith states she WAS the secondary finger print for the phone. - states she can meet with me on Tuesday in Orangeburg.
8/4/15	- Picked up Iphone from SLED. No chain of custody with the Phone.
8/4/15	Meet with Sandy Smith and Stephaine Smith in Orangeburg. Unable to unlock the phone.



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Date:	Notes:
08/4/15	- Contacted Rachel Tuten, Stephen's best friend. [REDACTED]
	- States last time she spoke with Stephen was by text, around 7-8pm on 7/7/15.
	No other information.

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Date:	Notes:
8/5/15	- Conley met with me around 0830 to transfer the I-Pad to me.
8/5/15	- Returned I-Pad to Stephaine Smith.
8/6/15	- Stephaine E contacted me by phone, states had some information that she needed to give me. - Ask Stephaine if she would email me the information about what we talked about over the phone. - Received an email with the information.
8/6/15	Sandy Smith called; states she went back out to the scene and found a foot print about

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Date:	Notes:
08/6/15	200 feet down from where Stephen was found. - States the impression was in an ant mound. - Also says another print was not visible because of rain.
8/7/15	Contacted Angela Carol in ref. to Stephen Smith death. (Information from Stephaine Smith). - States a boy named Brenden ask if Stephen and Buster Murdaugh ever had any type of relationship.
8/11/15	Attempted to call Brenden Phone # [REDACTED] no answer Left message.



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Date:	Notes:
8/10/15	- The father of Brenden Strother called me. wanted to know what was going on. - Stated he would have his son call me later.
8/11/15	Briefed F/SGT MOORE in reference to Brenden Strother.
8/11/15	Brenden Strother contacted me @ 1035. - States the text that he sent Angela was what he heard from others. Just Rumors.
8/11/15	Continued to look through information downloaded from Stephen's I-Pad. still trying to get a time line. No new information. I-PAD was @ Orangeburg Tech the night before his death. According to breadcrumbs file

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Date:	Notes:
08/17/15	Attempted to contact Marc Bickhardt
	by phone. Went straight to voice mail.
	Left Mr. Bickhardt a message. Time-
	1054 hrs.
8/17/15	Attempted to contact MARC Bickhardt.
	Left message. 1310 hrs
8/18/15	Attempted to call MARC Bickhardt. Still
	Goes straight to voice mail. Left a
	message. 1205 hrs.
8/26/15	Attempted to call MARC Bickhardt
	Left a message. Goes straight to voice
	MAIL.

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Date:	Notes:
8/26/15	Spoke with Sandy Smith. Gave me a Phone to a person that may know some information. Only knows first NAME -Cecil- Phone # [REDACTED]
8/26/15	Attempted to contact Cecil. No Answer Left MESSAGE.
8/26/15	Attempted to contact Nora Williams, Sandy Smith states she may have some information about Stephen's death. Phone # [REDACTED], Rings four times. No voice mail.
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8/26/15	Spoke with Stephanie Smith about Nora Williams and Dale Stanley. States Dale says there was a GREEN Jeep that was following Stephen on or the day before he died.



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CL-062-15	M. E. Duncan
Date:	Notes:
11/17/15	Sandy Smith called me @ 1223. Wanted to know if any of the interviews done have lead to any new information
11/18/15	Sandy Smith called and said she had heard on the radio that an arrest had been or will be made in reference to her son's death.
11/19/15	Had Lt Col Proctor contact the radio station in reference to an arrest. Ask him to find out if this was true and maybe who called saying it.







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**Investigator:** Proctor

**Date:**

**Notes:**

07-22-2015

I went down to MUSC on this date to meet with Dr. Erin Presnell, she is the pathologist that performed the autopsy on the victim in this case. The reason I went and spoke with her was due to a preliminary report where she stated that the victim was possibly struck by a motor vehicle mirror, which was the cause of death. F/Sgt. Moore had already had from my understanding a heated conversation with her about this issue. The MAIT team has always had a good working relationship with MUSC, so I wanted to see if I could go down there and get some sort of clarification. As soon as Dr. Presnell came into the room she began in a negative tone stating that I did not have a meeting scheduled and that she was very busy. She stated that she could not even begin speaking with me about this case without the coroners consent. I advised her that I had spoken with coroner Washington the day before and she basically called me a liar and said she would call him right then. When I asked if she wanted me to call from my cell phone, she backed off. I asked her why she stated that in the report and her answer was "because he was found in the road". She had no evidence other than that for the statement being put in the report. She asked why we did not think it was a vehicle strike and I explained to her that we had no evidence of this individual being struck by a vehicle. I asked her if someone with a baseball bat could do that and she stated "no". When I probed further saying what about someone in a moving car, with a bat she stated "well I guess it's possible". She then asked if we found a bat as evidence. I could see that this conversation was not going to yield any positive results. As I was leaving she stated that the report was preliminary and it was my job to figure out what it was struck him not hers.

