



# EASLEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Case E2026-01115

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<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Report Type</b>	Incident
<b>Primary Officer</b>	PRESTON WEBB
<b>Investigator</b>	None
<b>Reported At</b>	05/02/26 20:58
<b>Incident Date</b>	05/02/26 20:58 - 05/02/26 20:58
<b>Incident Code</b>	1057 : HIT AND RUN
<b>Location</b>	W MAIN ST, EASLEY, SC 29640
<b>Zone</b>	3
<b>Beat</b>	
<b>Disposition</b>	CA-Cleared by Arrest
<b>Disposition Date/Time</b>	05/02/26 22:44
<b>Review for Gang Activity</b>	None
<b>Status Indicator</b>	Administratively Closed
<b>Status Change Date</b>	5/2/26

## Offense Information

**Offense** DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE 1ST OFFENSE: RESULTS PENDING  
**Statute** 56-05-2930(A)  
**SCIBRS Code** 90D - Driving Under the Influence  
**Counts** 1  
**Date** 5/2/26  
**Include In NIBRS** Yes  
**Completed** Yes  
**Details** Offender(s)  
Used  
Drugs  
**Bias Motivation** None (no bias)  
**Location** Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk  
**Entry Forced** No

**Offense** HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE  
**Statute** 56-5-1220  
**SCIBRS Code**  
**Counts** 1  
**Date** 5/2/26  
**Include In NIBRS** Yes  
**Completed** Yes  
**Details** Offender(s)  
Used  
Drugs  
**Bias Motivation** None (no bias)  
**Location** Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk  
**Entry Forced** No

**Offense** PWID SCHEDULE I DRUG (B)(C) NARCOTIC/LSD OR SCHEDULE II NARCOTIC - 1ST OFFENSE  
**Statute** 44-53-370(B)(1)  
**SCIBRS Code** 35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations  
**Counts** 1  
**Date** 5/2/26  
**Include In NIBRS** Yes  
**Completed** Yes  
**Details** Offender(s)  
Used  
Drugs  
**Bias Motivation** None (no bias)  
**Location** Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk  
**Entry Forced** No  
**Criminal Activities** Possessing/Concealing

**Offense** PWID SCHEDULE IV DRUG EXCEPT FLUNITRAZEPAM - 1ST OFFENSE  
**Statute** 44-53-370(B)(3)  
**SCIBRS Code**  
**Counts** 1  
**Date** 5/2/26  
**Include In NIBRS** Yes  
**Completed** Yes  
**Details** Offender(s)  
Used  
Drugs  
**Bias Motivation** None (no bias)  
**Location** Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk  
**Entry Forced** No  
**Criminal Activities** Possessing/Concealing

**Arrestee**

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**WILLIAMSON, JOSEPH RUSSELL - Age 44**

56-5-1220 - HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE  
44-53-370(B)(3) - PWID SCHEDULE IV DRUG EXCEPT FLUNITRAZEPAM - 1ST OFFENSE  
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**Offender**

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## Vehicles

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██████████ (Accident)  
2013 Black Toyota Tundra  
Owner ██████████  
Owner ██████████

██████████ (Arrest)  
2019 White Ford F-150  
Owner PICKENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Initial Narrative By PRESTON WEBB, 05/02/26 23:52

5/2/26  
BWC: Yes  
ICC: Yes

### Vehicle in Motion/Background:

I, Corporal Webb, was on SC-8 near Gwinn's tire as my shift came to an end. I signed off duty on the radio, and as I drove down SC-8 a BOLO was broadcast on the radio for a white truck that had fled the scene of an accident on SC-8 at Fleetwood drive, essentially exactly where I was at the time. The location of the collision was within the city limits of Easley. Although I was off duty the serious nature of a hit run of an attended vehicle spurred me to action so I began to look around for any vehicle matching the description as I continued my drive home. As I passed the Hot Spot gas station I saw a white 2019 Ford F150 parked on the right side of the building with a white male standing near the front passenger side of the truck appearing to be inspecting the vehicle. I felt that the close proximity in both distance and time as well as the apparent actions of the person were more than just coincidence, and that criminal activity was likely afoot. I turned around and activated my blue lights as I pulled into the gas station to further investigate.

### Personal Contact:

I exited my vehicle and walked around the passenger side of the truck. As I rounded the open front passenger door I saw the same white male leaned up against the front passenger side corner of the truck. I instructed the male, later identified as Joseph Russell Williamson, to place his hands behind his back and that he was being detained. I secured Williamson in handcuffs and advised dispatch that I had a person detained.

When asked, Williamson provided his name. Due to me intending to ask incriminating questions and the fact that Williamson was detained in handcuffs (custodial interrogation) I elected to Mirandize him. I explained to him why he was Mirandized and reason he was detained.

At this time Ofc Baldwin was pulling up to assist. I keyed up on the radio and asked for a unit to go to the collision location and Ofc Baldwin diverted. While trying to locate Williamson's license I asked his permission to enter his truck to locate his license and he gave me consent to do so.

While looking through the truck I realized that Williamson was deputy Williamson with Pickens County Sheriff's Office. Due to this realization I immediately requested that Lt Evans, the shift supervisor, respond to the scene. I resumed my search for Williamson's license but was unable to find it with my limited search. I asked Williamson what happened while gesturing toward his truck and explained to him that at this point it was a hit and run investigation.

I repositioned my patrol car so that my ICC could observe Williamson during my investigation. I further deactivated my flashing lights. I removed Williamson from handcuffs in order to conduct a DUI investigation. I explained to Williamson that I was concerned about him being impaired and that I wanted him to complete field sobriety testing and he agreed to participate. I asked him medical screening questions and if he had any impairing medical conditions. Multiple physiological signs of impairment were observed.

I administered field sobriety tests to Williamson for which I am trained to administer.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, I determined that Williamson's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle within the state of South Carolina was materially and appreciably impaired. I advised Williamson that he was under arrest for DUI. Williamson was again secured in handcuffs and Mirandized.

I transported Williamson to the police department while Lt Evans and Cpl Runser remained on scene with the vehicle. I brought Williamson into the DMT room and administered a breath test. I then requested that he provide a urine sample. I transported Williamson to Baptist Easley hospital where medical staff collected the urine sample. I returned Williamson to the jail where he was secured in a cell.

I then met with Lt Evans and Cpl Runser who had located a quantity of controlled substances in the truck. Lt Evans and Cpl Runser processed the controlled substances and placed them in a best pack for testing. The best pack along with the urine sample were secured in a property locker.

Due to the roadside observations and sobriety testing Williamson was charged with DUI. Due to the roadside investigation combined with the fact Williamson left the scene of the collision he was charged with hit and run of an attended vehicle with only property damage. Due to Williamson not having the lawful authority to possess the controlled substance along with the quantity of the controlled substances he was charged with possession with intent to distribute schedule II narcotics and possession with intent to distribute schedule IV controlled substances both 1st offense. Citations were issued for the driving offenses and warrants were requested for the drug charges and subsequently issued.

Cpl P. Webb E65