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: Marion County Sheriff's Office - Detention Center
2. NAME OF DECEASED: Crawford, Benson Bernard SCDC#
3. HOME ADDRESS: 408 W. Marion St. Mullins, SC 29574
4. DESCRIPTION: DOB 06/14/1967 HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 160 HAIR Black
   EYES Brown SEX Male RACE Black SOC SEC # 250-21-6814
5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Malicious Injury $2000 or Less. Warr 2021A3310100349 Mullins PD
   SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ■
6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 12/10/2021 1800
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: N/A - 4 arrests since 2015 not including this arrest. No Next of kin listed for any arrest - refused shown on all booking reports.
8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION:
   Inmate was intoxicated and uncooperative, placed in holding cell, began beating head against cell door, placed in restraint chair at 1813 to prevent self-injury and placed on 15 minute watch Removed from chair at 2200
9. CAUSE OF DEATH: unknown at this time
10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 10:47 p.m. 10th day December month 2021 year
11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Pronounced by Coroner - Jerry Richardson
12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Jerry Richardson
13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Will be sent to MUSC Charleston
14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY: H. Townsend, T. Bacon, B. Alexander - 12/10/2021 - 2250 - Booking Holding Cell
15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 62 (Actual Count) 5 (# of Officers on Duty)
16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 12/10/2021 - 2235

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

James Floyd
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

12/11/2021
DATE OF REPORT

SCDC 8-2 (Revised July 1, 2011)

AGENCY I.D.
SC0340000

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE
INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER: 2021-1200073
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EVENT

INCIDENT TYPE	COMPLETED	FORCED ENTRY	PREMISE TYPE	UNITS ENTERED	TYPE VICTIM
1. NRP - CARDIAC ARREST - IN CUSTODY	☒ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	11		☐ Individual ☐ Business ☐ Financial Inst. ☐ Government ☐ Relig. Orgn. ☐ Soc./Public ☐ Other ☐ Unknown ☐ Police Off.
2.	☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO			
3.	☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO			

INCIDENT LOCATION (SUBDIVISION, APARTMENT AND NUMBER, STREET NAME AND NUMBER): 2715 EAST HGHWAY 76 SUITE D, MULLINS SC — ZIP CODE: 29574 — WEAPON TYPE:

INCIDENT DATE	24 HR CLOCK	TO	DATE	24 HR. CLOCK	DISPATCH DATE/TIME 24 HR. CLOCK: DISP. DATE	DISP. TIME	TIME ARRIVED	DEPART. TIME	LOCATION NO
12/10/2021	2300		12/10/2021	2355	12/10/2021	1201	2303	2355	02

VICTIM #1

COMPLAINANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT #1	#2	#3	RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	ETH	DAYTIME PHONE	EVENING PHONE
MARION COUNTY, DETENTION CENTER				J S O U					(843) 423-8263 H / B	H / B

ADDRESS: 2715 HWY 76 D — CITY: MULLINS — STATE: SC — ZIP CODE: 29574 — LOCATION NO: 02

VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT #1	#2	#3	RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	ETH	DAYTIME PHONE	EVENING PHONE
				J S O U					H / B	H / B

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARITIES, ETC.

ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE — LOCATION NO.

VISIBLE INJURY (VICT. 1) ☐ YES ☒ NO EXPLAIN –

VICTIM (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL: ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNK DRUGS: ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNK

☐ TWO-MAN VEH ☐ ONE-MAN VEH ☐ DETECTIVE/SPL.ASMT ☐ OTHER ☐ ALONE ☐ ASSISTED

SUBJECT #1

☐ SUSPECT ☐ RUNAWAY ☐ WANTED ☐ WARRANT ☐ ARREST ☐ JAIL ☐ SUMMONS

J - This Jurisdiction S - State O - Out of State U - Unknown

SUBJECT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	RACE	SEX	AGE	ETH	DATE OF BIRTH	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
NO OFFENDER,	U	U	00	U					

FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARITIES, ETC

ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE — LOCATION NO

SUBJECT (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNK DRUGS: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNK TYPE:

ARRESTED NEAR OFFENSE SCENE ☐ YES ☐ NO — TOTAL # ARRESTED: 0

DATE/TIME OF OFFENSE: 12/10/2021 2300 — DATE/TIME OF ARREST:

