



Laurens County Coroner's Office

Vickie Cheek, Coroner
216 W. Main St.
Laurens, SC, 29360
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CORONER'S DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORT

DATE/TIME OF DEATH	MORGUE CONVEYANCE	CASE STATUS
12/30/2023 10:54 PM	Burial Removal Transit Permit # 2023158575 Cremation Permit # Body Bag # 4161106	Case Number 2023-0761 Case Type Coroner Case Case Status Closed
INVESTIGATION		
Investigator Ashley Rushton	Date Notified and Time Received 12/30/2023 11:17 PM	
Other Agency # LCSO, SLED SVU, SLED Crime Scene, Fire Station 12	Coroner Arrival Time 12/30/2023 11:32 PM	
	Day of Week Saturday	
Agency Reporting Death LCEMS	Person Reporting Death Shawn Ramsey, Paramedic	
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION		
Decedent Name Kaden Thomas Lee Moses	Age 14 Years	Sex Male Race White
Date of Birth 1/26/2009	Social Security #	Drivers License
Address Edgewood Drive	City Clinton	State South Carolina Zip Code 29325
Marital Status Single	Hair Color Blonde	Height Weight
Eye Color	Left Eye	Right Eye
Any Tattoos No	If Yes, Location	
Any Scars Unknwn	If Yes, Location	
Identified By Erika Moses	How Identified Family	
Employer		
NEXT OF KIN		
Next of Kin Erika Moses	Relationship Parent	
Address Edgewood Dr.	Phone Number	
City Clinton	State South Carolina	Zip Code 29325
Email Address	Notified	
CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH		
Location of Death Edgewood Drive Clinton SC 29325		
Pronouncement of Death- Date/Time 12/30/2023 11:15 PM	Manner of Death Homicide	
Death Pronounced By Shawn Ramsey, Paramedic		



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Cause Of Death	Gunshot wound to the head		
Death Certified By	Ashley Rushton		
OCCURRENCE		AUTOPSY	
Injury - Date/Time	12/30/2023 10:54 PM	Autopsy Ordered?	Yes
Address	█ Edgewood Dr.	Autopsy Ordered?	Full Post
City	Clinton	Autopsy Performed At	Prisma Health- GMH
State	South Carolina	Pathologist	Dr. Rose
Zip Code	29325	Autopsy #	A-23-830
Last Seen Alive by Whom	█ Friend	Decedent Ready for Release	YES
		Decedent Location	
TOXICOLOGY		FUNERAL HOME	
Alcohol Test	Drug Test	Funeral	Gray Funeral Home - C
AC Result	DrugTest Positive	Phone Number	(864)833-1720
Drug/Alcohol Contributed To Death		Fax Number	(864)833-0427
List Drugs Testing Positive		Email Address	info@grayfuneralhome.com
Drug Category		Address	504 E. Carolina Ave.
Drug Type		City	Clinton
		State	SC
		Zip Code	29325
HOSPICE		FAMILY PHYSICIAN	
Hospice		Doctor Name	
Address		Address	
City		City	
State		State	SC
Zip Code		Zip Code	
Phone Number		Phone Number	
Hospice Date of Admission		Certifying?	No
Hospice Admission Diagnosis			
MEDICAL HX			



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NARRATIVE

Case #: 2023-0761

Incident Code: CFS2389073

Dispatched: I Ashley Rushton Deputy Coroner (722) was notified of signal 9 at a residence.

On Scene: I was met by the EMS supervisor Shawn Ramsey. He stated that the decedent was a 14 year old boy who had a gunshot wound to the head. He stated that the decedent was inside the residence in a chair in his bedroom.

Scene Environment Outside/Inside: Inside the residence was dirty with filth. Temperature was warm. Outside temperature was cold and dark.

Person/Agency Reporting Death: LCEMS

Additional Services on Scene: LCEMS, Fire 12, SLED SVU, SLED Crime Scene

EMS Intervention: No. attached leads to confirm death.

Decedents Description: Decedent was sitting in a black swivel gaming chair in his room in front of a desk. The decedents head was lying to the left. Decedent had a visible entrance on his left temple and a visible exit wound on the upper right side of his head. brain matter was coming from decedent's head.

Rigor Mortis: None

Livor Mortis: None

Identification(s): Mother Erika Moses

Personal Effects: None

Evidence: None

Last Seen Alive/Spoken to: Decedent Friend [REDACTED]

Statement From Person Last Seen/Spoken to Decedent: [REDACTED] was not interviewed by myself due to his age. Forensic interview will be scheduled. Per Mom of decedent, she was woken up by one of her older children after the incident. The mother stated that she ran into the decedent's room and found a rifle on his left side. She stated that she moved the rifle and put it in the corner of the room. She was unaware of the color of the gun. Mother stated that she grabbed the decedent's head fully unaware of his condition. A child called 911 following a 911 call from the mother. Mother also stated that she was unaware where [REDACTED] was when she entered the room.

Drugs/Alcohol: None

Past Medical History or Present Illness:

Rx(s): Unknown.

Next of Kin (NOK): Mother and Father

Funeral Arrangements:

Photographs: Yes, at the scene.



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Removal Of Body: Decedent required assistance from LCSO and Patti Canupp with removal of the body. Body was removed and taken to Prisma Health-LMCH Morgue by Deputy Coroner Ashley Rushton (722).

Autopsy: Yes

Body Bag Seal: #4161106

Transport for Autopsy: BioCare

Pathologist Contacted: Yes, Via phone by Patti Canupp

Autopsy Authorization: Emailed to Sharon Knight.
Blood and Urine Samples: None

BRT Issued: Yes

Time of Death: See above.

Body Released from Morgue to Funeral Home:

PPE: Gloves

Decontamination Required: Shoes

News Release: No

OTHER:

01/03/2023- Meeting was held with SLED SVU and LCSO Investigators. This meeting lasted several hours. We chose to make this meeting the child fatality review meeting.

01/04/2024- I spoke with DSS Jessica Hudson in response to her email regarding the child fatality review meeting. I advised her that the meeting took place on 1/3/2023 last minute. I will email Jessica the review conclusion, reporting form and coroner's report.

01/09/2024- Spoke with Dr. Shevby Aiken. [REDACTED]

05/03/2024- Meeting with Solicitor, SLED, LCCO and family.