Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

Summary

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Case Number: 2020-00015847

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ORI Number: SC0290000

Case

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Location: 1941 PAGELAND HWY
LANCASTER, SC 29720
Reporting Officer ID: 2379 - Faile

Incident Type: Death-Suspicious
Occurred From: 03/19/2020 09:00
Occurred Thru: 03/19/2020 10:30
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 03/19/2020 09:50 Thursday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	SO1	Death-Suspicious	Death-Suspicious	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Complainant	1	LANCASTER COUNTY, DETENTION CENTER	1941 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720				
Other	1	ABBOTT, EDWARD	2006 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Male	[redacted]/1958 61
Other	2	COLLINS, TAMARA	2006 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Female	
Other	3	BEIN, JOHN	2006 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Male	
Other	4	SCHEUCHEK, DEVIN	2006 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Male	
Other	5	ROBERTS, ABIGAIL	980 N MAIN ST LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Female	
Other	6	FAULKENBERRY, JOSH	2006 PAGELAND HWY LANCASTER, SC 29720		White	Male	
Other	7	TWITTY, JOYCE	800 W MEETING ST LANCASTER, SC 29720		Black or African American	Female	
Other	8	PATTERSON, SCHKELLA	800 W MEETING ST LANCASTER, SC 29720		Black or African American	Female	
Victim	1	MOORE, LADARIUS AKEEM	6939 BEECHER HORTON RD HEATH SPRINGS, SC 29058		Black or African American	Male	[redacted]/1995 24

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age

Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.

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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State

Routing:

OfficerID: bsfaile, Narrative

On March 19, 2020, I, Deputy Faile, responded to the Lancaster County Detention Center located at 1941 Pageland Highway in reference to assisting EMS. The detention center staff advised that they had an unresponsive subject and that he was not breathing. Deputy Small was already on scene and gathering information along with assisting EMS. When I arrived, I met with Deputy Small who was at the EMS vehicle with the subject. I asked Deputy Small what had taken place.
Deputy Small advised that Ladarius Moore was taken into custody by South Carolina Highway Patrol for DUI and had warrants coming for narcotics. Deputy Small stated that they were at this time doing CPR on the subject inside of the EMS vehicle. I then went inside to gather information.
I spoke with Sgt. Rollings. She advised that Ladarius was taken into custody by SCHP around 12:00 AM. She advised the detention center turned SCHP away because Ladarius was in a motor vehicle accident. SCHP then transported Ladarius to MUSC- Lancaster for clearance. Rollings advised that SCHP arrived back with Ladarius and his clearance paperwork from MUSC- Lancaster. Rollings stated that Ladarius was booked and placed into holding cell 3. Rollings advised that Ladarius was staying in the holding cell until SCHP arrived this morning to serve him with an active warrant. Rollings advised that SCHP called for Ladarius but he did not move. Rollings stated they then went inside and attempted to wake him up, but he was unresponsive. Rollings advised they got medical personnel to render aid.
During this time, Deputy Small was riding with EMS to MUSC- Lancaster.
Shortly after, Sgt. Kelley advised me via telephone that Ladarius was pronounced dead at MUSC- Lancaster.
Major Shaw was on scene at the detention center. Major Shaw contacted SLED and notified them of the death inside of the detention center. Major Shaw stood by at the detention center to turn the scene over to them.

OfficerID: nbass, Narrative

2020-00015847, Additional Information, Deputy N. Small

On 03/19/2020 I, Deputy N. Small, responded to the Lancaster County Detention Center located at 1941 Pageland Hwy in reference to an unresponsive inmate. I arrived on scene and made contact with Sgt. V. Rollings who advised that the unresponsive inmate was Inmate Ladarius Moore. I obtained a booking sheet for Inmate Moore to take to the hospital for identification purposes. I also obtained all the EMS personnel's information who were on scene at the detention center. Those EMS personnel are as follows:

Ed Abbott
Tamara Collins
John Bein
Devin Scheuchek
Abigail Roberts
Josh Faulkenberry

I then rode with EMS and Inmate Moore to MUSC-L by ambulance. Once at the hospital I stood by with Inmate Moore. Inmate Moore was pronounced deceased by medical staff at MUSC-L. Medical staff then cleared from the room and covered Inmate Moore with a sheet. I stood by until I was notified by Capt. Hilton and Sgt. Kelley to be in the room with medical staff while they attempt to draw a blood sample from Inmate Moore. I stood by with Shakella Patterson and Joyce Twitty, who are part of the MUSC-L medical team, while they attempted to draw blood from Inmate Moore. After Twitty and Patterson made several attempts to draw a blood sample from Inmate Moore they advised that they were unable to draw a blood sample.

I then stood by with Inmate Moore until I was relieved by Deputy B. Williams who will be standing by until SLED arrives on scene to take over the investigation.

