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SLED UPDATE IN THE ONGOING MURDAUGH DOUBLE MURDER INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is committed to a thorough, fair, and impartial investigation into the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh. We understand the interest this case has drawn and urge the public to withhold judgment until our investigation is complete.

We have received and are currently processing a significant number of FOIA requests for documents related to this case. In the interest of transparency, SLED is releasing redacted copies of the supplemental incident reports recently received from the Colleton County Sheriff's Office. We will continue to evaluate the records in this case and will release additional information when possible.

“As Chief of SLED I urge the public to be patient and let the investigation take its course. This case is complex, and we will not rush this or any investigation. Investigative decisions we make throughout this case must withstand the scrutiny of the criminal justice process. SLED agents continue to interview possible witnesses, collect and process potential evidence, and investigate every lead with the same diligence we devote to every case.”

“SLED agents are working tirelessly with our partners to build a case against any person responsible for the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh to ensure that justice is served,” said SLED Chief Mark Keel.

If you have any information related to this case, please call SLED's 24-hour dedicated tip line at (803) 896-2605.

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Redacted copies of the supplemental incident reports attached
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Case 21 02008 [REDACTED]

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Status	Active
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Daniel Greene
Investigator	Laura Rutland
Reported At	06/07/21 22:07
Incident Date	06/07/21 22:07 - 06/07/21 22:07
Incident Code	09A : Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
Location	4147 MOSELLE RD, ISLANDTON, SC 29929
Zone	North
Beat	Islandton
Disposition	Active
Disposition Date/Time	06/07/21 23:11
Review for Gang Activity	None
Asst Officers	
S758 - McDowell, Buford; S631 - Nettles, Lonnie; S744 - Pruitt, William	
Status Indicator	Administrative Filler
Status Change Date	6/7/21

Offense Information

Offense MURDER
Statute 16-03-10
SCIBRS Code 09A - Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter
Counts 1
Date 6/7/21
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Farm Facility
Entry Forced [REDACTED]
Forces Used [REDACTED]

Dispatch Information

CFS # CFS2106070175
Location 4147 MOSELLE RD, ISLANDTON, SC 29929
Incident Code SG15 : Gunshot Wound
Occurred Between 06/07/21 22:07:58 and
Assigned 22:09:10 **Enroute** 22:12:22 **On Scene** 22:25:59 **Completed** 03:11:08

Victim

MURDAUGH, MARGARET K - Age 52 - Sex Female 16-03-10 - MURDER
MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY - Age 22 - Sex Male 16-03-10 - MURDER

Vehicles



Names Mentioned in Narratives

MURDAUGH, MARGARET K	Supplement - Supplement Narrative Supplement - Supplement
MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY	Supplement - Supplement Narrative
MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY	Supplement - Supplement
MURDAUGH, RICHARD ALEXANDER	Supplement - Supplement Narrative

Original Narrative By Daniel Greene

Original Narrative

On June 7, 2021 at approximately 2226 hours I, Sgt. Greene responded to 4147 Moselle Rd in Colleton County in reference to two gunshot victims [REDACTED]

See supplement for details.

Case Forms

Victim Notification Information Form 6/8/21
Victim Notification Information Form 6/8/21
Original Narrative (Original Narrative) 6/8/21 by Daniel Greene
Supplement Narrative (Supplement Narrative) 6/8/21 by Daniel Greene
Attached Document 6/8/21 - RICHARD MURDAUGH 27
Attached Document 6/8/21 - PAUL MURDAUGH 27
Attached Document 6/8/21 - MARGARET MURDAUGH 27
Attached Document 6/8/21 - RICHARD MURDAUGH 29
Attached Document 6/8/21 - PAUL MURDAUGH 29
Attached Document 6/8/21 - MARGARET MURDAUGH 29
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by William Pruitt
Attached Document 6/8/21 - Crime Scene Log Form
Supplement Narrative (Supplemental Narrative) 6/8/21 by Buford McDowell
[REDACTED]
Attached Document 6/8/21 - GIBSON 27
[REDACTED]
Supplement Narrative [REDACTED]
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by Keith Crosby
Supplement Narrative 6/8/21 by Richard Haley
Investigation Narrative (Community Contact) 6/8/21 by James Washington
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by Lonnie Nettles
Supplement Narrative 6/9/21 by George Rioux
Attached Document 6/9/21 [REDACTED]
Supplement Narrative 6/9/21 by David Long
Investigator s - Case Action Narrative (Varnadoe supplement) 6/9/21 by Dathan Varnadoe
Supplement Narrative 6/10/21 by Richard Haley
Supervisor Case Review 6/13/21

Victim Form for MURDAUGH, MARGARET K
Victim Form for MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY

Property / Evidence

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
[REDACTED]	Evidence	Physical	In Temporary Custody	SLED	[REDACTED]



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 03:44)

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Supplement Report By Buford McDowell

Supplemental Narrative

Case #21-02008

Typed By Buford McDowell

On Monday June 7, 2021 I Dep. McDowell responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. in the Islandton area of Colleton County in reference to a shooting incident. Once on scene I helped Sgt. Greene establish a crime scene, located and marked [REDACTED] shell casings with crime scene tape, and took a post on one side of the scene [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Once enough units arrived on scene I left and resumed my assigned road patrol duties. Nothing further.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 00:09)

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Supplement Report By Daniel Greene

Supplement Narrative

Case #21-02008

Typed By Daniel Greene

Synopsis: On June 7, 2021 at approximately 2226 hours I, Sgt. Greene responded to 4147 Moselle Rd in Colleton County in reference to two gunshot victims found by the caller.

