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## I-26 pursuit and pedestrian fatality

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop a vehicle for reckless driving around 1 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2022, near Ashley Phosphate Road and Interstate 26. The vehicle fled at high speed on eastbound I-26, and a pursuit ensued.

The vehicle led deputies toward the end of I-26, where it turned around and continued to flee on westbound I-26. After Stop Sticks were deployed, the vehicle came to a stop on westbound I-26 near the Ashley Phosphate Road exit, and the driver fled on foot across lanes of traffic. A civilian vehicle struck the suspect near the Highway 52 connector. He died at the scene. The S.C. Highway Patrol responded to investigate the fatality.

## UPDATE May 20, 2022

A link to dashcam footage from the pursuit is below. The zip file should be downloaded to a Windows PC. Click the "AutoPlay" icon to extract and view.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CEHn2CTslfR Q-PJ8f86HUa7ZUcYYdA-?usp=sharing

When the vehicle came to a stop near the connector to Highway 52, the suspect ran across westbound and eastbound lanes of I-26 before being struck by a civilian vehicle near the ramp from the connector to eastbound I-26. The Highway Patrol is investigating the fatality.

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