

Incident Report

**Folly Beach Department of
Public Safety**
ORI/NCIC: SC0100400

Incident No.
23-0257

Incident Information

Incident Start Date/Time 04/28/2023 22:16:56	Incident End Date/Time 04/29/2023 02:30:00	Reported Date/Time 04/28/2023 22:16:56
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<input type="checkbox"/> Stranger	Weapon Type(s)
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Incident Type	Count	Code	Attempt
HOMICIDE / RECKLESS HOMICIDE DEATH RESULTS WITHIN 3 YRS CAUSED BY INJURY FROMD VEHICLE	1	56-05-2910	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DEATH RESULTS	1	56-05-2945(A) (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Incident Location

Address 1216 - 1218 E ASHLEY AV	Apt / Suite
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City FOLLY BEACH	State SC	Zip 29439	County Charleston
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Zone 10/6	Premise Type HIGHWAY/ ROAD/ ALLEY/ STREET/ SIDEWALK	Area of Crime OTHER
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Complainant(s)

Name: (Last, First Middle) ZEALY, GRADY ALOYSIUS	Party Type(s): COMPLAINANT;
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Date of Birth REDACTED	Age REDACTED	Gender REDACTED	Height REDACTED	Weight REDACTED
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Race REDACTED	Hair Color REDACTED	Eye Color REDACTED
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Address REDACTED	Apt / Suite
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City REDACTED	State REDACTED	Zip REDACTED	County
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DLN REDACTED	DL State REDACTED	ID Number	SSN
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Contact Method(s)

Type	Contact	Details
PHONE NUMBER	REDACTED	REDACTED

Victim(s)

Name: (Last, First Middle) GARRETT, BENJAMIN			Party Type(s): VICTIM;	
Date of Birth <u>REDACTED</u>	Age 44	Gender MALE	Height <u>REDACTED</u>	Weight <u>REDACTED</u>
Race <u>REDACTED</u>	Hair Color <u>REDACTED</u>		Eye Color <u>REDACTED</u>	
Address <u>REDACTED</u>				Apt / Suite
City <u>REDACTED</u>		State <u>REDACTED</u>	Zip <u>REDACTED</u>	County
DLN <u>REDACTED</u>	DL State <u>REDACTED</u>	ID Number	SSN <u>REDACTED</u>	

Contact Method(s)

Type	Contact	Details
PHONE NUMBER	<u>REDACTED</u>	

Name: (Last, First Middle) HUTCHINSON, ARIC			Party Type(s): VICTIM;	
Date of Birth <u>REDACTED</u>	Age 36	Gender MALE	Height <u>REDACTED</u>	Weight <u>REDACTED</u>
Race <u>REDACTED</u>	Hair Color <u>REDACTED</u>		Eye Color <u>REDACTED</u>	
Address <u>REDACTED</u>				Apt / Suite 602
City <u>REDACTED</u>		State <u>REDACTED</u>	Zip <u>REDACTED</u>	County
DLN <u>REDACTED</u>	DL State <u>REDACTED</u>	ID Number	SSN	

Contact Method(s)

Type	Contact	Details
PHONE NUMBER	<u>REDACTED</u>	

Name: (Last, First Middle) HUTCHINSON, SAMANTHA				Party Type(s): VICTIM;	
Date of Birth REDACTED	Age 38	Gender FEMALE	Height REDACTED	Weight REDACTED	
Race REDACTED	Hair Color REDACTED		Eye Color REDACTED		
Address REDACTED				Apt / Suite REDACTED	
City REDACTED		State REDACTED	Zip REDACTED	County REDACTED	
DLN	DL State REDACTED	ID Number	SSN		

Contact Method(s)

Type	Contact	Details
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Suspect(s)

Name: (Last, First Middle) KOMOROSKI, JAMIE LEE				Party Type(s): DRIVER; SUSPECT;	
Date of Birth REDACTED	Age 25	Gender FEMALE	Height REDACTED	Weight REDACTED	
Race REDACTED	Hair Color REDACTED		Eye Color REDACTED		
Address REDACTED				Apt / Suite	
City REDACTED		State REDACTED	Zip REDACTED	County REDACTED	
DLN REDACTED	DL State REDACTED	ID Number	SSN		