When I arrived on scene I found two individuals, Paul Murdaugh and Margaret Murdaugh, lying on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds [REDACTED]. I advised CCSO dispatch that the scene was secure for CCFR medics to come in to the victims. Investigators were already notified and responding to the scene. [REDACTED]

As other units arrived on scene, the crime scene was secured with crime scene tape and only essential personnel were allowed access. Dep. Pruitt started a crime scene log (see Pruitt s supplement).

CID began arriving on scene shortly after my arrival and the scene was turned over to them.

Nothing further to report at this time. End of report.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 14:37)

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Investigator's - Case Action Report By Dathan Varnadoe

Varnadoe supplement

Case #21-02008

Typed By Dathan Varnadoe

On June 7, 2021 I Sgt. Varnadoe responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. in Colleton County S.C. in reference to a shooting at this location. Once on scene I assisted with preserving the crime scene for the SLED Crime Scene Unit to process. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also escorted the tow service (S&S Super lube) with the [REDACTED] back to the Colleton County Sheriff's Office where I secured it in the impound lot. Nothing further.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 14:16)

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Supplement Report By David Long

Case #21-02008

Typed By David Long

On 6/07/21 at about 22:30 I was contacted by Captain Chapman and informed of a shooting involving two victims in the Islandton area. I responded to the address he had provided, upon hearing my radio transmission that I was on the way Capt requested that I divert to Headquarters and retrieve at large tent to cover some of the evidence exposed to the elements. I did as instructed and arrived at the scene [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While assisting on scene, the Medical Examiner had contaminated his gloves and asked if i would use his camera an take the necessary photos he required and I did so at his direction. I remained on scene until Sled Crime Scene had completed their effort at the incident location.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 10:51)

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Supplement Report By George Rioux

Case #21-02008

Typed By George Rioux

Reference A:

A double homicide occurred at 4147 Moselle Road.

Officer s Observations/Actions:

On the morning of 6-8-2021 I was contacted via telephone by Sheriff Hill and directed to assist the SC Law Enforcement Division in the investigation of this case. It was requested that deputies search the area near the crime scene for video surveillance camera systems on nearby residences. CCSO Sgt. J. Washington and I paired up to ride together. Other CCSO Deputies were also working together on the same assignment.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 16:25)

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Investigation Report By James Washington

Community Contact

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Typed By James Washington

On 06/08/2021 contact was made with a [REDACTED] at the location of [REDACTED] Colleton County. The [REDACTED]



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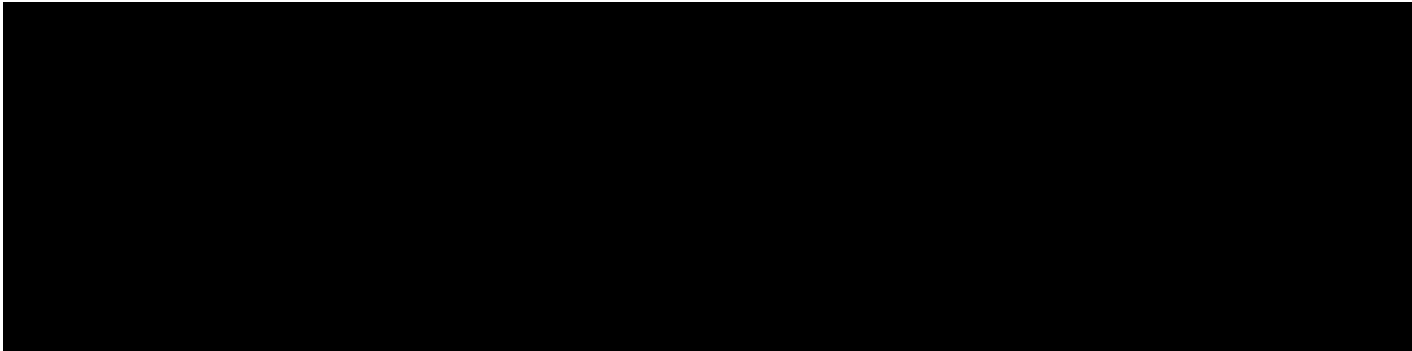
Supplement Report By Keith Crosby

Supplement

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Typed By Keith Crosby

Upon arriving on scene, Sheriff Hill instructed me to ride Moselle Rd and look for homes or businesses that may have exterior home security cameras facing the road. [REDACTED]





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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 22:11)

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Supplement Report By Lonnie Nettles

Supplement

Case #21-02008

Typed By Lonnie Nettles

On 6/7/21, at approximately 10:07 PM, I, Lt. L. Nettles, responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. with other units for a report two gunshot wound victims. Upon arrival, deputies had secured the initial crime scene. Two individuals were observed laying on the ground [REDACTED] I then assisted with extending the crime scene with a secondary perimeter with additional crime scene tape. I then stood by on the perimeter of the inner crime scene. Agents from SLED arrived and took over the crime scene for processing. I was then released from the scene.



