LOCAL JAIL INMATE DEATH REPORT

1. What was the inmate's name?

LAST	FIRST	MI
Browder	Daniel	D

2. On what date did the inmate die?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
12	06	2018

3. What was the name and location of the correctional facility involved?

Facility Name: Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center

Facility City: Sumter

Facility State: SC

4. What was the inmate's date of birth?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
[redacted]	[redacted]	1980

5. What was the inmate's sex?

- ☑ Male
- ☐ Female

6. Was the inmate of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No

7. In addition, what was the inmate's race? Please select one or more of the following racial categories:

- ☑ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Some other race

→ *Please Specify:*

8. On what date was the inmate admitted to your jail facility?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
10	03	2018

9. Was the inmate being confined in your jail facility on behalf of any of the following?

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–c)

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	☐	☑	☐
b. U.S. Marshals Service	☐	☑	☐
c. State or federal prison, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other jail jurisdiction	☐	☑	☐

10. For what offense(s) was the inmate being held?

a. Contempt of Court Bench Warrant (6 cour
b. DUS 1st/Reckless Driving/ Report False In
c. Habitual Traffic Offender/Affidavit of Surre
d. Vehicle/Poss. Conceal, Sell or dispose of
e. Vehicle/Poss. Conceal, Sell or dispose of

11. What was the inmate's legal status at time of death? *(For inmates with more than one status, report the status associated with the most serious offense.)*

- ☐ Convicted—new court commitment
- ☐ Convicted—returned probation/parole violator
- ☑ Unconvicted
- ☐ Other

→ *Please Specify:*

12. Since admission, did the inmate ever stay overnight in a mental health observation unit or an outside mental health facility?

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No
- ☐ Don't Know

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13. Where did the inmate die?

- ☐ In a general housing unit within the jail facility or in a general housing unit on jail grounds
- ☐ In a segregation unit
- ☐ In a special medical unit/infirmary within the jail facility
- ☐ In a special mental health services unit within the jail facility
- ☑ In a medical center outside the jail facility
- ☐ In a mental health center outside the jail facility
- ☐ While in transit
- ☐ Elsewhere

→ *Please Specify:*

14. Are the results of a medical examiner's or coroner's evaluation (such as an autopsy, postmortem exam, or review of medical records) available to establish an official cause of death?

- ☑ YES ——→ ***CONTINUE TO Q15***
- ☐ Evaluation complete—results are pending

→ ***SKIP REMAINING QUESTIONS AND SUBMIT THIS FORM—YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AT A LATER TIME FOR THE CAUSE OF DEATH***

- ☐ No evaluation is planned → ***CONTINUE TO Q15***

15. What was the cause of death? *** ***Please SPECIFY cause of death—it is critical information*** ***

- ☐ Illness—Exclude AIDS-related deaths [*Specify*] ——→
- ☐ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- ☐ Accidental alcohol/drug intoxication [*Describe*] ——→
- ☐ Accidental injury to self [*Describe*] ——→
- ☐ Accidental injury by other (e.g., vehicular accidents during transport) [*Describe*] ——→
- ☐ Suicide (e.g., hanging, knife/cutting instrument, intentional drug overdose) [*Describe*] ——→
- ☐ Homicide [*Describe*] ——→
- ☑ Other cause(s) [*Specify*] ——→ Will get a copy of autospy report

16. Where did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death take place?

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related
- ☑ In the jail facility or on the jail grounds

[PLEASE SPECIFY] →
- ☐ In the inmate's cell/room
- ☐ In a temporary holding area/lockup
- ☑ In a common area within the facility (e.g., yard, library, cafeteria)
- ☐ In a segregation unit
- ☐ In a special medical unit/infirmary
- ☐ In a special mental health services unit
- ☐ Elsewhere within the jail facility

→ *Please Specify:*

- ☐ Outside the jail facility (e.g., while on work release or on work detail)
- ☐ Elsewhere

→ *Please Specify:*

17. When did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death occur?

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related
- ☐ Morning (6 am to Noon)
- ☐ Afternoon (Noon to 6 pm)
- ☐ Evening (6 pm to Midnight)
- ☑ Overnight (Midnight to 6 am)

18. Excluding emergency care provided at the time of death, did the inmate receive any of the following medical services for the medical condition that caused his/her death after admission to your correctional facilities?

