**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: Spartanburg County Detention Facility- 950 California Ave.; Spartanburg, SC 29303

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Tomlin, Christopher Vance SCDC#

3. HOME ADDRESS:

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB 11/08/ HEIGHT 5'11 WEIGHT 155 HAIR BLK

   EYES BRN SEX M RACE W SOC SEC #

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driving Under SUSPENION (DUS)

   SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒

6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 18 May 2020/1951 hours

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Sandra Tomlin (mother)

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: Mr. Tomlin seemed to physicall okay and nothing out of the ordinary noted on his intake sheet or observation.

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: 2:30 a.m. ____ p.m. 19 day May month 2020 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Anthony King Spartanburg County EMS

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Rusty Clevenger

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Pending

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY: Deputy Batton went to wake up Mr. Tomlin up for bond hearing at 0230 hours on 19 May 2020 in the booking outwaiting pit, but received no verbal response.

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 545 (Actual Count) 24 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 2240 hours on 18 May 2020

**NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502**

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SPECIAL

# Death reported at Spartanburg County Detention Center

**Chris Lavender** chris.lavender@shj.com

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A Cowpens man, who was discovered unresponsive in the booking and holding area at the Spartanburg County Detention Center, has died.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger identified the deceased as 50-year-old Christopher Vance Tomlin of Washington Road. Clevenger said Tomlin was in the booking and holding area early Tuesday when he was found unresponsive.

Clevenger said Tomlin had been arrested on bench warrants from the city of Duncan on driving under the influence and driving under suspension and was waiting to be arraigned. Efforts to revive him by EMS and jail officers were unsuccessful and Tomlin was pronounced dead at 2:38 a.m. Tuesday.

State Law Enforcement investigators were contacted about the death since Tomlin was in custody at the time.

Clevenger said an autopsy showed there were no signs of trauma other than resuscitative efforts.



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# Christopher Vance Tomlin

Gaffney, South Carolina

November 8, 1969 - May 18, 2020

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## Obituary

Cowpens -- Christopher Vance Tomlin, 50, of 123 Washington Road, passed away Monday, May 18th, 2020, at Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

Born in Gaffney, he was the son of Sandra Byars Tomlin and the late Vance Tomlin. Mr. Tomlin worked in electronics and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Tomlin was survived by one daughter, Angela Green, of Blacksburg; one sister, Amy Tomlin, three grandchildren; one nephew, Judson Ray; and one niece Cameron Ray.

In addition to his father, Mr. Tomlin was preceded in death by one grandma, Julia "Maw-Maw" Byars; one uncle, Vicky Joe "V.J." Byars; and one cousin, Zippy Batchler.

The Gainey location of Gordon Mortuary is serving the Tomlin family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Christopher Vance Tomlin please visit our **Tribute Store**.

## Events

There are no events scheduled. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or plant a tree in memory of Christopher Vance Tomlin.

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