



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

P.O. Box 21398  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29221-1398

*Henry D. McMaster, Governor*

*Mark A. Keel, Chief*

*Tel: (803) 737-9000*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
June 21, 2021

Contact: Tommy Crosby  
[tcrosby@sled.sc.gov](mailto:tcrosby@sled.sc.gov)  
(803) 896-8396

### **SLED UPDATE IN THE ONGOING MURDAUGH DOUBLE MURDER INVESTIGATION**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is committed to a thorough, fair, and impartial investigation into the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh. We understand the interest this case has drawn and urge the public to withhold judgment until our investigation is complete.

We have received and are currently processing a significant number of FOIA requests for documents related to this case. In the interest of transparency, SLED is releasing redacted copies of the supplemental incident reports recently received from the Colleton County Sheriff's Office. We will continue to evaluate the records in this case and will release additional information when possible.

“As Chief of SLED I urge the public to be patient and let the investigation take its course. This case is complex, and we will not rush this or any investigation. Investigative decisions we make throughout this case must withstand the scrutiny of the criminal justice process. SLED agents continue to interview possible witnesses, collect and process potential evidence, and investigate every lead with the same diligence we devote to every case.”

“SLED agents are working tirelessly with our partners to build a case against any person responsible for the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh to ensure that justice is served,” said SLED Chief Mark Keel.

If you have any information related to this case, please call SLED's 24-hour dedicated tip line at (803) 896-2605.

###

Redacted copies of the supplemental incident reports attached  
[www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)



# Colleton County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
 Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
 www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case 21 02008

**REDACTED**

Printed on June 14, 2021

<b>Status</b>	Active
<b>Report Type</b>	Patrol
<b>Primary Officer</b>	Daniel Greene
<b>Investigator</b>	Laura Rutland
<b>Reported At</b>	06/07/21 22:07
<b>Incident Date</b>	06/07/21 22:07 - 06/07/21 22:07
<b>Incident Code</b>	09A : Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
<b>Location</b>	4147 MOSELLE RD, ISLANDTON, SC 29929
<b>Zone</b>	North
<b>Beat</b>	Islandton
<b>Disposition</b>	Active
<b>Disposition Date/Time</b>	06/07/21 23:11
<b>Review for Gang Activity</b>	None
<b>Asst Officers</b>	
S758 - McDowell, Buford; S631 - Nettles, Lonnie; S744 - Pruitt, William	
<b>Status Indicator</b>	Administrative Filler
<b>Status Change Date</b>	6/7/21

The redacted information provides details about the manner in which the crime was committed.

### Offense Information

<b>Offense</b>	MURDER
<b>Statute</b>	16-03-10
<b>SCIBRS Code</b>	09A - Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter
<b>Counts</b>	1
<b>Date</b>	6/7/21
<b>Include In NIBRS</b>	Yes
<b>Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Bias Motivation</b>	None (no bias)
<b>Location</b>	Farm Facility
<b>Entry Forced</b>	<b>REDACTED</b>
<b>Forces Used</b>	<b>REDACTED</b>

### Dispatch Information

<b>CFS #</b>	CFS2106070175						
<b>Location</b>	4147 MOSELLE RD, ISLANDTON, SC 29929						
<b>Incident Code</b>	SG15 : Gunshot Wound						
<b>Occurred Between</b>	06/07/21 22:07:58 and						
<b>Assigned</b>	22:09:10	<b>Enroute</b>	22:12:22	<b>On Scene</b>	22:25:59	<b>Completed</b>	03:11:08

### Victim

<b>MURDAUGH, MARGARET K - Age 52 - Sex Female</b>	16-03-10 - MURDER
<b>MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY - Age 22 - Sex Male</b>	16-03-10 - MURDER

**Vehicles**

---

**REDACTED**

**Names Mentioned in Narratives**

---

MURDAUGH, MARGARET K	Supplement - Supplement Narrative Supplement - Supplement
MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY	Supplement - Supplement Narrative
MURDAUGH, PAUL TERRY	Supplement - Supplement
MURDAUGH, RICHARD ALEXANDER	Supplement - Supplement Narrative

**Original Narrative By Daniel Greene**

**Original Narrative**

On June 7, 2021 at approximately 2226 hours I. Sat. Greene responded to 4147 Moselle Rd in Colleton County in reference to two gunshot victims **REDACTED**

See supplement for details.