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
08-18-2015	<p>I spoke with Coroner Washington today in reference to the final autopsy report issued from MUSC. He faxed me a copy of the report and told me that he does not agree with the pathologist stating that the victim was struck by a motor vehicle. We discussed the fact that the report states the cause of death as blunt head trauma, motor vehicle crash, pedestrian v. vehicle. Then the manner of death was undetermined. I would think that the blunt force head trauma would be the cause of death and the motor vehicle crash would be the manner the trauma was delivered to cause the death. The pathologist also states in the report, that in light of historical information along with the autopsy, these conclusions were made. To what historical information she possessed, I am unaware. I attempted to speak with Dr. Presnell at an earlier date to go over information that had been discovered throughout the investigation and that was ill received. The coroner did tell me that the deputy coroner that had gone down to MUSC the morning of the autopsy and spoke with the pathologist, she has since been fired from his office. I spoke with that deputy coroner Greene and agent Burke, with SLED, as both of them were present at the time of the autopsy. Both stated they made no reference to the pathologist about the victim being struck by a vehicle, only that he was found in the road. The coroner stated that he had made contact with the pathologist, Dr. Presnell and she stated that she would be willing to change her report to read how ever he wanted it.</p>

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08-03-2015

I received a message to call SLED agent Michael Moscal in reference to discussing trace evidence located on the deceased clothes in this case. During our conversation, Mr. Moscal advised he located around 10, 1mm single layer blue paint chips. Mr. Moscal advised he needed more paint layer evidence to pinpoint a particular vehicle. Mr. Moscal advised that the PDQ database indicated the paint could be from an industrial tool, dumpster, or sign post. Mr. Moscal added that Toyota used this particular paint on its vehicles from 1982 to 1988.



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12-18-2015	<p>I received information from Cpl. Duncan about an individual Darrell Williams [REDACTED]. He is stating that his step son Patrick Wilson told him that Shawn Conley struck and killed Stephen Smith. Mr. Williams stated that his son told him this in confidence and that his son had moved out and he did not know where he was staying. He could only tell me that Patrick attended some Christian school in Ridgeland. I drove down to Ridgeland and went to Step of Faith School, Patrick Wilson was not a student there. I then found Legacy Euhaw Baptist Church school. Patrick Wilson is a student there but was not at school today. I then drove to Hampton attempting to locate an address for Patrick. I could not get his step father to return my calls. Mr. Williams stated that the reason that he was passing this information on was because Randy Murdaugh told him to call.</p>



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06-13-2016	<p>L/Cpl. Hoffman and I went to [REDACTED] in an attempt to interview Donterrio Aiken. There was a Hyundai Genesis parked in the front yard and within minutes of being at the subject's house, his family began arriving. We had no answer at the residence and I made contact with the subject over telephone. Mr. Aiken advised he was working with a logging company (Brunson Forrest Products) and we met him on SC-3 at the railroad tracks in the town of Beldoc. Mr Aiken advised he did not have any knowledge of who killed the victim. Mr. Aiken advised he learned of the death through facebook. Mr. Aiken advised he was working with BLT Logging Company as part of a swamp crew, cutting a track of woods in Ravenel during the week the victim was murdered. Mr. Aiken advised his logging company (BLT Logging) gave all employees their own private room in a hotel on U.S. 17 in West Ashley between a Waffle House and a Speedway and was rented by TJ (Thomas) Penniton. He added that he came home on the weekends and stayed in the hotel all week. Mr. Aiken remembered that he worked changing trailer tires in Estill with Dionte Williams on the Saturday he was home that week and afterward, went straight home. Mr. Aiken advised he knew the victim from Wade Hampton High School. Mr. Aiken said he played football and advised the victim was a trainer with the football team. I asked Mr. Aiken why someone would kill the victim and Mr. Aiken replied that he had no idea. I asked Mr. Aiken if he ever goes out partying in the country and he said it has been a long time since he's done that. I asked Mr. Aiken if he was friends with anyone with the last name Murdaugh. Mr. Aiken said he went to school with a girl with the last name Murdaugh. I asked him if he knew any boy with the last name Murdaugh and he said he knew one that graduated with the victim. Mr. Aiken said he was not friends with any Murdaugh subjects on Facebook, but later wanted tried to look on his phone to see. There was no cell signal to check. I later looked on Facebook and saw the subject is friends on Facebook with Buster Murdaugh. Mr. Aiken stated he never hang out with him or went to any parties hosted by any Murdaugh subjects. I asked Mr. Aiken what rumors he had heard around town about the victim's death and he advised he has only heard he was hit by a car. Mr. Aiken portrayed himself as a hard worker who, when not working, sleeps and visits his girlfriend.</p> <p>At the end of the interview I turned off my audio recorder. A follow up question was asked and I pushed record button on the audio recorder. The second recording was edited in at the end of my original interview.</p>