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SLED Chief Mark Keel to Release Preliminary 2020 Crime Data Statistics

*Law enforcement leaders from across the state to ask communities to aid
with public safety and help reverse violent crime trend*

Columbia, SC – On Thursday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SLED Chief Mark Keel along with police chiefs, sheriffs, and prosecution partners from across the state will release preliminary 2020 Crime Data statistics showing a significant increase in violent crime in South Carolina.

- What:** Media are invited to attend a news conference where SLED Chief Mark Keel along with police chiefs, sheriffs, and prosecution partners from across the state will release preliminary 2020 Crime Data statistics.
- When:** Thursday, June 3, at 2 p.m.
- Where:** South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, 5400 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212. The news conference will take place in the gym. Please enter at the main entrance
- Who:** SLED Chief Mark Keel along with police chiefs and sheriffs from across the state. A full list of participating police leaders in attendance is listed below. Those available for interview are noted.
- Why:** Incidents of violent crime continue to significantly increase in our state and law enforcement is calling on communities to assist in reversing these tragic statistics.

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List of Law Enforcement Leadership Participating:

SLED / State Agencies

Mark Keel – Chief of SLED

R.G Woods – Director of SCDPS

Jackie Swindler – Director SCCJA

Sheriffs

Jarrod Bruder – Executive Director of SC Sheriffs Association

James “JD” Dixon – Chesterfield County

Lee Foster – Newberry County

James Hudson – Darlington County

Douglas Pernell – Dillon County

Josh Price – Saluda County

Jody Rowland – Edgefield County

Daniel Simon – Lee County

Kevin Tolson – York County

Carter Weaver – Georgetown County

Charleston County Sheriff’s Office

Police Chiefs

Chrissie Cofield- Laurens Police Department

TJ Chaudoin – Greenwood Police Department

Courtney Dennis - Irmo Police Department

Thomas Dennis – North Myrtle Beach Police Department

Jarrod Goldman – Salley Police Department

Terrence Green – Lexington Police Department

Joseph Hill- Horry County Police Department

Skip Holbrook – Columbia Police Department

Carl Jennings- Jonesville Police Department

JJ Jones – Executive Direction of SC Police Chiefs Association

Sony Ledda – Clinton Police Department

Thomas McFadden - Timmonsville Police Department

Wallace Oswald - Batesburg-Leesville Police Department

Amy Prock - Myrtle Beach Police Department

Luther Reynolds – Charleston Police Department

Carl Scott - Lamar Police Department

Prosecution Partners

Lisa Catalanotto – Executive Director of SC Commission of Prosecution Coordination

Ed Clements – 12th Circuit Solicitor

Al Eargle - 11th Circuit Solicitor’s Office

David Stumbo – 8th Circuit Solicitor

Walt Wilkins – 13th Circuit Solicitor

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Media who are planning on attending are asked to RSVP no later than noon, June 3. Please know mandatory safety protocol at the Criminal Justice Academy require personnel to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID. Media personnel attending will be required to wear a mask. Thank you.

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