Court Name CHARLESTON COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Aggressor	Arrest Date/Time 04/28/2023 23:30:00
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Contact Method(s)

Type	Contact	Details
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Vehicle(s)

Year 2023	Make TOYOTA	Model CAMRY	Vehicle ID. No. REDACTED		
Trim	Primary Color GRAY	Secondary Color(s)			
Body Style SEDAN, 4-DOOR, AUTOMOBILE(2)		Tag No. TUD6299	Tag Year 2023	Tag State VA	
Insured By	Insurance Policy No.	Value	Mileage	Wheels	Axles

Engine	Cylinders	Fuel	Transmission	<input type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered	<input type="checkbox"/> Impounded <input type="checkbox"/> Towed
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<input type="checkbox"/> Was vehicle locked? <input type="checkbox"/> Does vehicle have working alarm? <input type="checkbox"/> Were keys left in the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Does vehicle have electric locks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Removed <input type="checkbox"/> Turned over to another driver <input type="checkbox"/> Wrecker Request <input type="checkbox"/> Wrecker Rotation <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Inventory Completed
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Year 2023	Make	Model	Vehicle ID. No. <u>REDACTED</u>
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Trim	Primary Color WHITE	Secondary Color(s)
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Body Style	Tag No. NA	Tag Year 2023	Tag State SC
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Insured By	Insurance Policy No.	Value	Mileage	Wheels	Axles
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Related Incidents

 **Narrative(s)**

On 04/28/2023, I received notification from FB Dispatch regarding a serious crash with possible fatality at 10:26pm. I immediately responded to the island and scene (approximately 1218 E. Ashley Ave). I met with DC Burke, Sgt. Halpern, and PSO Honeycutt. They gave me a quick run down about what had transpired prior to my arrival. I observed a golf cart on its side mangled with a Toyota sedan. I walked the crash site, identifying the probable initial crash location and followed the debris to the final resting point. I spoke with Charleston County Deputy Scruggs, who advised they would assist with the photographing and mapping the scene, as well as downloading the vehicle information from the suspect vehicle. I advised them I appreciated the assistance. I also met with Charleston City Officers who advised they would assist Sgt. Halpern with the DUI investigation and at scene help. I asked Sgt. Halpern to handle the DUI investigation, I asked Officer Honeycutt to handle the initial crash report, and evidence collection. I asked DC Burke to assist with photographing the scene. I asked Lt. Ortiz to assist Officer Honeycutt with the evidence collection, photographing, and the tow sheets. I asked the fire department to assist with scene lighting and cleanup after the mapping and photographing was completed. I requested the Coastal Chaplaincy, but their response time was well over an hour and so I cancelled them. I assisted the Coroner's Office while they notified the father and other relatives of the decedent. I notified Mayor Goodwin of the situation so he was aware. All requests and tasks were handled appropriately. After the scene was completed, I responded back to the station and assisted Officer Honeycutt with checking the evidence in properly. Nothing Further.

04/29/2023 03:22:35	Gilreath, Andrew
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On 04/28/2023, I received a call from Dispatch in reference to a serious crash with a possible fatality involving a golf cart and automobile. I arrived on scene and met with DC Burke and Chief Gilreath. Chief Gilreath requested that I take photos of the scene as well as assist with evidence collection. I proceeded to do the aforementioned as well as complete a tow sheet for the golf cart that was struck. Moore's arrived on scene and took possession of both vehicles. I uploaded all relevant photos into this report and advised PSO Honeycutt on how to proceed with the evidence that was collected. This case remains open pending further investigation.

04/29/2023 03:42:52

Ortiz, Steve

It should be noted that staff at MUSC gave me an update and stated that two patients that were brought in from the crash scene had critical injuries and one might not make it through the night. Based on the above facts, I find PC to charge Jamie Komoroski with three counts of felony DUI resulting in great bodily injury and or death pursuant to SC statute 56-05-2945 (A) (2). Also one count of vehicular homicide pursuant to SC statute 56-5-2910. I have drafted warrants for these listed charges which were signed on 04/29/2023 in front of DC Burke at bond court. My BWC and in-car 212 were activated during this call.

