Folly Beach Department of Incident No. **Incident Report Public Safety** 23-0257 ORI/NCIC: SC0100400 **III** Incident Information Incident Start Date/Time Incident End Date/Time Reported Date/Time 04/28/2023 22:16:56 04/29/2023 02:30:00 04/28/2023 22:16:56 Weapon Type(s) Stranger **Incident Type** Count Code Attempt HOMICIDE / RECKLESS HOMICIDE DEATH RESULTS WITHIN 3 YRS CAUSED 1 56-05-2910 BY INJURY FROMD VEHICLE 56-05-2945(A) DUI / FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DEATH RESULTS 1 (2) Incident Location Address Apt / Suite 1216 - 1218 E ASHLEY AV State County **FOLLY BEACH** SC 29439 Charleston Zone Premise Type Area of Crime 10/6 HIGHWAY/ ROAD/ ALLEY/ STREET/ SIDEWALK **OTHER** 👤 Complainant(s) Name: (Last, First Middle) Party Type(s): ZEALY, GRADY ALOYSIUS COMPLAINANT; Date of Birth Height Weight **REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED** Hair Color Race Eye Color **REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED** Address Apt / Suite REDACTED State City Zip County **REDAC REDACTED REDACTED** TED DL State DLN **ID Number** SSN **REDAC REDACTED** TED Contact Method(s) Contact Details Type PHONE NUMBER **REDACTED** REDACTED

👤 Victim(s)

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Gilreath, Andrew

04/29/2023 03:22:35

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

On 04/28/2023 at 2216hrs, I, (Sgt. Halpern) responded to the 1200 block of E Ashley Ave in reference to a vehicle accident with injuries. Upon arrival I observed a large crash scene with a golf cart on it's side up against a Gray Toyota Camry bearing *REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED*. I observed multiple victims who were laying throughout the crash site. I established command and started to relay scene information as far as number of patients ect. As I triaged all patients, I located Samantha Hutchinson who was not breathing and no pulse. All other patients were semi-conscious so I focused life saving measures on Samantha. Officer Honeycutt started CPR as I grabbed my issued AED and connected it to Samantha. After a few moments, Paramedic Seth Croucher arrived on scene and called Samantha deceased on scene. I then assisted fire and EMS with other patients.

Once all medical care was rendered which was also rendered to Jamie who did not have any injuries, I switched "hats" and started the DUI investigation with the driver Jamie Komoroski. As I made contact with Jamie, I smelled an odor of alcohol coming from her breath and person. I asked Jamie if she remembered what happened and she stated "I was driving and then and all the sudden something hit me" I then asked her which way you were going, she stated "towards my house" It should be noted that Jamie was traveling east bound on East Ashley Ave which dead end's at REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED. Jamies house was the opposite direction. I asked Jamie if she had anything to drink tonight. She stated "Nope, oohh, I had two drinks, one beer and a drink." I asked what drink, and she stated an alcoholic beverage. "Like a tequila pineapple an hour ago or so."

I asked Jamie on a scale from 1-10, 10 being the most impaired, intoxicated you have ever been, where would you say you're at now? It should be noted that the scene was loud with fire trucks EMS vehicles, and I heard very faintly Jamie mumble something quickly that I heard as 8 and then she said "umm, I would like a lawyer." At that point I moved into checking Jamies eye's because as I was speaking with her, I noticed that her pupils were very large and I wanted to make sure I was seeing this correctly so I could have a DRE expert respond and assisted me if what I was seeing was correct. It should be noted that city of Charleston Zac did respond to the scene and did assisted me later on with DRE screening. His report will be done by him through his agency.

When I said I want you to look at this pen, Jamie put her head down so I could not look at her eye's and said, she wanted her BF to pick her up. I asked if I can check your eyes and she stated no. Due to Jamie refusing to perform any field sobriety tests, I assisted Jamie to stand up so I could see if she was steady or unsteady on her feet which is another sign of impairment.

When she stood up, I was holding her left arm with my right hand and she almost fell by losing her footing and once she regained her footing, I let go and she was swaying slightly, and I asked how she felt and she stated she felt fine. At that point, I placed Jamie under arrest by placing her in hand cuffs. I explained why she was under arrest while doing this. The hand cuff's were checked for tightness and double locked.

While I was searching Jamie at the front of my patrol car, she started to become very agitated by raising her voice and every once in a while, she would start to tense up and pull away. Also Engine 1102 was backing up right next to the front of my car and it was very difficult to hear or even talk to Jamie at that point. Due to her getting more agitated by the second and the loud noise from Engine 1102, I determined that she needed to be placed into the back seat of my patrol vehicle for her safety and all on scene. When I sat her down in my car, Jamie refused to place her feet inside and kept asking why she was being arrested and I told her again at least three times. I then removed Jamie from my car and placed her into the back of Officer Honeycutt's vehicle. When she sat down in the back seat of Honeycutt's car, she again refused to get in by not placing her feet into the car, so she was pulled into the vehicle by Ofc. Honeycutt. It should be noted that when I attempted to place her in the back seat of my patrol vehicle and Ofc. Honeycutt's vehicle, she kept asking why she was being placed under arrest after I had already told Jamie numerous times. This is a clear indication of someone who is intoxicated, is to repeat over and over, after their question has already been answered. Once she was placed in the back seat of Ofc. Honeycutt's vehicle, Jamie was transported to HQ BA room by officer Honeycutt. Once I got to HQ, I started the 20-minute observation phase inside of the BA room and read Jamie her implied consent rights which she was also given a copy of to read along. The copy was placed on James lap where she would have no problem reading a long. After the observation phase was complete, Jamie refused to provide a breath sample even after I explained to Jamie that I could not force her to give a breath sample, but this was her opportunity to prove that she was not intoxicated if that's what she truly believes. Also I explained that by not providing a breath sample her DL will be suspended, but Jamie still refused and wanted to just call her father and boyfriend. I then seized her SCDL and attached it to the suspension form.

A warrant for two viles of blood was drafted and judge Martelle Morris came to HQ and signed the warrant. Once the warrant was signed, I transported Jamie to MUSC where a RN performed the blood draw via two viles of blood which was placed into a sealed biological specimen kit which will be sent to SLED in Columbia SC for analysis. *REDACTED REDACTED RE*

It should be noted that during this investigation, I was informed that Charleston County Sherriff's office's traffic unit was able to download the vehicle information from the Toyota. The information that was gathered was that, at point of impact, the vehicle was traveling at 65MPH! The speed limit for E Ashely is 25MPH- 40MPH over the posted speed limit.

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**.

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 <u>REDACTED</u> 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, identified by his SC DL, stated REDACTED REDACTED (REDACTED) 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. 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 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 recognized 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 individuals 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 see 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 individuals 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 see 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.

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05/01/2023 15:29:56	Duncan, Brandon						
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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 1097		Signature				

Approving Officer	Badge	Signature