

To: The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
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December 28th 2015  
From: David Seay  
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I am respectfully making a request for you to ask Chief of SLED Mark Keel to start a Preliminary Criminal Investigation into this matter along with the FBI, because this matter constitutes Obstruction of Justice that I believe involves tampering with evidence, spoliation of evidence, and attempting to conceal pertinent and relevant evidence involving a criminal investigation.

Please find enclosed a 8x10 photo print, this photo is from Spartanburg Coroner's Office Evidence Photos and is a crime scene photo identified as DSC\_0195. A copy of this photo is also on the enclosed DVD disk labeled Terry Paul Pritchard crime scene photo DSC\_0195. Also enclosed is a copy of supplement statements from Crime Scene Report Sgt. David Hogsed I-57. I've previously delivered to SLED some information regarding my concerns with this case. Enclosed you will see copy of a reply letter I've previously received from SLED.

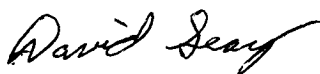
There are many indicators of foul play being involved with Terry's death and many indicators of foul play that took place with the investigation into the matter of Terry's death. This particular one is just one aspect which the FBI in Columbia is aware of and I would like you to focus on this right now so you can get a clear understanding of just one of my many concerns.

Photo DSC\_0195 is of the double magazines holder that contains two spare magazines for Terry's service gun. (Note Terry was in uniform on the way to work and was a Spartanburg County Sheriff Deputy Detention Officer.) **Note per Sgt. David Hogsed statement on page 17 of 38 of the Deputy Report for incident 13090487, not only did he not turn these items into the evidence room the day of Terry's death. The following day he did not turn these items into evidence at all.**

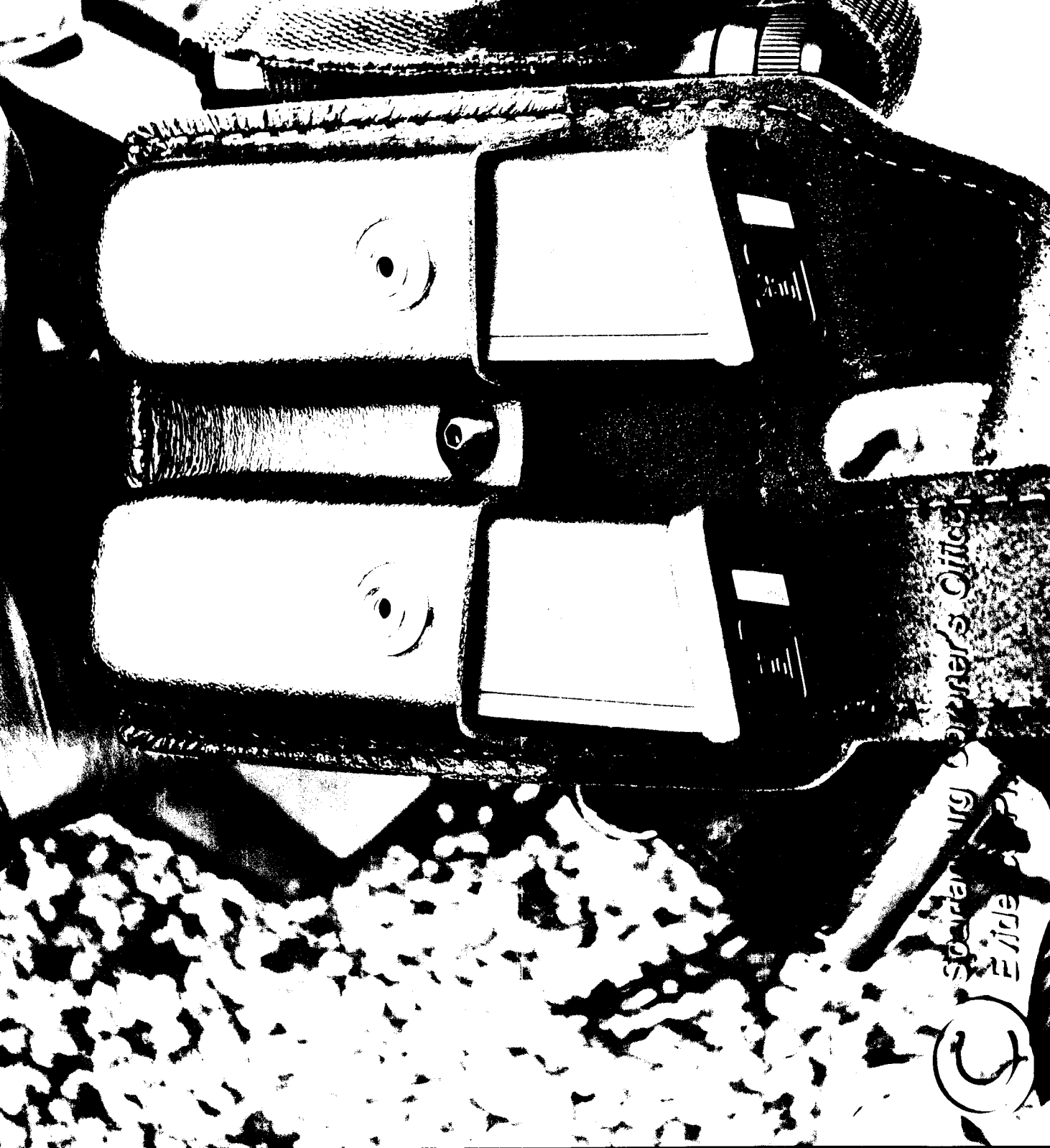
Now I'm not a forensic expert, but it seems a forensic expert investigating a crime scene would see the evidence depicted in photo DSC\_0195 as crucial important evidence. I can not figure out how blood stains could get under a closed flap like that from a gunshot wound to the head? If you know of an expert who could offer an explanation of what appears to me to be a broke fingernail on the clip on the right side of photo on the bottom, plus a short red line imprint near one the snap on left side of photo, a red thread fiber, plus what seems to be a remnant of tissue paper on the pouch on the left at the right top corner. I'm thinking if that is tissue paper, it may be an indication of someone who may have been tampering with clip, wiping it down. Once again, I'm no expert but I recognize that items in that photo is important evidence, yet Officer Hogsed intentionally did not turn it into the Spartanburg County Sheriff Office Evidence Room. I have reason to believe Hogsed's actions is part of a cover-up of Terry's murder and that other officers may also be involved in this cover-up. Which also leads me to believe that Terry may have been killed by another officer, and that Hogsed might know who killed Terry, but for some reason he seems to be protecting someone by tampering with evidence.

