



South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

Case Status (Closing) 2025-05298/1

Report Date: 09/02/2025

Synopsis - Continued

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S/A Brown attempted to contact Crump-Lukie, numerous times and left messages for her to contact S/A Brown but was unsuccessful.

On August 22, 2025, S/A Brown sent the following second request to Mayor Brown:

I am following up to see if the Town of Ninety-Six still has the records that Quick Group, LLC reviewed. When we met, you shared their three-page summary report, but as mentioned last week, we need access to the underlying records they examined. The insurance company does not have these records, and Quick Group, LLC has confirmed that they returned them to then Town Treasurer Ketekash Crump-Lukie in 2019. At this point, we do not have any data available to review, assess, or compare.

On August 22, 2025, S/A Brown called 8th Circuit Deputy Solicitor Demetri Andrews and explained that the original insurance company no longer had insurance billing records for the Town of Ninety-Six from 2016-mid 2019, that Mayor Brown was unable to locate the Town of Ninety-Six insurance billing records used by Quick Group, LLC, and the Town of Ninety-Six did not have a clearly written policy on employee insurance coverage. As it was written during the time in question, the policy could have been interpreted to mean that employees who had part of their dependent healthcare costs covered by the Town were still in compliance, since both the employee and the town contributed a portion. As a result, 8th Circuit Deputy Solicitor Demetri Andrews agreed with S/A Brown's conclusion that there was no information to review to determine if South Carolina laws were violated.

On August 28, 2025, S/A Brown confirmed the Town of Ninety Six had not located any records related to this inquiry.

Address #1 - Occurred #1 - 120 Main St W

Primary Information

Address: 120 Main St W, Ninety Six, SOUTH CAROLINA 29666

Subject #1 - VICTIM #1 - Town of Ninety Six

Primary Information

Subject Name: Town of Ninety Six

Record Type: ORGANIZATION



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Subject #2 - SUSPECT #1 - Goodman, Mary Ann

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Goodman, Mary Ann**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **71 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE**
Birth Date: **1953**
Juvenile: **NO**

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: **Brown II, James "Robert" (10203696 / Piedmont Unit 1 / South Carolina Law Enforcement Division)**
Record Origination Date: **09/02/2025 11:40**
Last Update Operator: **Kindley, Jeff (10046825 / Piedmont Regional Operations / South Carolina Law Enforcement Division)**
Last Update Date: **09/30/2025 13:21**

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

TO: File 2025-05298

FROM: Special Agent Robert Brown

RE: Interview with Greg Brown

COUNTY: Greenwood

Name: *Greg Brown*

Address: [REDACTED], *Ninety Six, SC*

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/1964

Phone: [REDACTED]

On August 14, 2025, Special Agent (S/A) Robert Brown interviewed Greg Brown in Ninety-Six, SC. The interview was audio and video recorded. After explaining the purpose of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agents, Greg Brown provided the following information: Mayor Brown became the mayor of Ninety-Six, SC, following the election in November of 2023. Mayor Brown found an envelope in his drawer nine months ago. Inside the envelope was a three-page audit/investigation report conducted by Quick Group, LLC, dated August 19, 2019. According to Mayor Brown, he believed former Town of Ninety-Six Treasurer Mary Ann Goodman created a scheme where she syphoned money from other city employees to pay her husband's health insurance from 2016 to 2018. Mayor Brown did not know why the former mayor, Mike Row, did not report the findings of the audit to law



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enforcement. Goodman retired from the Town of Ninety-Six in December of 2018. Mayor Brown believed a current or former employee was leaking information about the audit to a local newspaper called the Index Journal. According to Mayor Brown, because of this scheme, the Town of Ninety-Six overpaid \$50,000.00 from 2016 to mid-2019 more than they should have paid for twelve Town of Ninety-Six employee dependents' insurance.

According to Mayor Brown, Goodman had the Town of Ninety-Six pay for her husband's health insurance. Mayor Brown believed Goodman had also misused a Town of Ninety-Six credit card and was also seen burning town records, but he offered no corroborating information and stated the information was hearsay. According to Mayor Brown, Crump-Lukie who replaced Goodman was fired a year after she became the treasurer for the Town of Ninety-Six by the town council for performance issues.

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On September 24, 2025, Mayor Greg Brown contacted S/A Brown and informed him that Crump-Lukie contacted him and explained where she had stored the records for this inquiry. However, according to Mayor Greg Brown, the records were not where suspected Crump-Lukie said they would be and he suspected a Town of Ninety-Six employee had taken the records.



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TO: File 2025-05298

FROM: Special Agent Robert Brown

RE: Interview with Franklin Worrell

COUNTY: Greenville

Name: *Franklin Worrell*

Address: [REDACTED] *Mt. Pleasant, SC*

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] */1958*

Phone: [REDACTED]

On August 14, 2025, Special Agent (S/A) Robert Brown interviewed Franklin Worrell Ferguson over the telephone. After explaining the purpose of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agents, Worrell provided the following information: Worrell remembered working on the Town of Ninety Six audit but all he currently had was the original three-page report dated August 21, 2019. Worrell stated the Town of Ninety-Six did not have the funds for him to do a full audit, but he tried to help them regardless. Worrell reviewed records from the Town of Ninety-Six and returned the records to the new city treasurer, Ketekash Crump-Lukie, in 2019. The return of records occurred after Mary Ann Goodman retired. Worrell did not conduct interviews and only reviewed records. Worrell concluded twelve employees with the Town of Ninety-Six had all or a portion of their spouses' health insurance paid by the city from 2016 to mid 2019. Worrell concluded Goodman did this because she was unaware of the city policy and



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made errors or was aware of the policy and did it intentionally. According to Worrell prosecuting Goodman would be difficult. *Agent's Note: Worrell was unaware the Town of Ninety Six's policy could allow the town to pay a portion of the health insurance coverage for dependents as written in 2014/2015.*



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FROM: Special Agent Robert Brown

RE: Interview with Debbie Ferguson

COUNTY: Greenville

Name: *Debbie Ferguson*

Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone: [REDACTED]

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