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NEWS RELEASE

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Auto-Pedestrian Fatality

(Hollywood, S.C.) 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.

During an active search of the nearby area, 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.

This accident continues to be an active criminal investigation. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Traffic Division and the Charleston County Coroner's Office. The Coroner's Office will determine the cause of death and the identification of the victim.

Anyone with information about this fatal accident is asked to call Crimestoppers at 843.554.1111 or Consolidated Dispatch at 843.743.7200

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