DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF INMATE DEATH

(Sections 24-9-35 and 17-7-10, South Carolina Code of Laws)
(Standards 1047 and 1049, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina)
(SCDC Policies/Procedures HS-18.04 and PS-10.05)

1. FACILITY: Abbeville County Detention Center
2. NAME OF DECEASED: Burdette, James Leary SCDC# N/A
3. HOME ADDRESS: [redacted] Horseshoe End Anderson, SC 29652
4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted] HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 168 HAIR Gray
   EYES Blu SEX M RACE W SOC SEC # [redacted]
5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Driving Under Suspension, Public Drunk, and Open Container SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒
6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 09/15/2021 16:25
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED:
   No Next-of-Kin Listed (Melody Daughter Sesebee)
8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: Stated took clodopine
9. CAUSE OF DEATH: COVID-19, PNEUMONIA, AND CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM
10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: 9:17 a.m. ____ p.m. Sept. day 16 month 2021 year
11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: K. SCOTT
12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: M. DORN
13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: K. SHAW
14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:
    K. Jackson 0905 Holding Cell (Booking
15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 55 (Actual Count) 5 (# of Officers on Duty)
16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 0905 9/16/21

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
POST OFFICE BOX 21787
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SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING REPORT

Jail Administrator
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

9/16/21
DATE OF REPORT

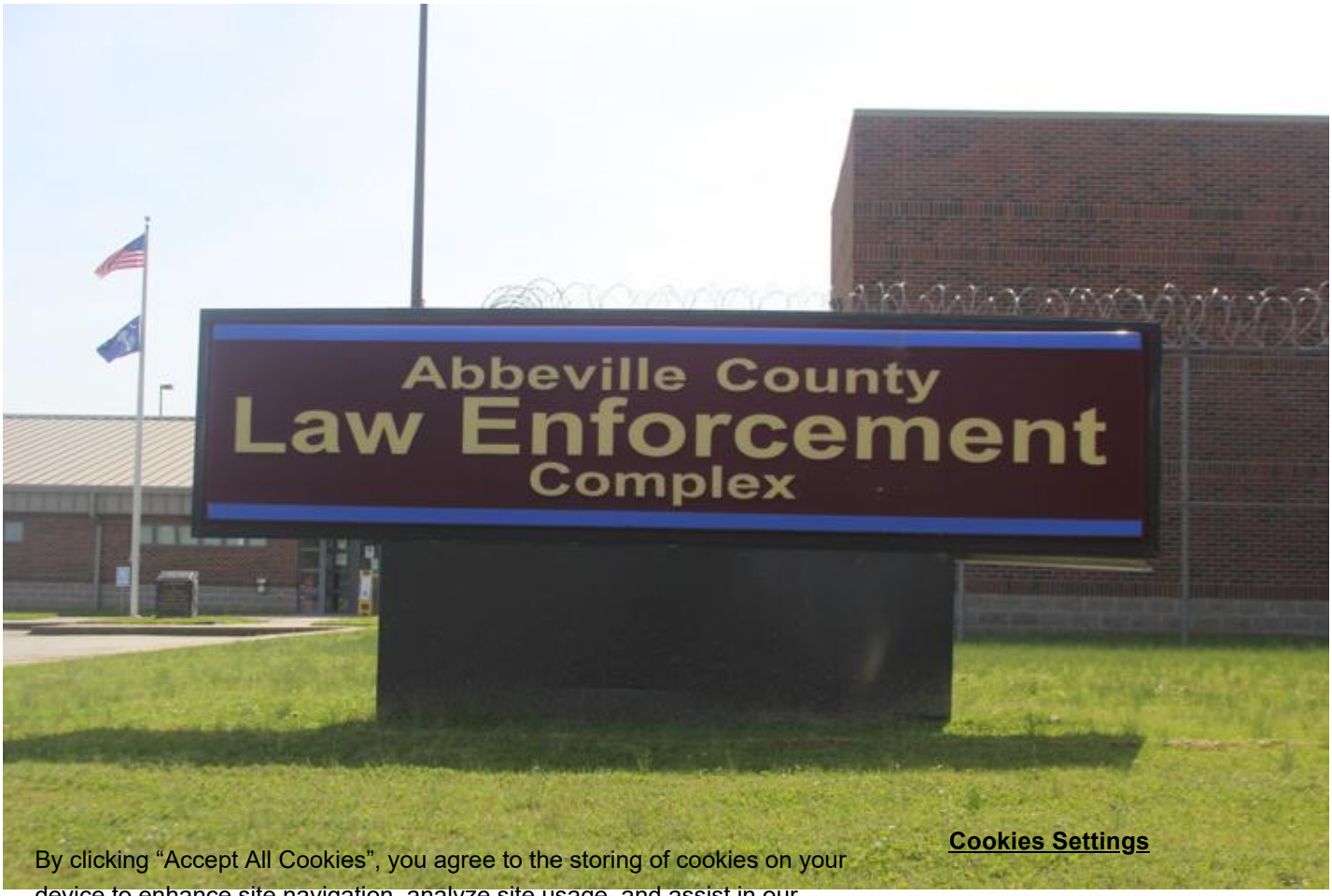
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FEATURED