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. Evaluation by physician/medical staff	☑	☐	☐
b. Diagnostic tests (e.g., X-rays, MRI)	☐	☐	☑
c. Medications	☐	☐	☑
d. Treatment/care other than medications	☐	☐	☑
e. Surgery	☐	☑	☐
f. Confinement in special medical unit.	☐	☑	☐

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–f)

19. Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the inmate develop the condition after admission? *(If multiple conditions caused the death and any of the conditions were pre-existing, mark "Pre-existing medical condition.")*

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide
- ☐ Pre-existing medical condition
- ☐ Deceased developed condition after admission
- ☑ Could not be determined

Please add any additional notes regarding this death here:

I will request a copy of the autopsy report from our Investigator assigned to the facility in order to clarify some of the questions asked during the course of this survey.

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UPDATE: SLED investigating Sumter Co. inmate's death, sheriff's department says



Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center. (Source: Sumter County website)

By WIS News 10 Staff

Published: Dec. 8, 2018 at 7:17 PM EST

SUMTER, SC (WIS) - An investigation led by the State Law Enforcement Division is underway at the Sumer-Lee Detention Center, according to that agency's spokesperson.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Department says the investigation is in regard to an inmate's death. The inmate, who has not been identified by either agency at this time, was found unconsious in their cell on Dec. 6 and died early Saturday morning. The family has been notified.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis asked SLED to assist in the investigation as soon as he became aware of the incident.

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"Since this is active and ongoing investigation, the Sumter County Sheriff has no further comment at this time," a sheriff's department spokesperson said on Saturday.

Check back for more updates.

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Daniel Dale "Bubba" Browder Jr.

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Daniel Dale “Bubba” Browder, Jr., 38, died Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Palmetto Heath Richland.

Born October 22, 1980, in Sumter, he was a son of Daniel Dale Browder, Sr. and the late Cheryl Sainz Browder. He was a member of Green Acres Assembly of God and was a self-employed sub-contractor.

Survivors include a son, Caleb Browder of Sumter; a daughter, Amily Browder of LA; his father of Sumter; sisters, Delany McDonald (Fritz), Danielle Browder, and Hailey Ehrhardt all of Sumter; brother, Dalton Browder of Sumter; maternal grandmother, Shirley Geddings Sainz of Sumter; paternal grandparents, Frances and Joe Clayton, and Danny Stephen Browder all of FL; and his best friend who was like a brother, Adam Pack.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Jesse Mose Sainz, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Michael Bowman officiating. Burial will be in the Green Acres Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12 Noon to 1 P.M. Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his sister, Delany McDonald, 3470 Widman Dr.

Memorials may be made to Green Acres Assembly of God, 537 Lewis Rd., Sumter, SC 29154.

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Inmate dies after found unconscious

Family member claims Sumter man was found with needle in arm, SLED investigating

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center inmate was pronounced dead Saturday morning after he was found unconscious Thursday morning, according to Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

According to an immediate family member, Daniel Browder Jr., 38, was in a coma fighting for his life in the intensive care unit at Palmetto Health Tuomey after he was found "unresponsive with a needle in his arm" at about 3 a.m. Thursday.

She made these statements Friday morning.

She said she was told of Browder's condition at 6:22 a.m. after he had gone into cardiac arrest three times.

"I should have been notified as soon as he was found unresponsive," she said.

The family member said before Browder died, he did not have a neurological response because his brain went so long without oxygen.

She said nurses in the emergency room who looked after Browder said Narcan had been administered, but he did not respond to it.

That indcates that it was not opioids nor heroin in his system, she said.

Browder only tested positive for marijuana, she said, and no one has said what was in the syringe.

No one knows how the needle got into the prison, the family member said, nor how Browder got the needle and if he did it to himself or if someone else did it.

