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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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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

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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**

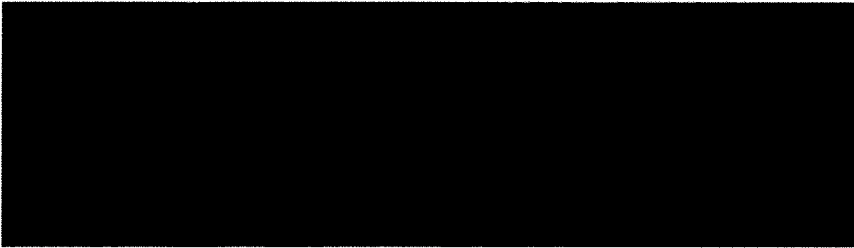
**CFS #** CFS2106070175  
**Location** 4147 MOSELLE RD, ISLANDTON, SC 29929  
**Incident Code** SG15 : Gunshot Wound  
**Occurred Between** 06/07/21 22:07:58 and  
**Assigned** 22:09:10    **Enroute** 22:12:22    **On Scene** 22:25:59    **Completed** 03:11:08

**Victim**

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

**Vehicles**

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**Names Mentioned in Narratives**

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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**

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- 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**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
[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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**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**

**Case #21-02008**

**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**

**Case #21-02008**

**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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## **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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**Katelyn Barwick, 06/09/21 09:45**

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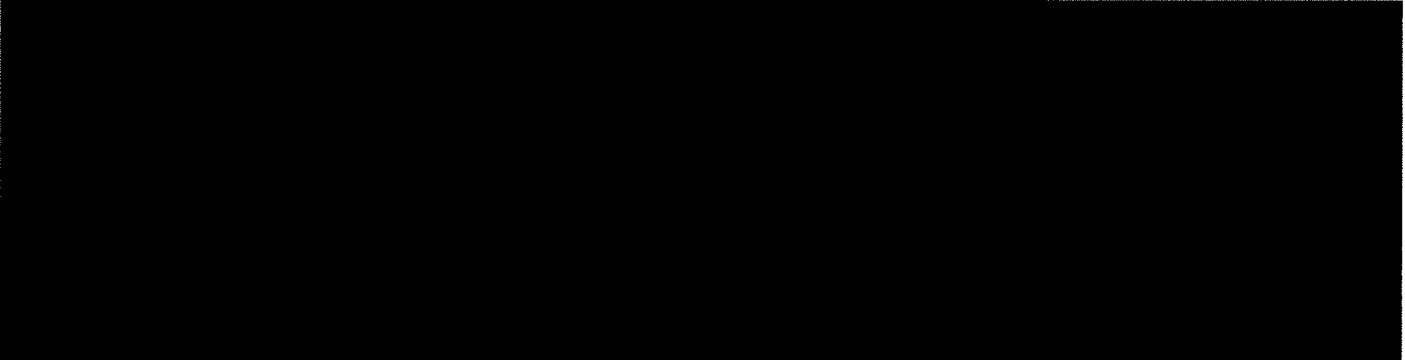
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Vehicle Card [REDACTED]

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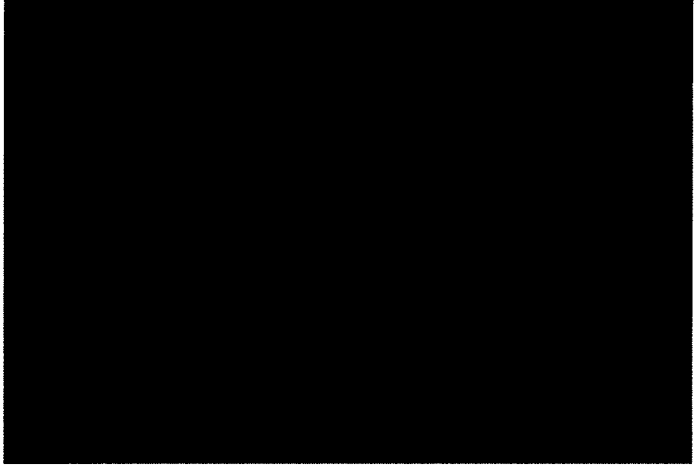
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Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 15:08)

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**Supplement Report By Richard Haley**

**Case #21-02008**

**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.