



**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM
MAIT Case Notes**

MAIT Case # CL-062-15

Investigator: Proctor

Date:	Notes:
07-22-2015	<p>I went down to MUSC on this date to meet with Dr. Erin Presnell, she is the pathologist that performed the autopsy on the victim in this case. The reason I went and spoke with her was due to a preliminary report where she stated that the victim was possibly struck by a motor vehicle mirror, which was the cause of death. F/Sgt. Moore had already had from my understanding a heated conversation with her about this issue. The MAIT team has always had a good working relationship with MUSC, so I wanted to see if I could go down there and get some sort of clarification. As soon as Dr. Presnell came into the room she began in a negative tone stating that I did not have a meeting scheduled and that she was very busy. She stated that she could not even begin speaking with me about this case without the coroners consent. I advised her that I had spoken with coroner Washington the day before and she basically called me a liar and said she would call him right then. When I asked if she wanted me to call from my cell phone, she backed off. I asked her why she stated that in the report and her answer was "because he was found in the road". She had no evidence other than that for the statement being put in the report. She asked why we did not think it was a vehicle strike and I explained to her that we had no evidence of this individual being struck by a vehicle. I asked her if someone with a baseball bat could do that and she stated "no". When I probed further saying what about someone in a moving car, with a bat she stated "well I guess it's possible". She then asked if we found a bat as evidence. I could see that this conversation was not going to yield any positive results. As I was leaving she stated that the report was preliminary and it was my job to figure out what it was struck him not hers.</p>