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 29301

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Christopher Johari Ja Benson SCDC# _____

3. HOME ADDRESS: PERSONAL INFORMATION

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB PERSONA HEIGHT 5' 11" WEIGHT 200 HAIR Blk

EYES Bro SEX M RACE B SOC SEC # PERSONAL

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Attempted Murder X3, Armed Robbery X3,
6. Poss weapon during violet crime X3, Assault & Batte

SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒

7. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 3-10-2019 2126hrs

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Ukn Coronors office made notifcatio

Mother: Michelle Benson 100 Prince Hall Apt apt 4 building 7

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: Dailey user of Marjuana

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown, pending autopys report

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: 0514 a.m. _____ p.m. Saturday day February month 2022 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: unknown will have to update

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Rusty Clevenger

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: unknown will have to update

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:

On 2-11-2022 while Deputy Penland was giving out trays for morning meal he called Inmate Benson by name and he didn't move, Deputy Penland called medical emergency and Deputy Peeler came to assiset him.

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 839 (Actual Count) 23 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: At approximately 0030 February 11, 2022

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

Captain Randy Hollifield
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

February 14, 2022
DATE OF REPORT

SCDC 8-2 (Revised July 1, 2011)

Redaction Log

Reason	Page (# of occurrences)	Description
PERSONAL INFORMATION	**1** (3)	Pursuant to SC. Code of Laws §30-4-40(a)(2)