05/04/2023 23:59:10

Halpern, Zac

REDACTED

05/01/2023 01:53:50

Halpern, Zac

On 04/28/2023 at 22:16, I, Officer Honeycutt responded to 1216 E Ashley Ave, Folly Beach in reference to a vehicle striking a golfcart with multiple injuries. I was in vehicle 181 and BWC was active at the time.

Sgt. Halpern, PPP Smith and myself arrived on scene minutes after the call came out and secured the scene. We observed four individuals lying on the side of the roadway with a few others standing over them. We observed a gray Toyota Camry located on the side of the roadway with a white golfcart turned on its passenger's side pressed up to the driver's side of the vehicle. Vehicle was identified by its REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED.

Golfcart had temporary plate and damaged id plate.

I went over to white female who was lying on her back and checked for a pulse. I did not feel a pulse and started to administer CPR. PPP Smith took over CPR while I moved my vehicle for Fire. During that Sgt. Halpern brought over an AED to administer to the individual. A short time later Fire crew arrived and directed which individuals needed immediate attention. Later identified as Samantha Hutchinson.

Fire and EMS crew treated the individuals with injuries.

Three individuals were transported to MUSC, two were CAT 2 and one was CAT 3.

While they were treating the individuals, I tried locating a form of identification for the driver for the Toyota. I located a black purse on the passenger side floor and obtained a SC DL for the suspected driver.

Jamie Lee Komoroski, was identified by her SC DL, and was moved away from the side of the roadway to let medical staff work. I asked Ms. Komoroski multiple times if she was driving the vehicle or was just a passenger. Ms. Komoroski would not answer the question but kept asking for her phone and boyfriend. Ms. Komoroski was told that those were not a priority at the moment.

It was determined through investigation with Sgt. Halpern that Ms. Komoroski was the driver of the Toyota. Sgt. Halpern and myself asked Ms. Komoroski the same question if she was the driver. To which she replied to Sgt. Halpern that she was the driver and the only person in the car. Sgt. Halpern then asked her if she had anything to drink tonight. Ms. Komoroski stated that she had 1 beer and 1 tequila pineapple an hour before the incident. It is also noted that there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from Ms. Komoroski breathe as well as Ms. Komoroski swaying back and forth while standing.

Ms. Komoroski was arrested for DUI and transported by myself to 106 W Cooper Ave, Folly Beach for testing by Sgt. Halpern. I then went back to REDACTED E Ashley Ave to start work on completing a TR-310 form and gather further information involving the vehicles an individuals involved. While returning to the scene CCSO, CCPD, and the coroner's office arrived on scene. CCSO, CCPD helped staged off the scene while traffic units from both agencies assisted in investigation.

I spoke with four individuals that heard the collision and responded to scene within approximately one minute.

REDACTED REDACTED, identified by his SC DL, stated REDACTED REDACTED (REDACTEDé) and REDACTED REDACTED (REDACTED) were with him out under 1220 E Ashley Ave (REDACTED) watching an NBA game on a television with the volume down low due to them talking. When they all heard a loud boom. REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED described the boom as a loud explosion going off. REDACTED REDACTED described the boom as a loud bang from a crash. Both REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED were identified by their SC DL. REDACTED. REDACTED stated that after heard the noise he rushed out into the roadway to see what happened, which he said was about 10 to 15 seconds after.

REDACTED. REDACTED stated they saw a male leaning up against the back bumper of the vehicle looking injured. REDACTED. REDACTED stated that REDACTED. REDACTED went toward that individual and another white male who had been thrown about 20 feet back from the vehicle. REDACTED. REDACTED went into the front yard of REDACTED E Ashley Ave where the vehicles came to a stop. Mr. Hamrick stated he saw a young white male and a young white female in a white dress and first checked on the female. He stated she was unresponsive and checked for a pulse an did not fine one. He stated that two other people showed up and confirmed that they did not feel a pule on the young female. He then stated that he stayed on scene to help in the best way possible but once First responders got on scene, he let them take over.

