

**INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION  
REPORT**

<p>Agency Name <i>Charleston Police Department</i></p> <p>ORI <i>SC0100100</i></p> <p>Location of Incident <i>301 SAVANNAH HWY, Charleston SC 29407</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT</b></p> <p>Premise Type <i>Parking Lot/parking</i></p> <p>Beat/Tract 425</p>	<p>Case# <b>24-03740</b></p> <p>Date / Time Reported <b>03/09/2024 10:49 Sat</b></p> <p>Last Known Secure <b>03/09/2024 09:24 Sat</b></p> <p>At Found <b>03/09/2024 10:13 Sat</b></p>																											
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<p>Officer/ID# <b>WARD, T. N. (PTL, TM4P) (2834)</b></p>																													
Invest ID# <b>MALONE, D. R. (CENT, VCU) (2237)</b>							Supervisor <b>FEETERS, R. J. (PTL, TM4P) (1423)</b>																						
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Case # 24-03740

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Assisting Officers							

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

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Narr. (cont.) OCA: 24-03740

## NARRATIVE

On 03/09/2024 at approximately 1017 hours, Officer Ward responded to 301 Savannah Highway (Holiday Inn), located in the City of Charleston, in reference to a welfare check.

Officers on scene located an unresponsive male in a vehicle in the aforementioned parking lot. The victim was pronounced deceased by Seth Croutcher (Delta3) at 1033 hours. CPD Central, Crime Scene, and the Coroner were advised and responded to the scene. This incident was recorded on Officer's CPD issued BWC.

The investigation is ongoing.

## Incident Report Related Vehicle List

Charleston Police Department

OCA: 24-03740

1	VehYr/Make/Model <i>2015 DODG, Ram</i>	Style <i>PK</i>	Color <i>ONG</i>	Lic/Lis [REDACTED] <i>LA 2024, 2024</i>	VIN [REDACTED]
IBR Status <i>Evidence (non Scibr)</i>		Date <i>03/09/2024</i>	Location <i>301 SAVANNAH HWY, CHARLESTON SC</i>		
Condition	Value <i>\$0.00</i>	Offense Code <i>980</i>	Jurisdiction <i>Locally</i>	State #	NIC #
Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>Barnett, John M</i>			Also Known As		Home Address [REDACTED] <i>PINEVILLE, LA 71630</i>
Business Address					
DOB [REDACTED]	Age <i>62</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>M</i>	Hgt <i>511</i>	Wgt <i>215</i>
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features					

Notes

# CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Case Status: PENDING ACTIVE

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Occurred: 03/09/2024

Offense: DEATH INVESTIGATION

Investigator: WARD, T. N. (2834)

Date / Time: 03/09/2024 11:28:53, Saturday

Supervisor: FEETERS, R. J. (1423)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/09/2024 15:00:56, Saturday

Contact:

Reference: Crime Scene Log

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OCA#: 24-03740

Incident Type: Suicide

Incident Location: 301 Savannah Highway

Victim: John M. Barnett

Crime Scene Log:

Personnel from Tower105:

James Wujcik

Eran McClary

Alex Wagers

Connor O'Rouke

Sgt. Feeters

CST Holly Bennett

Coroner Ella Butler

Seth Croutcher (Delta3)

Personnel from Rescue604:

Chief Mario Middleton

Chief Taylor Johnson

Brett Rahalewicz

Sgt. Brown

Det. Delucia

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Investigator: WARD, T. N. (2834)

Date / Time: 03/09/2024 11:33:05, Saturday

Supervisor: FEETERS, R. J. (1423)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/09/2024 16:40:40, Saturday

Contact:

Reference: Supplemental Report

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OCA#: 24-03740

Incident Type: Suicide

Incident Location: 301 Savannah Highway

Victim: John M. Barnett

On 03/09/2024 at approximately 1017 hours, Officer Ward responded to 301 Savannah Highway (Holiday Inn), located in the City of Charleston, in reference to a welfare check. Officer Ward arrived on scene and made contact with a hotel employee, [REDACTED] (Complainant), who advised there was a male in a "Clemson orange" Dodge Ram pickup truck with a firearm in his hand.

