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NEWS RELEASE

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Arrest made in Double Auto-Pedestrian

(Charleston County, S.C.) On June 30, 2016, Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Bernis Webb Jr., 48, of Cornflower Court in Charleston, for his involvement in the double auto-pedestrian fatality that occurred on June 25, 2016 in Hollywood, SC. Our deputies arrested Webb at his residence without incident.

On June 25, 2016, shortly before 10:00 p.m., Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to investigate an auto-pedestrian fatality that occurred in the 5400 block of SC HWY 162. According to witnesses, two pedestrians were riding their skateboards when they both were struck by the driver of a Jeep Wrangler. The Jeep Wrangler was seen driving reckless just before it struck the two pedestrians, making an attempt to pass another vehicle. After striking the two pedestrians, the driver, while in the Jeep Wrangler, fled the scene. Both pedestrians sustained fatal injuries and were pronounced dead at the scene.

Our deputies were able to locate the suspect's vehicle abandoned in the 7900 block of SC HWY 164. Shortly after locating the vehicle, the owner of the Jeep reported it stolen to the Charleston Police Department. However, during the course of our deputies' investigation, it was discovered that Bernis Webb's vehicle was not stolen and that he filed a false police report with the Charleston Police Department.

Bernis Webb is charged with two counts of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death. He will be held at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. His bond hearing is scheduled for July 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

This investigation is on-going and additional charges may be forthcoming.