REDACTED REDACTED stated that she heard the impact which sounded like a small explosion, to where she looked up and saw a car to which she believed it hit a tree. REDACTED. REDACTED ran to the car and stopped when she saw it was a golf cart and then noticed a man at the back of the vehicle leaning against the vehicle. REDACTED. REDACTED checked on the man to see if he was alright, to where the man was stumbling a little. She then looked in the golf cart to see if anyone was in the cart, while doing this she looked at the car and noticed a woman inside the car by herself. She stated that the woman was located in the driver's seat of the vehicle for about a minute before attempting to get out. She stated she did not see the woman get out of the car because she was dealing with another individual at that time. She stated could not make out much other than shadows behind the car in relation to the windows. She then noticed a young male moving to where she asked if he was alright and could hear him speaking to which she stated she knew he was alive. She then looked at the back of the vehicle and noticed

another individual not moving to which she ran over to that individual. She stated that she was worried the individual did not make it and was not sure if he was at the point of impact of the crash. She stated that due to the injuries on his face she could not recognize the individual. She stated that once she was away from the scene when first responders were there she was talking with the suspected driver of the car. She stated that she was with her fiancé's mother when they found out the individual's name to be Jamie. **REDACTED. REDACTED** stated Jamie seemed in a daze but would keep asking for her boyfriend and telling them she was on her way home. But at times would stop talking as if thinking then start asking if that was her car and then she would see one of the injured and start screaming who is that. She then stated that is what she kept doing till officers started to speak with her.

REDACTED REDACTED who is the **REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED** stated she was outside and heard a loud sound to which she stated it was awful and she knew it was a crash accident. **REDACTED. REDACTED** stated she went to the passenger side of the car and saw her son there with (Samantha) on the ground trying to get a pulse with no signs. She then stated that after feeling for pulse and not getting any signs it when the driver of the vehicle started to climb out of the passenger side door of the vehicle. She stated that she was dazed and confused to where she started to ask her questions with no answer, when the individual started screaming when she saw the individual on the ground. She stated that the individual screamed at her to help them and what happened. **REDACTED. REDACTED** stated she seat the individual next to the car trying to keep her calm. She stated that after they moved to a different location while first responders worked on the injured an officer can over to her to ask questions about what happened to which she relied "she did not do anything wrong I was just driving home." She also stated that the individual kept repeating "I want my boyfriend, I want to go home, what happened, and I did nothing wrong." **REDACTED. REDACTED** stated she believed the individual was intoxicated from her interactions outside of law enforcement intervention.

REDACTED REDACTED was identified by her **REDACTED REDACTED**, stated was in her rental house at **REDACTED** E Ashley Ave when she heard a loud boom and scrapping sound. **REDACTED. REDACTED** stated she was on the second floor of the house at it has and lower floor that was not accessible for the renters, located in about the middle of the floor not near any outside windows or doors when she heard the boom. She stated she did not know what it was and walked to the kitchen window and saw a couple walk in the street and heard he say "Oh my God" a few times. Then turned to her daughter and said something bad has happened I will be right back. She stated when she arrived on scene the first individual she saw was (Samantha) and checked for a pulse. She stated she did not find a pulse nor could see any signs of breathing. She stated that there was nothing she could do for her so moved on to see if there was someone she could help. She stated that she then went to (**REDACTED**) and he was complaining about knee pain. She then stated that she went over to (**REDACTED**) who was bleeding from his eye and was alert. She stated that she kept going back and forth between the two till Police arrived on scene. She stated that one officer went to get an AED while another officer started CPR on the female. She stated assisted the officers with the CPR and AED since she is nurse out of **REDACTED** until EMS arrived on scene.

Coroner office pronounced Samantha Hutchinson deceased at scene and she was transported by CCRS to the coroner's office. Nothing Further.

05/01/2023 02:50:53

Honeycutt, Carter

REDACTED

05/01/2023 15:29:56

Duncan, Brandon

REDACTED

05/04/2023 03:51:02

Halpern, Zac

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05/04/2023 09:10:39

Wheat, Robert

Reporting Officer
Halpern, Zac

Badge
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Signature

Approving Officer	Badge	Signature
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