

# Woman arrested for year's 1st homicide in McCormick

By Bob Stockton

On Saturday, Jan. 15, McCormick County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched for a call for shots being fired at a residence on Randolph Hampton Road.

Deputies entered the residence and observed a male subject lying face down on floor of the living room bleeding from his back. A female subject who deputies identified was standing beside him.

She stated she and her husband had been arguing, and a gun fell off the refrigerator and discharged, striking the male subject. Deputies confirmed EMS was enroute, applied pressure to the wound and began first aid on the victim.

Deputies secured a gun which was lying on the floor. The wife was escorted out of the residence into the front yard. EMS arrived on the scene and began medical protocol.

Deputies located and recovered a single bullet from underneath the victim as he was transported to the EMS gurney. The scene was secured with crime scene tape pending the arrival of investigators, and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators obtained a search warrant to search the residence, and the female subject was taken to the sheriff's office and interviewed. She consented to having a gun shot residue (GSR) swab applied to her hands, and investigators completed their interview and released her.

The GSR swab was taken to the SC Law Enforcement Crime Lab for analysis, and an autopsy was completed on the subject. Investigators obtained the autopsy results and subsequently petitioned the magistrate for a criminal arrest warrant for murder for the wife.

She was arrested without incident and transported to the detention center for booking and processing. The case remains open and under investigation currently pending court events.

Deputies were dispatched to the 5000 block of highway 28 north, in reference to a shooting incident/damaged property that had already occurred. They arrived and observed multiple points of damage to the front of the building, and the damage appeared to be from a discharged firearm.

Deputies spoke with the caller who stated when she arrived to work in the morning, she began to open the front door of the business and noticed wooden debris. She thought it was from work done the night before.

The complainant stated she went into the kitchen area of the business and noticed shattered glass everywhere with severe damage to the front window of the

building. At that time, she called 911.

Deputies processed the scene for evidence and recovered multiple spent shell casings. There were no injuries as a result of the incident, a report was generated, and the case remains under investigation.

Deputies were dispatched to 437 Talbert Rd., Westtown Apartments for a call about shots fired. They observed a black Dodge Challenger with bullet holes through the back glass and the right rear quarter panel.

The owner of the vehicle was identified as he was walking around his vehicle. The victim stated that he hadn't seen anything and was just driving through the complex when the vehicle was struck several times by gunfire.

Deputies responded to the address of the 911 caller, and she stated she and her juvenile son were in the back bedroom of their

apartment when they heard multiple gunshots from outside. She stated she called 911 then went into the hallway.

At that time, she noticed a bullet hole through her front door. Deputies processed the apartment, car and parking lot for evidence. The case remains open and under investigation currently.

Deputies were dispatched to the 9000 block of highway 28 south in reference to EMS needing assistance with a possible domestic incident. Deputies arrived on the scene and observed a female subject screaming and yelling at EMS staff.

Deputies were informed of a blue bag of cocaine on the porch next to the subject. They approached the subject and identified her. She stated her husband had been cheating on her and advised she wanted to harm herself.

She further stated her husband had thrown her through the front door onto the porch. Deputies secured the baggie of cocaine, questioned her about it, and she admitted it was cocaine. Deputies interviewed the husband who was inside the home, and he stated that nothing physical had happened.

Deputies noted there was no evidence of any sort of physical struggle. The wife requested transport to the hospital, and EMS transported her for evaluation. Deputies will seek a warrant for possession of cocaine which will be served pending her release from the hospital

Deputies were dispatched to the Plum Branch Yacht Club area of the county in reference to a stolen boat trailer. Deputies spoke with the victim who stated his 2017 Load-Rite boat trailer had been stolen from his storage lot.

He stated he had been out of town, and it was missing when he returned. He did have a trailer tongue lock on the trailer to secure it, and the trailer was stored in an open area provided by the club. Deputies obtained the trailer information, and it has been entered into National Crime Information Center as "Stolen".

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Deputies were dispatched to highway 10 for a call of a tractor trailer blocking all lanes. The truck, which was traveling southbound on highway 10, stopped prior to striking the overpass, attempted to turn around at the overpass and became stuck in two ditches on each side of the highway. Deputies, SC Highway Patrol troopers and SCDOT employees had to redirect traffic for several hours until a heavy equipment wrecker was summoned to pull the rig out of the ditch. There were no injuries as a result of the incident. -Sheriff's Dept. photo

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