Sgt. Feeters, Officer Ward, and Officer Drayton cautiously approached the vehicle and attempted to make contact with the male party. It should be noted that there was no active stimulus in the vehicle. While visually clearing the vehicle Officers observed a white male in the driver's seat with what appeared to be a silver handgun in his right hand resting on his lap, and his right pointer finger still remaining on the trigger. The male had what appeared to be a gunshot wound near his right temple, and showed no signs of life. Laying in plain view on the passenger seat was a white piece of paper that closely resembled a note.

CFD Tower105 was requested to assist in opening the passenger side door by utilizing a slim-jim device. Once access was gained into the vehicle, the aforementioned silver handgun was removed from the male's hand for safety reasons. Shortly after, Medic 03 pronounced the victim deceased at approximately 1033 hours. It should be noted that a DMV search of the vehicle (LA Tag [REDACTED]) yielded a registration return to a John M. Barnett (Victim).

Furthermore, Officer Ward spoke with the general manager, [REDACTED] (Other), who advised the following:

On 03/02/2024, a guest by the name of John Barnett checked into Room 511, with the expected departure date of 03/06/2024. On 03/06/2024, Barnett extended his stay to 03/08/2024, and was expected to check out that morning. Surveillance video of Barnett exiting the hotel on the morning of 03/08/2024 is available upon request. It should be noted that the address provided on the guest paperwork from [REDACTED] was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated the hotel received a phone call from a "Rob" ([REDACTED]), stating that he was a friend of Barnett's, at approximately 1000 hours requesting a welfare check on his coworker John Barnett. "Rob" provided a description of the victim and his vehicle, which led employees to the aforementioned Dodge Ram in the parking lot.

Officer Ward spoke further with [REDACTED] who advised the following:

[REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] to check the victim's room (511) before checking outside for his vehicle. [REDACTED] along with a few additional employees, knocked on the victim's door but did not get a response. This led [REDACTED]

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to the parking lot, where he eventually found the victim in his vehicle. It should be noted that [REDACTED] stated he heard a "pop" sound near the vehicle at approximately 0924 hours when he was working on the exterior of the hotel, but he did not think anything of it at the time.

An SCDMV search of John Barnett yielded a return for a white male matching the description of the victim. Officer Ward ran the above name and date of birth provided by the SCDMV search through NCIC and discovered a "John M. Barnett" (Louisiana DL# [REDACTED]) residing at the address previously provided by [REDACTED]. Officer Ward was able to match these search results with the victim's Louisiana DL that was found by CPD Central in his hotel room. The Coroner confirmed the victim's identity with the same Louisiana DL.

CPD Central Sgt. Brown and Det. Delucia, Crime Scene, and the Coroner were all advised and responded to the scene, taking over the investigation. Officer Ward stood by and secured the crime scene. This incident was recorded on Officer's CPD issued BWC.

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Offense: DEATH INVESTIGATION

Investigator: FEETERS, R. J. (1423)

Date / Time: 03/10/2024 10:56:13, Sunday

Supervisor: FEETERS, R. J. (1423)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/10/2024 11:19:42, Sunday

Contact:

Reference: Supplemental Report

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Supplement- 24-03740

Incident - Suicide

Location- 301 Savanah Hwy

Date- 3/9/24

Victim- John Barnett

On 9 March 2024 at 1013 hrs, I (Sgt. Feeters) responded to the parking lot of 301 Savannah Hwy in reference to suspicious person call. Prior to arrival a witness/employee advised he observed a male sitting in an orange pick up truck at the rear of the hotel holding a gun in his lap.

I arrived a short time later and was directed towards an orange Dodge Ram pickup truck bearing LA tag- [REDACTED] I along with officers Drayton and Ward visually scanned the interior of the vehicle from outside.

I observed a white male seated in the drivers seat holding a silver hand gun in his right hand. His head was tilted upwards and what appeared to be a GSW was observed about his side of his head. I detected no movement in his chest and summoned EMS and FD to assist. Due to all the door being locked I requested the FD to open the drivers side door via a slim jim device.

Once inside the vehicle, for safety reasons I removed the handgun from his right hand due to his finger still being on the trigger. I moved said handgun to the center console allowing EMS to check his status, after which point he was pronounced deceased.

I when instructed Ofc. Drayton to secure the scene while Ofc. Ward began the field investigation. Central and CS were requested and responded.

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