Please take action on this request. Looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



David Seay



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Terry Paul Pritchard crime scene photo DSC-0195

# SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

NIKKI R. HALEY  
Governor



MARK A. KEEL  
Chief

February 27, 2015

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Dear Mr. Seay:

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is in receipt of your letter in reference to your concern about the cause of death of Terry Pritchard.

**SLED enters matters of criminal misconduct by government agencies, corporations or individuals only after a review by a Solicitor, the Attorney General's Office, or at the request of the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction. Therefore, SLED will not conduct a criminal investigation into this matter.**

SLED's Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) has reviewed and discussed this case with both the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office and the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office. Based on the review of the file and discussion with the aforementioned agencies, SLED does not find sufficient evidence to open a criminal investigation into this matter.

I have enclosed the pictures and CD you submitted to SLED as some material appears to be originals.

With best regards,

John T. Bishop, Captain  
Investigative Services  
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One Streamlight flashlight in a pouch and one handcuff key on a belt type key ring holder.

Items collected were submitted to the evidence room with some of Pritchard's personal belongings submitted as recovered property. Digital photographs taken were down loaded into the digital crime scene photo computer. SLED I-Lab request was completed asking that the GSR kit be analyzed and that the weapon collected be submitted to IBIS.

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Crime Scene Report

Sgt. David Hogsed I-57

Case# 13090487

Date: 09/10/13

Location: Wingo Corporate Dr. off New Cut Rd.

Victim: Pritchard, T.

Incident Type: Death Investigation

On 09/10/13 I was called and informed of this incident and responded arriving at 0713am.

Entering the crime scene, there was a white colored Chevrolet truck bearing a SC tag of HJD.446 The truck was parked several yards off New Cut Rd as if it was traveling on Wingo Corporate Drive towards New Cut Rd with the front end towards New Cut Rd. The vehicle is off with the keys in the ignition switch.

A white male wearing a Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Uniform is lying on his back at somewhat of an angle near the rear of the truck on the driver's side. He is identified as one Terry P. Pritchard. His head is near the area of the driver's side rear tire. His legs are straight out with his right arm down by his side. His left arm is down by his side and bent at the elbow with his hand resting on his duty belt / side area. His issued sidearm is in its holster with the safety latch still in place. His pepper spray is in its holder with the flap snapped in place.

There is a black colored semi-auto handgun above his head area near the end of the truck bed. A set of eyeglasses with blood spatter on them is near his feet. Blood spatter is observed underneath Pritchard's feet area as well as on his pants. Pooling blood is underneath Pritchard's head and shoulder areas. Blood spatter is also observed on the lower half of the truck bed on the driver's side.