The family member said Browder had gastrointestinal bleeding, which could indicate that he ingested, or ate, something harmful, she said.

A second family member said Browder told his father he'd stopped eating cafeteria food at the jail after hearing a rumor that someone planned to poison him.

He only ate food from the vending machine, he said.

Ken Bell, public information officer

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I photographed the president

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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It has always been the center of the universe to those who leave or travel and run into Sumterites all over the world, but Sumter may have been buzzing the most on March 17, 1991.

Presidential candidates have been here. Top U.S. Air Force personnel have visited. Mary McLeod Bethune, Jordan Montgomery, Jim Clyburn, Bobby Richardson, Lee Brice. Names toting clout claim Sumter County as home No. 1.

Never before or since has a sitting president descended upon seemingly sleepy Sumter, but when then-President George H.W. Bush made the homecoming of Shaw Air Force Base's Desert Storm warriors his first public appearance at a welcome event for the winners of the Gulf War, Sumter was awakened.

"Everybody was just vibrating. Something big was happening, and we as a collective had a front seat to it," said Traci Quinn.

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PHOTO PROVIDED

George H.W. Bush campaigns for president at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, seen here with Mayor Bubba McElveen and Gov. Carroll Campbell on March 3, 1988.

New Sumter School Board member's motion on agenda

Ray's attempted proposal to restructure, eliminate committees before trustees, along with audit

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A new trustee's failed attempt to make a motion at last month's regularly scheduled board meeting on restructuring board committees is a highlighted item at this month's regular Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' meeting set for Monday.



RAY

A district spokeswoman distributed an agenda Thursday.

At the first meeting with the new board trustees on Nov. 26, new Area 2 Representative Sherril Ray tried to make a

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Person of interest faces charges in shootings

2 acquaintances face separate drug, firearm charges

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A man sought in connection with multiple shootings, one of them fatal, and two acquaintances were apprehended Thursday night as city police continue their investigation into recent shootings.

The three suspects — Kalvin D. Epps, 21, of South Purdy Street; Rakim A. Butler, 27, of West Oakland Avenue; and Hikeem Ward, 20, of Eugene Street — were located at a residence in the county hours after a $3,500 reward was issued for Epps' arrest.

All three suspects are known to law enforcement for their involvement in the local drug trade, according to a release from Sumter Police Department.

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Quinn is now the public relations manager for Palmetto Health Tuomey, but she was working as the news editor for *The Sumter Item* when Bush visited Sumter to thank Shaw's airmen for their critical role in the successful Desert Storm campaign.

"No matter how you felt about the war, this was such a good moment that these heroes were being recognized in our town. Even people who weren't thrilled that we were going to war, it makes such a big difference when you know that your neighbors are the ones fighting it," she said.

There's a reporter's adrenaline rush that fills any newsroom when something breaks, when something happens. A local arrest usually does it. The Washington news corps certainly will.

"I remember we had this old AP machine that made a lot of noise and spit out photos," Quin said.

She said she remembers standing at that machine – now, The Associated Press posts photos online for member papers to use – and watching it spit out the first photos of the bombing of Baghdad.

"I was about 31, and I wasn't around for World War II and Vietnam was so muddy and confusing, so this was the first war I was old enough to understand why we were there. Back then, we disagreed for the most part politely and with grace," she said.

Planning a presidential visit to a small southern town from a news coverage standpoint was the same as any other coverage planning, just on a presidential scale. Instead of accounting for regular press access, reporters and photographers had to give Social Security numbers to the secret service.

Quinn's role was to make sure everyone was in the right place. Someone had to capture the moment when Bush stepped off Air Force One. Someone had to get the handshakes. The speech. The crowd. The interaction with the airman stationed at Shaw who was shot down and his fellow pilot who rescued him. She wasn't out in the thick of it, but she said she could still feel the difference in the air.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JACKIE OLSEN

President George H.W. Bush greets Gen. Tom Olsen in Sumter on March 17, 1991, during the late 41st president's first public appearance at a welcome for the victorious servicemen arriving home from Operation Desert Storm. Olsen was second in command of the U.S. air forces for the Gulf War. Pictured between the two men is former Congressman John Spratt, who was the U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 5th congressional district from 1983 to 2011.

