



South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Case Status Report

2022 03 21

INFORMATION DESCRIPTION			CASE NUMBER	<u>34-21-0130</u>
<u>OPEN</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	Cross Ref. No	_____
<u>Active</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Oct. 6, 2021</u>	<u>Unfounded</u>	Character <u>19</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>Under Pros. Review</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined	Character Details	<u>Death Investigation</u>
<u>Suspended</u>		<u>Adjudicated</u>	Official Misconduct	_____
<u>Awaiting Court</u>		<u>Ex. Cleared</u>		_____
Opening Date	<u>July 30, 2021</u>	Closing Date	<u>March 21, 2022</u>	Lab Number

Rice-Johnson, M. Kindley, J.
Case Agent (last name, initials) **Assisting Agent (last name, initials)** **Supervisor (last name, initials)**

Requesting Agency Laurens County Sheriff's Office **Name** Sheriff Don Reynolds
SLED Authority Captain Jeff Kindley **Date Received** July 30, 2021
Incident Date July 29, 2021 **Incident Location** Laurens Co. Detention Center

Subject (last name, first name, middle initial) **Victim (last name, first name, middle initial)**
Evans, Jarvis Johnmichael Miller, Dillon J. Evans, Jarvis Johnmichael
Hildebrandt, Gerald J. _____
Armstrong, Jared S. _____
Subject Vehicle(s): _____

Remarks:

On November 17, 2021, S/A Johnson was provided a closing letter from Solicitor Stumbo's office. The letter provided the following closing justification: "Our conclusion is that Officer Miller's deployment of the "dry-stun" function of the taser to Mr. Evan's leg, while arguably not necessary under the circumstances, did not fall outside of the parameters laid out in the Sheriff's Department taser discharge policies." See attached letter for full justification.

On November 17, 2021, S/A Johnson received a call from Solicitor Stumbo. He requested that the agent maintain the letter because he was going to forward the case to the Attorney Generals Office for a second opinion.

On February 28, 2022, S/A Johnson received a call from Asst. AG Heather Weiss. She advised she would follow the same ruling on the case as Solicitor Stumbo and was returning the case file to Solicitor Stumbo.

[Signature] 3/21/22
Approved Supervisor / Date

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Approved Admin. Supervisor / Date

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David M. Stumbo
Solicitor

November 17, 2021

Special Agent Michelle Rice-Johnson
S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
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RE: Laurens County investigation
SLED Case #34-21-0130
Miller, Dillon J. (officer)
Hilebrandt, Gerard (officer)
Armstrong, Jared S. (officer)
Evans, Jarvis Johnmichael (v)

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Dear Agent ~~Rice-Johnson~~:

Thank you for your thorough investigation into this the tragic death of Mr. Evans that occurred at Laurens County Detention Center. My deputy solicitor and I have recently reviewed your entire report. Our conclusion is that Officer Miller's deployment of the "dry-stun" function of the taser to Mr. Evans' leg, while arguably not necessary under the circumstances, did not fall outside of the parameters laid out in the Sheriff's Department taser discharge policies. Furthermore, the pathologists' autopsy report seems clear that Mr. Evans untimely death was caused by drug overdose, not by the actions of the involved officers. I am therefore closing my review and recommend that no criminal charges be brought at this time.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any other questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

David M. Stumbo
Solicitor

Enclosure (copy of report)
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