NARRATIVE

Offenses:
CARDIAC ARREST - IN CUSTODY

On 12/10/2021, deputy responded to 2715 East Highway 76 in Mullins, SC in reference to a cardiac assist. Upon arrival, deputy made contact with Sgt Alexander in the female holding cell. Upon entering the cell Sgt Alexander advised deputy that inmate Crawford was unresponsive. Deputy observed a black male wearing a blue shirt, white tee-shirt, blue jeans and white socks. Deputy checked inmate Crawford wrist for a pulse unable to find a pulse deputy began doing chest massages and calling the inmate's name. Deputy checked inmate Crawford pupils for moving and noticed no movement. Marion County EMS arrived on scene and provided medical attention to inmate Crawford. EMS placed an EKG machine on inmate Crawford and pronounced him dead.

Sgt Alexander advised deputy that he arrived for his shift at 1933 hours. Sgt Alexander stated that he observed inmate Crawford in the female holding cell in a restraint chair. Sgt Alexander stated that inmate Crawford was in a restraint chair because he was hitting his head on the glass in the cell door. Sgt Alexander stated that he removed the inmate Crawford from the restraint chair and removed his hoodie and belt. Sgt Alexander advised deputy that the inmate advised him that he had drunk beer. Sgt Alexander stated that inmate Crawford was sweating and he asked him if he took any drugs. Sgt Alexander stated that inmate Crawford informed him that he smokes weed and drinks beer. Sgt Alexander stated that when he let inmate Crawford out of the restraint chair he asked for water and a blanket. Sgt Alexander stated that one of his officers gave inmate Crawford a white blanket and a green mat. Inmate Crawford advised officer that he was going to lay on the floor and go to sleep. Cpl Bacon stated that inmate Crawford was on a 15 minutes observation check.

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PROPERTY

TYPE (GROUP)				JURISDICTION OF THEFT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY		JURISDICTION OF RECOVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	TOTAL VALUE
Burned							
Count./Forged							
Dest./Damaged							
Recovered							
Seized							
Stolen							
Unknown							

ADMINIST

SUBJECT IDENTIFIED ☐ YES ☐ NO — SUBJECT LOCATED ☐ YES ☐ NO — ☒ ACTIVE ☐ UNFOUNDED ☐ ADM. CLOSED — ☐ ARRESTED UNDER 18 ☐ ARRESTED 18 AND OVER — ☐ EX-CLEAR UNDER 18 ☐ EX-CLEAR 18 AND OVER

REASON FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE: 1. ☐ OFFENDER DEATH 2. ☐ NO PROSECUTION 3. ☐ EXTRADITION DENIED 4. ☐ VICTIM DECLINES COOPERATION 5. ☐ JUVENILE - NO CUSTODY

REPORTING OFFICER(S)	DATE	UNIT NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER	DATE	UNIT NUMBER
SGT RICHARD C MCCULLOUGH	12/10/2021	122	SGT RICHARD C MCCULLOUGH	12/10/2021	122
			FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OFFICER ☐ YES ☐ NO		

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CASE NUMBER: 2021-120073

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Cpl Bacon stated that she was at the desk in booking and she heard the inmate Crawford begin to make a sound like he was snoring from her desk. Cpl Bacon stated that when inmate Crawford made (4) loud sounds before he stopped snoring, she asked Officer Townsend to check on him as she was making her rounds at the time. Officer Townsend stated she noticed a blanket around inmate Crawford's head and asked Cpl Bacon if that was alright. Officer Townsend stated that Cpl Bacon informed her as long as she could see inmate Crawford chest rise and fall it would be okay to have the blanket around his head due to the light being on in the cell. Officer Townsend stated that she advised Cpl Bacon that she could not tell if inmate Crawford's chest was moving up and down. Cpl Bacon stated that she walked to the window and was unable to determine if inmate Crawford was rising and falling. Cpl Bacon stated that she called Sgt Alexander to come to booking to make entry into the cell.

Deputy contacted Lt McCaskill and was advised to call the oncall detective Dewayne Rogers. Deputy started a crime scene log. Deputy then cleared the scene.

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