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: Aiken County Detetnion Center

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Heather Leighann Davis SCDC# N/A

3. HOME ADDRESS: 3854 US-701 Conway, SC 29526

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted] HEIGHT 5'4" WEIGHT 120 HAIR BUR

   EYES HAZ SEX F RACE W SOC SEC # [redacted]

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): DUS 3rd or sub, Traffic / Habitual Traffic Offenders, Operating veh w/o license,

   Trafficking meth or cocaine base SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒

6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 07/19/2021 @ 0908

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Handled by Aiken County Coroner

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: No noted conditions

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: Sucide by hanging

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 1723 p.m. 29 day July month 2021 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Aiken Regional Medical Center

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Jeff Smith

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Newberry Pathology

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:

    Inmate Lateshia Jenkins at 0807 in B-pod cell 203.

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 387 (Actual Count) 15 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 0738

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
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29221

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING REPORT

Jail Administrator
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

7/29/2021
DATE OF REPORT

SCDC 8-2 (Revised July 1, 2011)

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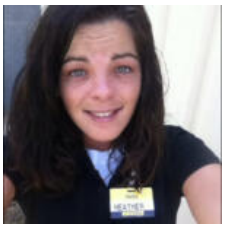
Aiken County Inmate Hangs Herself After 10 Days in Jail for Meth Trafficking

By **Greg Rickabaugh** August 2, 2021



Heather D. Carter

The inmate found dead in her cell last Thursday has been identified as an out-of-town mother who was arrested July 19 for meth trafficking and traffic violations, authorities said.



Heather Carter from 2015 Facebook photo

Heather Davis Carter, 28, had a listed address in Conway, S.C., near the beach, but she was captured in the early morning hours of July 19 riding through the City of Aiken on a suspended license.

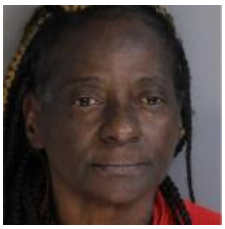
She ended up stuck in jail on a meth trafficking charge and had been there 10 days when she was found dead in her cell.

Carter was found "with a sheet around her neck," and her death was ruled a suicide, Coroner Darryl Ables said.

SLED is investigating the death.

On a Facebook page under her former name of Heather Davis, the woman proudly shared photos of her children. The page, last updated in 2015, said she was from Conway but was living in Fort Mill, S.C.

It is the second death at the Aiken County Detention Center in July.



Dorothy Bernard

On July 23, Dorothy Mae Bernard of Monetta was found dead in her cell while awaiting trial for attempted murder. She was arrested in February for allegedly stabbing a 67-year-old man who she was living with.

Shortly before 5 a.m. Friday, Bernard was found unresponsive in her cell and pronounced dead on scene, Coroner Darryl Ables said. No foul play is suspected in her death, but SLED is continuing with the investigation, the coroner said.