OfficerID: mbwilliams, Narrative

Supplemental incident report completed by Deputy M.B. Williams:
On 3/19/2020, I stood by at MUSCL with the inmate from the detention center whom passed away in the early morning hours of 3/19/2020. While there, I took a log of all the names and agencies that had direct contact with the inmate. The list is as follows;

Lancaster County Coroner's Office
Coroner Karla Deese
Deputy Coroner Jennifer Collins

Coroner's Office transport
Arntearreus Richardson
Arthur Harper
Once the coroner's office was ready to transport I along with Deputy Max Adams escorted the transport van from MuscL to the Lancaster County Coroner's Office on South Main St.

OfficerID: jshaw, Narrative

On 03/19/2020 at approximately 0945 I, Major Shaw was notified that there was an inmate (Ladarius Moore) experiencing a medical emergency at the Detention Center. I responded and observed Moore in a holding cell being treated by EMS and the Detention Center Nurse. Moore was loaded onto a stretcher and transported to the ER shortly after I arrived. I directed Deputy Neina Bass to escorted Moore to the ER in the ambulance. As soon as medical personnel exited the cell, I directed that the Holding cell be secured and locked.

I then learned that Moore had been arrested the previous night by SCHP for DUI. Moore was booked without incident and placed in the holding cell. Moore's cell was checked in accordance with Dept. Policy (as indicated by the cell check logs). I spoke with several C/O's who stated that Moore appeared to be sleeping in the cell each time the cell was checked. At approximately 0930 am, SCHP Cpl. Olney arrived to serve Moore his outstanding arrest warrants. Moore failed to get up when Olney called out to him. C/O's then entered the cell and found him unconscious and not breathing. I learned that Moore had been involved in a wreck prior to his arrest and had been transported to the ER. After Moore was cleared by hospital staff for incarceration, SCHP transported him to the Detention Center.

I contacted Sheriff Faile and advised him of the situation. I then contacted Capt. Derek Horton with the State Law Enforcement Division and requested that they start an investigation. Capt. Horton directed resources to respond to the Detention Center. I then directed Lt. Hatfield and Lt. Tuley to gather pertinent records (booking info, medical questionnaires, surveillance video, etc.) I collected those documents and turned them over to SLED when they arrived.

Major Shaw Final Supplement

On 09/28/2020 I met with Sheriff Faile who provided me with a copy of the State Law Enforcement Division Investigative Report File (32-20-0029) regarding the death of Ladarius Moore. I reviewed the file and noted the conclusion as indicated by Agent Bassard. They are as follows.
Conclusion
The following statements are based upon facts obtained during the investigation:
SCHP M/Trp Ilean Granata responded to a single car accident on Airport Road in Lancaster County. Moore was operating the vehicle and was in possession of an open container, marijuana, and some green pills with an alien head stamped on the pills (Attachments 2, 4, & 7).
Moore was placed under arrest by M/Trp. Granata and transported to Medical University of South Carolina Health Lancaster Medical Center (MUSCH-LMC) (Attachment 7).
While at MUSCH-LMC, SCHP M/Trp. Granata inquired if Moore ingested any illegal substance to which Moore replied no (Attachments 7, 8, & 9).
Moore was cleared by medical staff at MUSCH-LMC on March 18, 2020 to be incarcerated at the Lancaster County Detention Center (LCDC) (Attachments 7, 8, & 9).
Moore was transported by M/Trp. Granata to LCDC where he was booked on March 18, 2020 for DUI (Attachments 7, 8, 9, & 39).
Correctional officers at LCDC responded to a medical emergency in holding cell three where Moore was housed. Correctional officers performed lifesaving measures before LCEMS arrived on scene to assist with medical care (Attachments 1, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 34, & 35).
The Lancaster County Coroner's Report ruled Moore's death an accident, and the cause of death was from heroin and fentanyl (Attachment 30).

In relation to the Sheriff's Office involvement, I surmised the following. Sgt. Aldridge had limited contact and responsibility for Moore. He had no way of knowing that Moore had ingested dangerous substances. Moore was released to the custody of the SCHP who was with him at the hospital. Moore had many opportunities to seek medical treatment at the hospital and even verbally denied having ingested any dangerous substances while at the hospital.

Upon arrival at the Detention Center Moore was observed on video coming into the facility walking under his own power. He completes the medical intake process and again denies being under the influence of drugs. Detention Center Staff was provided a clearance for incarceration by SCHP and had no reason to believe that Moore had ingested a dangerous amount of narcotics.
Moore's cell was checked 18 times by 5 different officers during his incarceration. The officers all advised that each time Moore appeared to be asleep which was not unusual given the time of night. Officers also noted that Moore was snoring and that they did not notice any signs of distress.
When Moore was discovered unresponsive, staff working at the time responded appropriately and quickly. They contacted the Jail Nurse, EMS, and began emergency life saving measures.
Based the findings of the Coroner's Office and SLED Moore died of an accidental overdose. Our staff had no way of knowing what Moore had ingested and actions taken by our personnel was appropriate and within policy.
This case shall be unfounded.

Redaction Log

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