"What impacted us the most was how crucial Shaw Air Force base was to the mission in the Middle East," she said. "We were keenly aware of that, so even though it was this big 'wow' moment, we felt it was right he came here. And just now the rest of the world knows what we know about Shaw.

"It was just so right that he come here, and he was just so genuine. He fit right in with those guys because he had military experience. He was at ease. It wasn't about him. He made it about the people who fought, and he made it about the town who supported the people who fought. He just gave us all this warm verbal hug."

One of the Item journalists Quinn assigned to the coverage was Bruz Crowson, who worked as a photographer for the paper for 35 years, witnessed the switch in the business from film to digital, captured the moments when Sumter welcomed a president.

"The first plane that landed was the media plane, and when that door opened they all filed out like a bunch of ants," he said.

Photographers used film in 1991, which means he couldn't take photo after photo after photo and look at them all to make sure he got what he needed, deleting what he didn't.

"I saw Air Force One slowly approach, and I think my favorite photo was when the plane was coming in, I got the Glassco sign, it's not there anymore, but I remember getting that sign in the background of the picture," he said. 'We re-printed photos for people afterward, and that was the most requested photo because it added that local aspect to it."

Crowson said he remembers bringing photographers from The Associated Press and Washington, D.C. back to the Item's office to let them use equipment to send their photos back to their own newsrooms.

"It's still just covering an event, so you do what you got to do to get the shot. It's a lot of not waiting around for the perfect shot, just shooting whatever you see," he said. "But, I knew I had the plane shot because of the local angle."

He said he remembers having to go through security checkpoints where they opened his camera to make sure there were no weapons being stored inside.

Jackie Olsen was in the crowd to watch the president speak at Memorial Stadium. Her husband, the late Gen. Tom Olsen, who she had not met yet, was second in command of the Air Forces for Desert Storm.

"He was in the car with the president, and he even said later how he served him a Coke after the ceremony," she said. "It was amazing for him to be actually served by the president of the United States. It was a wonderful experience for him. Something he certainly did not take lightly."

She said Bush visiting Sumter was a turning point for the small town and sometimes under-the-radar air force base. Because he came, people now knew how important they were.

"I was so proud of Shaw Air Force Base for being recognized by the president. It was almost beyond my comprehension," she said. "From that point on, I think it really brought an awareness for all the people in Sumter that Shaw Air Force base is just really at the top. The visit confirmed that for all of us."

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for the sheriff's office, said the agency requested that SLED investigate a matter at the detention center but did not comment further because SLED is in charge of the investigation.

Nothing indicates this matter is related to the detention officer who was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of allowing an inmate to keep contraband, he said.

Thom Berry, SLED spokesman, confirmed that SLED was called to investigate a matter at the detention center Thursday morning but could not discuss what the matter is nor who is involved.

That information will be determined during the course of the investigation, he said.

SLED arrived at the jail to investigate at about 5 a.m., the first family member said.

She said she found out SLED is investigating because she spoke with a SLED agent at the hospital.

He provided his contact information and said he would be working with a local solicitor if the investigation warrants court action, she said.

Browder was arrested on Oct. 3 on a bench warrant for missing a court date, she said.

On Friday, she said it was not likely that Browder would make a full recovery.

"I was promised he would be safe," she said about Browder.

She said Browder told her he wanted to go to rehab a few weeks ago but a local court official advised that he would be safe in jail because he would be away from drugs.

Browder "kept begging" for help to get into rehab, she said.

He said there are more drugs in jail than there are on the streets, she said, and the dealers are still dealing.

"I want to be as transparent as possible," she said. "I would have bonded him out if I had known it was that dangerous."

For his October arrest, Browder was facing multiple traffic charges including driving under suspension and failure to stop for a blue light, as well as six contempt of court charges.

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