Coroner: Man dies at Abbeville County jail

From staff reports
Sep 16, 2021



Abbeville County Law Enforcement Complex and Detention Center.

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Authorities are investigating after an Anderson man died Thursday morning at the Abbeville County Detention Center.

The Abbeville County Coroner's Office was contacted at 9 a.m. about a death at the jail, Coroner Mark Dorn said in a media release.

On Wednesday night, Abbeville police had arrested 59-year-old James Lanny Burdette on a charge of driving under suspension. He was found unresponsive in his cell Thursday morning, Dorn said. EMS was notified and life-saving measures were attempted.

Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson said jail staff spoke with Burdette minutes before he was found on the cell floor. He had been up and asked an officer about making a phone call. She went to a lieutenant's office and when she returned a few minutes later she found Burdette on the floor.

Watson said a nurse was able to get Burdette sitting up in a chair and spoke with him, but he showed signs of having a medical emergency. Deputies called 911 to get an ambulance out, which escorted him to the Abbeville Area Medical Center where he died.

The Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, State Law Enforcement Division and Coroner's Office are investigating.

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NEWS

Inmate death under investigation in Abbeville Co.

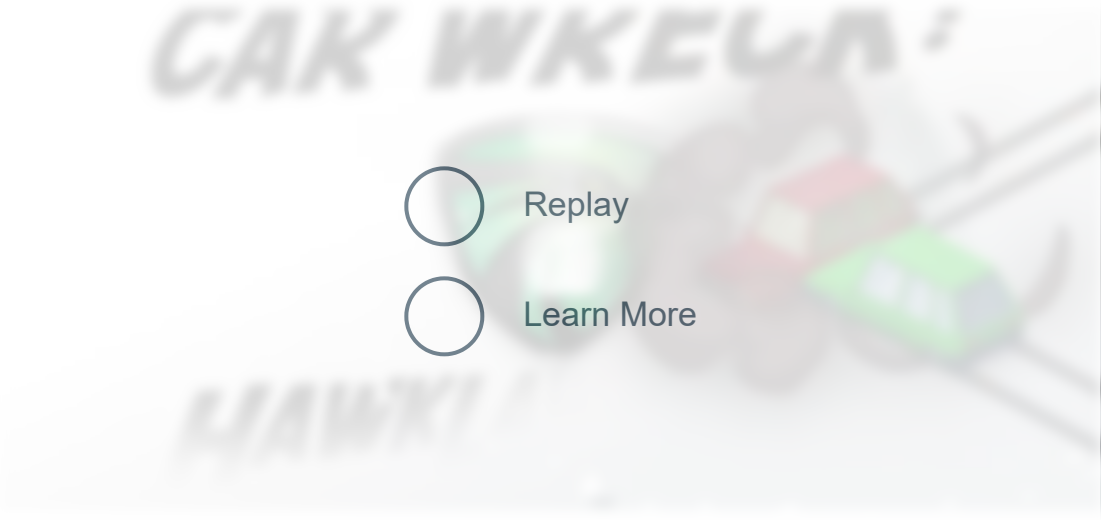
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The Abbeville County Coroner's Office responded to the Abbeville County Detention Facility at about 9 a.m. Thursday in reference to the sudden death of a male inmate.

EMS was notified by the Detention Facility personnel that a 59-year-old man, who was arrested by Abbeville Police Wednesday night for Driving Under Suspension, was found unresponsive Thursday morning in a holding cell, according to the coroner's office.

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Life saving measures were initiated, but unsuccessful, the coroner's office said. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The coroner identified the man was James Lanny Burdette of Anderson. An autopsy is scheduled for Friday morning.

The investigation is ongoing by the coroner's office, Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, and the State Law Enforcement Division.

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