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Case Notes

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Katelyn Barwick, 06/09/21 09:45

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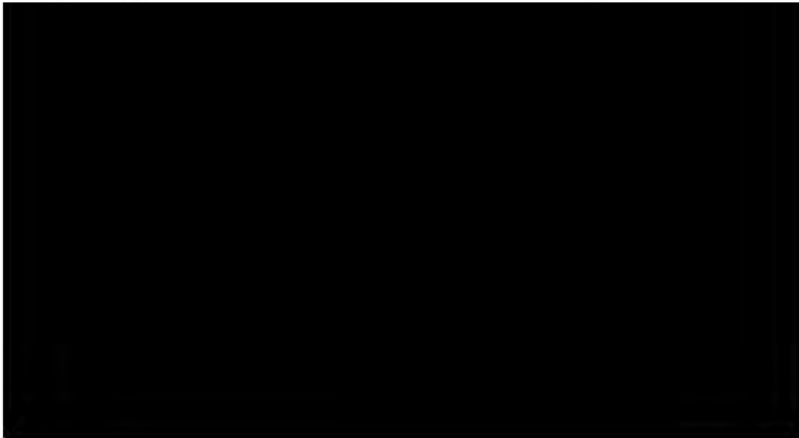
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Vehicle Card [REDACTED]

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Vehicle Color 2
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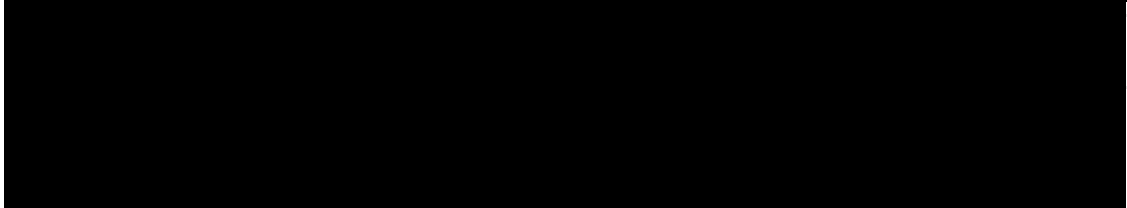
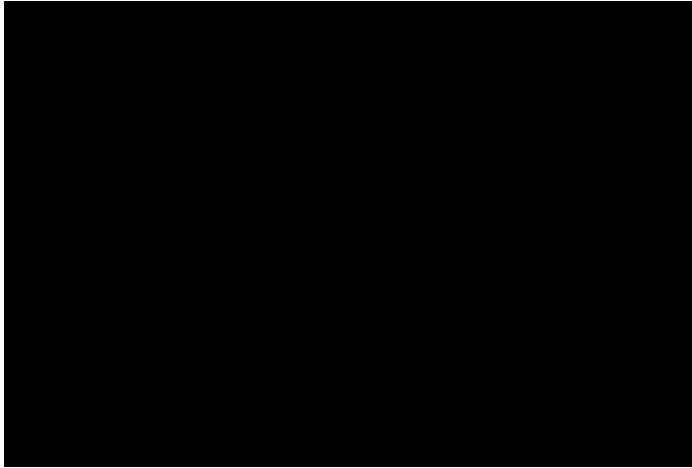
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Vehicle Features
Owner
Owner
History





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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 15:08)

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Supplement Report By Richard Haley

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Typed By Richard Haley

6-8-21

At 1016 I Deputy R. Haley was contacted by Lt. G. Rioux to meet up with Lt. K. Crosby [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/10/21 10:20)

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Supplement Report By Richard Haley

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Typed By Richard Haley

6-9-21 | Deputy Haley was requested by Lt. K. Crosby [REDACTED]

Nothing further.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 13:40)

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Supplement Report By William Polk

vehicle tow

Case #21-02008

Typed By William Polk

On 6/8/21 I Lt. Polk along with Lt. Crosby

Nothing further.



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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 02:25)

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Supplement Report By William Pruitt

Supplement

Case #21-02008

Typed By William Pruitt

I Deputy Pruitt arrived on scene at 4147 Moselle Road in Colleton County in after SGT Greene and Deputy McDowell and Colleton County Fire Rescue. When I arrived on scene I began to tape of the crime scene. Once the crime scene was tapped off and after SGT Tindal arrived on scene I began a crime scene log of who entered the crime scene.