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Subject: News Release Traffic Fatality

For Immediate Release:

(Ladson, SC) On December 13, 2015, shortly after 1:00 a.m., Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the intersection of Ladson Road and College Park Road to investigate a two car collision one resulting in a fatality.

According to preliminary reports, the driver of a 2001 Dodge RAM 1500 was traveling east on US 78, approaching the intersection at College Park Road when it struck the driver of a 2010 Nissan Versa in the rear. The driver of the Dodge fled from the scene at a high rate of speed and began driving down Ladson Road toward Wayland Drive, where the driver failed to negotiate the turn onto Wayland Drive. As a result, the Dodge left the roadway and began a rollover event, which resulted in fatal injuries to the driver. It was determined that the driver of the Dodge was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The victim of the first collision was transported to Trident Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Speed appears to be the primary contributing factor for the fatal accident. Both incidents remain under investigation by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.