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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Police body cameras bill signed into law without Walter Scott's name

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150610/PC1603/150619924>

Cynthia Roldan

A bill that seeks to equip South Carolina cops with body cameras was signed into law Wednesday in the hometown of the North Charleston man who was shot in the back and killed by a policeman as he fled. Walter Scott became a household name and a rallying cry for proponents of police body cameras after the release of a passerby's cellphone video of his shooting death by North Charleston Police Officer Michael Slager, who has since been charged with murder.

**Note:** Haley signed the bill surrounded by lawmakers, Scott's family members, community leaders and police officers. "We were devastated and felt a little betrayed by one of our own," Haley said. "This is about saying: 'We don't ever want a day like that to happen again'."

**WIS:** South Carolina's body camera bill is now law

[http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db\\_330790/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=28m73EvT&pn=&ps=#display](http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db_330790/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=28m73EvT&pn=&ps=#display)

Will Whitson, Jack Kuenzie

Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a bill in North Charleston on Wednesday, requiring law enforcement wear body cameras. The bill's passage comes after the fatal shooting of Walter Scott by a police officer earlier this year. The law requires police agencies to create a policy for who will wear the cameras, when they should and should not be recording, and how video from the cameras is stored.

**Note:** "Today people will be safer than they were yesterday and everyday it is going to get better," Haley said. "This is going to strengthen the people of South Carolina. This is going to strengthen law enforcement, and this is going to make sure Walter Scott did not die without us realizing that we have a problem."

**WCBD:** Gov. Nikki Haley signs body camera bill into law; Walter Scott's family reacts

<http://www.counton2.com/story/29292241/gov-nikki-haley-signs-body-camera-bill-into-law-walter-scotts-family-reacts?config=H264>

Matt Alba

Today, Governor Nikki Haley stood alongside Walter Scott's family and inked the landmark body-camera bill into law. The ceremonial bill signing took place at Park Circle in North Charleston. The governor explained how Scott's death helped advance the bill through the South Carolina State House in Columbia.

**Note:** "There was one group, that for me, will forever have been special, and that was the Scott family," said Governor Haley.

**Island Packet:** Beaufort County sheriff supports new body cam law

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/10/3787828/haley-to-sign-body-camera-legislation.html>

Rebecca Lurye

A new state law requiring S.C. law enforcement agencies to wear body cameras was influenced by Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner, who pushed lawmakers to limit the release of police footage and provide money for the technology.

**Note:** On Wednesday, he said he's satisfied with the bill Gov. Nikki Haley signed Wednesday because it would provide state funding for the equipment and greatly limit the amount of footage that must be released to the public and the media.

**Associated Press:** Haley signs body camera legislation in North Charleston

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Gk9roQ5V](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Gk9roQ5V)

The brother of Walter Scott, who was fatally shot as he ran from a North Charleston officer, praised South Carolina as the governor signed a bill into law Wednesday to help police get body cameras. The law

requires police agencies to create a policy for which officers will wear the cameras, when they should and should not be recording and how videos are stored.

**WBTW:** Solicitor's office to evaluate guidelines for body camera use after Governor Haley signs new law  
<http://www.wbtw.com/story/29291497/solicitors-office-to-evaluate-guidelines-for-body-camera-use-after-gov-haley-signs-new-law>

Jonee' Lewis

Governor Nikki Haley signed a bill helping police in the state get body cameras on Wednesday. The law requires police agencies to create a policy for which officers will wear the cameras, when they should and should not be recording and how videos are stored. If the policy is approved, agencies could get money lawmakers say they will set aside next year for cameras.

**McClatchy Washington:** White House lobbies California Republicans on trade  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/10/3788296/white-house-lobbies-california.html>

Michael Doyle

A feverish White House trade pitch is relying on support from California Republicans, in a cross-party lobbying campaign that reaches beyond Capitol Hill. With a showdown congressional vote fast approaching, the Obama administration's touch has extended to Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin.

**Note:** Swearingin, who was representing the U.S. Conference of Mayors at the White House event, joined the Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon of Missouri and Republican Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina in a panel discussion on trade and 21st century competitiveness.

**The State:** Budget stalemate could cost Haley some of her power  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article23702905.html>

Cassie Cope

Gov. Nikki Haley will lose the authority to appoint the head of the state Department of Transportation if a new state budget is not passed by July 1. Senate Finance Committee passed a resolution Wednesday for state government to continue operating at current funding levels in case a new budget is not passed by the beginning of the state's fiscal year, a move that indicates a budget deal may not be reached soon.

**Note:** "(I)t is irresponsible for the Legislature to not pass a budget by the new fiscal year," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said Wednesday. "(I)f they aren't doing so to play political games with our transportation system, that's even worse."

**Associated Press:** Senate Finance panel advances bill that keeps state running  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2V3SONWR](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2V3SONWR)

Seanna Adcox

A bill advanced Wednesday to the Senate floor that would keep South Carolina state government running if the fiscal year starts July 1 without a budget, but questions remain on how that would impact the Department of Transportation. "I'll never be part of shutting down state government," said Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence.

**Note:** Currently, the director answers to both Gov. Nikki Haley and the commission. Haley wants legislators to abolish the commission. Director Janet Oakley turned in her resignation last week, just 13 months after taking the job. She offered then to stay in the position until Haley finds her replacement.

**Times and Democrat:** Orangeburg company expanding in West Columbia  
[http://thetandd.com/news/orangeburg-company-expanding-in-west-columbia/article\\_be6c975f-dc41-5b83-9cd7-53e9dc8b30a8.html](http://thetandd.com/news/orangeburg-company-expanding-in-west-columbia/article_be6c975f-dc41-5b83-9cd7-53e9dc8b30a8.html)

Gene Zaleski

An Orangeburg company that specializes in the delivery of print and other media communications is constructing a new building in Lexington County. Sun Solutions is expected to invest \$10.5 million and add 50 new jobs. The company is building a new, 105,000-square-foot facility on Old Dunbar Road in West Columbia.

**Note:** "Sun Solutions has been doing business in South Carolina for more than 30 years and we're thrilled that this great company continues to find success here," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

## **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Greenville News:** Budget impasse threatens county road funding  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/10/budget-impasse-threatens-county-road->

[funding/71028246/](#)

Tim Smith

The Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday approved a contingency plan in the event lawmakers cannot agree on a budget before July 1, as some lawmakers raised the possibility that not having a budget would doom extra road funding and cause leadership confusion at the state's highway agency.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Island Packet:** Money not the biggest problem for state roads

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/09/3787041/money-not-the-biggest-problem.html>

Editorial

South Carolina's legislature needs to do more homework before again tackling road funding. We hope they heard a clear message from the public during the session that ended last week without passing a road-improvement plan. We hope legislators heard that the public does not trust the state Department of Transportation.

**Post and Courier:** Lawmakers half-hearted about FOI

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150611/PC1002/150619892>

Editorial

A legislative session that was most notable for how little it accomplished followed suit on issues regarding open, transparent government. In what should be considered a victory, a new South Carolina law will do what many thought was already called for and had thus been doing for years. It requires public bodies to have agendas.

**The State:** Do you know the purpose of license plates, driver's licenses? Do your legislators?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scopepe/article23671651.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scopepe

IT WAS TOO early in the morning when I went to the DMV to renew my driver's license. Before I pushed my bespectacled face up against the vision tester, I checked with the clerk to make sure I could get my new picture taken without the glasses, since I wear my contacts when I don't have to leave home so early. Of course so, she said; we do the picture however you want it done.

**Index-Journal:** Community has right to know truth, facts

<http://indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/Community-has-right-to-know-truth--facts>

Sometimes, news is not good. It can be downright tragic, especially in a relatively small and tight-knit community. But that does not change the fact that news should be reported and that the very community in which the news occurs deserves to be given all the information available. Certainly that is no truer than when a substantial health issue strikes.

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** New DHEC chief says landfills need scrutiny

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article23733052.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

Maintaining enough money to prevent landfills from leaking -- and keeping taxpayers off the hook for the cost -- is on Catherine Heigel's mind as she takes charge at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. In her first interview with The State newspaper since becoming director last week, Heigel said one of the major issues facing DHEC is ensuring that landfills maintain proper cleanup funds.

**Associated Press:** Accrediting board could decide future of SC State

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kD6JXwbk](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kD6JXwbk)

Seanna Adcox

The fate of South Carolina State University may rest with its accrediting board. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges is expected to decide Thursday whether to keep the struggling school on probation or revoke its membership. The commission placed South Carolina's only public historically black college on probation last June due to its financial and leadership woes.

**The State:** SLED probes report of missing money in Lexington County court clerk's office

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article23700016.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

State Law Enforcement Division agents are looking into allegations of missing money in the Lexington County clerk of court's office. SLED spokesman Thom Berry confirmed the investigation Wednesday, declining further comment. The office handles millions in child support and alimony payments as well as a variety of legal fees and fines.

#### **Local News:**

**Sun News:** \$175 million Myrtle Beach budget includes 5 percent raise for police and fire, merit raise for all employees

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article23613391.html#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Myrtle Beach police officers and firefighters will receive a 5 percent salary increase and all 850 full-time city employees could receive up to a 3 percent raise within the next year. Myrtle Beach City Council on Tuesday approved a \$175 million budget that included the across-the-board 5 percent increase for those working in the police and fire departments.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston area continues to rack up stellar home sales

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150610/PC05/150619930>

Warren L. Wise

Charleston area home sales continue to sizzle. Home sales rose 10.9 percent last month over May 2014 as 1,457 homes changed hands in the region at a median price of \$235,000, according to preliminary data Wednesday from the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. The median price is about \$17,500 more than a year ago.

**Island Packet:** Bluffton chamber tackles cybersecurity after businesses targeted

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/10/3788692\\_bluffton-chamber-tackles-cybersecurity.html?rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/10/3788692_bluffton-chamber-tackles-cybersecurity.html?rh=1)

Matt McNab

For months, three employees at the Timeless Interiors store in Bluffton painstakingly catalogued the store's inventory as part of an upgrade to the store's computer program. It took just one errant computer click by an employee to activate a virus that was hidden in a nondescript email attachment. The virus wiped out nearly all of their progress.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Franklin Graham's anti-gay moves anger York County civil rights activists

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article23678431.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

Jim Strickland is a proud Christian. He is a proud Wells Fargo bank customer. His business, From This Moment, handles wedding planning and floral displays. If you are in the wedding and flower business, the month of June means you work until you drop.

**Sun News:** Group wants to turn shipping containers into a village for homeless veterans

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article23690515.html#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Getting homeless veterans off of the streets. That's the goal of the newly formed nonprofit Veterans Housing Development Corp., an organization that plans to take an 8-foot-by-40-foot shipping container and turn it into a home for veterans who don't have one.

#### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Congress, states will be left holding ball if health subsidies jettisoned

<http://www.thestate.com/living/health-fitness/article23702707.html#storylink=cpy>

Alan Fram

It will be up to Congress and the states to respond should the Supreme Court annul federal subsidies that are a cornerstone of President Barack Obama's health care law, the administration's top health official told Congress on Wednesday.

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