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PRESS RELEASE

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Inmate Death

(North Charleston, SC): The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Charleston County Coroner's Office are investigating the death of a female inmate who was housed at the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center.

On November 14, 2016, shortly after 4:00 a.m., Charleston County deputies were dispatched to the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center to investigate a report of an unresponsive female inmate.

According to preliminary reports, a Detention Deputy was making security rounds in the Medical Ward and discovered an unresponsive female inmate in the restroom. The inmate was transported by Charleston County Emergency Medical Service to the Medical University of South Carolina, where she was pronounced dead.

The inmate was booked in to the Sheriff Cannon Detention Center on October 29, 2016 by Charleston County Sheriff's Office on an outstanding bench warrant for disorderly conduct.

As a standard practice of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, whenever an incident involves an in-custody death or a use of force resulting in a death, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is requested to conduct an investigation in to the incident. The identification of the inmate and the autopsy will be handled by the Charleston County Coroner's Office.

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