The hammer of the weapon on the ground above Pritchard is back in the firing position.

Digital photographs were taken. The following items around the vehicle and Pritchard were marked as evidence with numbered placards, photographed and collected throughout the scene processing:

1. Eyeglasses on ground near Pritchard's feet. Collected at 0816am.
2. Blood swab off roadway near Pritchard's feet. Collected at 0904am.
3. Cigarette filter by Pritchard's left elbow area. Collected at 0816am.
4. Cigarette filter by Pritchard's right shoulder area. Collected at 0816am.
5. 9mm handgun. Zastave Serbis M88A with a serial number of ZA881000239.  
(The chamber contained one unfired PPU 9mm Luger cartridge and five unfired PPU 9mm Luger cartridges in the magazine. Collected at 0844am.)  
Blood was observed on the barrel end of the slide.
6. Blood swab off the bottom area of the truck bed on the driver's side end.  
Collected at 0906am.
7. Cigarette filter from roadway at the passenger side end of the truck.  
Collected at 0858am.
8. Cigarette filter off the curb area on the passenger side of the truck.  
Collected at 858am.
9. Cigarette filter off the curb area on the passenger side of the truck.  
Collected at 0859am.
10. Empty plastic drink bottle off the curb area on the passenger side of the truck. Collected at 0859am.
11. Cigarette filter off the curb area on the passenger side of the truck.  
Collected at 0900am.

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12. One fired PPU 9mm Luger cartridge casing off the top of the curb on the passenger side of the truck in the area where the truck cab and bed come together. Collected at 0901am.
13. Six unfired PPU 9mm Luger cartridges/bullets removed from item 5, handgun. Collected at 0844am.

Refer to the digital photographs taken to see exact location of each item prior to them being collected.

The vehicle interior was also searched with the following located, photographed and collected without numbered placards being used:

14. Cloth type handgun case from behind the driver's seat. Collected at 0913am.
15. Box containing 17 Monarch PPU 9mm Luger unfired cartridges/bullets from behind the driver's seat. (Found inside item 14) Collected at 0913am.
- Wallet of Terry P. Pritchard found in the passenger side front floorboard. Collected at 0853am and issued evidence item number 20.
- Two each USB drives. Collected at 0840am. Issued evidence item number 19.
- Uniform name tag. Collected at 0821am. Issued evidence item number 18.

The deceased was then moved and examined. On the right side of Pritchard's head near the temple area was a gunshot wound indicating that the weapon used was close but not in contact with the head leaving stippling and powder marks around the wound area. There was an exit wound on the left side of Pritchard's head near the temple area.

Blood spatter (or "blow back") was observed on Pritchard's right forearm area. There was blood on Pritchard's facial area indicating that he had aspirated blood once on the ground. The blood spatter and blood pooling indicated that Pritchard was most likely standing and moving during and shortly thereafter being shot. This is also indicated by the fired cartridge casing being on the passenger side of the vehicle. With Pritchard standing, the cartridge casing most likely bounced off the top of the truck or off the truck bed top rail landing on the passenger side.

**Prior to Pritchard being transported to SRMC, I took possession of the gun belt, badge and name tag he was wearing.**

At 1:00pm I attended the autopsy performed on Pritchard by Dr. Wren. Prior to the procedure beginning I completed a gunshot residue kit (GSR) on Pritchard's hands that had been secured with paper bags prior to him being transported from the scene (evidence item #17). I also collected the uniform pants, shirt, ballistics vest and boots he was wearing. Due to their condition, these items were placed into a drying cabinet.

At the Sheriff's Office several of the items collected were photographed in detail. Blood was swabbed off the front portion of the weapon slide (evidence item 16.)

The unfired bullets in the weapon and in the box located behind the driver's seat matched that of the cartridge casing on the ground.

**On 09/11/13, the following items were taken to the Spartanburg County Detention Facility and turned over to Lt. M. Jones:**

One Glock .40 caliber model 22 handgun with a serial number of STN963, **three fully loaded 15 round weapon magazines**, one loose .40 caliber unfired bullet, one can of "The Guardian" pepper spray, one electronic slide card, one SCSO identification card (Terry Paul Pritchard), one SCSO badge, one duty belt, one weapon holster, one holster for pepper spray, **one double magazine holder**, one WT holder, four belt keepers, one handcuff case, one handcuffs, and one vinyl glove pouch.

Two items on the gun belt were not issued by the Detention Facility and were taken to the Sheriff's Office and submitted with the other items: