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: Fairfield County Detention Center
2. NAME OF DECEASED: Vernon Dean Branham SCDC# N/A
3. HOME ADDRESS: [redacted] Ridgeway, SC
4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted]80 HEIGHT 507 WEIGHT 220 HAIR Brown
   EYES Blue SEX M RACE W SOC SEC # [redacted]6672
5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Disorderly Conduct
   SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☑
6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 9-8-2018 12:50 AM
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Kathy Branham
   Contacted by Coroner
8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: He walked in to the facility held a conversation
9. CAUSE OF DEATH: Undetermined Pending toxicology report
10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 4:52 p.m. 8 day September month 2018 year
11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Peter Rippee, MD
12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Chris Hill
13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Janice Ross, MD Newberry Pathology Associates
14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:
    LT. Kendra Bouknight
15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 75 (Actual Count) 4 (# of Officers on Duty)
16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 14:23

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

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9-10-2018
DATE OF REPORT

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