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Update on internal investigation in May 8 crash

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 10, 2022

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – As a result of an internal investigation, Emily Pelletier's employment with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office was terminated today for policy violations in the May 8 fatal collision at Highway 17 and New Road. A copy of the termination letter is attached.

As noted in the letter, Pelletier will be charged with three counts of reckless homicide. Please contact the S.C. Highway Patrol for any information related to the criminal charges.

EARLIER RELEASES

<https://sheriff.charlestoncounty.org/news/2022/dashcam-video-in-may-8-traffic-fatalities.pdf>

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County of Charleston, South Carolina

Sheriff Kristin R. Graziano

Memorandum:

To: Ms. Emily Pelletier ^{EP}

From: Sheriff K. Graziano 

Date: June 10, 2022

Subject: Letter of Termination

On May 9, 2022, the Office of Professional Standards began an investigation regarding a motor vehicle accident in which you were involved. The occupants of the other vehicle tragically succumbed to their injuries. As a direct result of the collision investigation, the South Carolina Highway Patrol MAIT team found you as the sole contributor and have decided to charge you criminally with three counts of Reckless Vehicular Homicide.

As a result of the investigation, the following policy violations were noted:

Procedure 1-08 Vehicle Operations:

- I. Purpose to establish procedures governing the safe operation of agency assigned vehicles.
- II. Policy Personnel operating vehicles issued by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are responsible for the operation, maintenance, and appearance of those vehicles. Personnel operating agency assigned vehicles will exercise due regard for the safety of all persons and demonstrate exemplary driving behavior.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office Procedure 1-09 Policy and Procedure Manual Agency Rules and Regulations:

4. Conformance to Laws:

Employees will obey all laws of the United States and of any state or local jurisdiction in which the employees are present.

After a careful review of the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter, I find it to be in the best interests of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office that your employment is terminated. This termination is effective as of the date of this letter.

This is a final determination; you may not appeal this decision.

I have received this letter of termination and understand its contents.



Ms. Emily Pelletier

6/10/22 12:02
Date/Time



Witness

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