**Case Forms**

---

Victim Notification Information Form 6/8/21  
Victim Notification Information Form 6/8/21  
Original Narrative (Original Narrative) 6/8/21 by Daniel Greene  
Supplement Narrative (Supplement Narrative) 6/8/21 by Daniel Greene  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - RICHARD MURDAUGH 27  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - PAUL MURDAUGH 27  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - MARGARET MURDAUGH 27  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - RICHARD MURDAUGH 29  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - PAUL MURDAUGH 29  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - MARGARET MURDAUGH 29  
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by William Pruitt  
Attached Document 6/8/21 - Crime Scene Log Form  
Supplement Narrative (Supplemental Narrative) 6/8/21 by Buford McDowell

**REDACTED**

Attached Document 6/8/21 - GIBSON 27

**REDACTED**

Supplement Narrative **REDACTED**  
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by Keith Crosby  
Supplement Narrative 6/8/21 by Richard Haley  
Investigation Narrative (Community Contact) 6/8/21 by James Washington  
Supplement Narrative (Supplement) 6/8/21 by Lonnie Nettles  
Supplement Narrative 6/9/21 by George Rioux  
Attached Document 6/9/21 **REDACTED**  
Supplement Narrative 6/9/21 by David Long  
Investigator s - Case Action Narrative (Varnadoe supplement) 6/9/21 by Dathan Varnadoe  
Supplement Narrative 6/10/21 by Richard Haley  
Supervisor Case Review 6/13/21

The redacted information provides details about the vehicles found at the crime scene, as well as who found the victims.

**Property / Evidence**

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
REDACTED	Evidence	Physical	In Temporary Custody	SLED	REDACTED

The redacted information provides details about the firearm seized from the crime scene.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 03:44)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By Buford McDowell

Supplemental Narrative

Case #21-02008

Typed By Buford McDowell

On Monday June 7, 2021 I Dep. McDowell responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. in the Islandton area of Colleton County in reference to a shooting incident. Once on scene I helped Sgt. Greene establish a crime scene, located and marked shell casings with crime scene tape, and took a post on one side of the scene **REDACTED**  
**REDACTED** Once enough units arrived on scene I left and resumed my assigned road patrol duties. Nothing further.

**the redacted information provides details about the evidence seized from the crime scene, as well as which individuals were present at the incident location.**



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
*Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr*

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 00:09)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By Daniel Greene

Supplement Narrative

Case #21-02008

Typed By Daniel Greene

Synopsis: On June 7, 2021 at approximately 2226 hours I, Sgt. Greene responded to 4147 Moselle Rd in Colleton County in reference to two gunshot victims found by the caller.

When I arrived on scene I found two individuals, Paul Murdaugh and Margaret Murdaugh, lying on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds [REDACTED] advised CCSO dispatch that the scene was secure for CCFR medics to come in to the victims. Investigators were already notified and responding to the scene.

[REDACTED]

As other units arrived on scene, the crime scene was secured with crime scene tape and only essential personnel were allowed access. Dep. Pruitt started a crime scene log (see Pruitt s supplement).

CID began arriving on scene shortly after my arrival and the scene was turned over to them.

Nothing further to report at this time. End of report.

The redacted information provides details about the evidence seized from the crime scene, as well as which individuals were present at the incident location.





# Colleton County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 14:37)

Printed on June 14, 2021

### Investigator's - Case Action Report By Dathan Varnadoe

Varnadoe supplement

Case #21-02008

Typed By Dathan Varnadoe

On June 7, 2021 I Sgt. Varnadoe responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. in Colleton County S.C. in reference to a shooting at this location. Once on scene I assisted with preserving the crime scene for the SLED Crime Scene Unit to process.

**REDACTED** I also escorted the tow service ( S&S Super lube) with the **REDACTED** back to the Colleton County Sheriff's Office where I secured it in the impound lot. Nothing further.

The redacted information provides details about the evidence seized from the crime scene, as well as which individuals were present at the incident location.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
*Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr*

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 14:16)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By David Long

Case #21-02008

Typed By David Long

On 6/07/21 at about 22:30 I was contacted by Captain Chapman and informed of a shooting involving two victims in the Islandton area. I responded to the address he had provided, upon hearing my radio transmission that I was on the way Capt requested that I divert to Headquarters and retrieve a large tent to cover some of the evidence exposed to the elements. I did as instructed and arrived at the scene **REDACTED**

**REDACTED** While assisting on scene, the Medical Examiner had contaminated his gloves and asked if i would use his camera an take the necessary photos he required and I did so at his direction. I remained on scene until Sled Crime Scene had completed their effort at the incident location.

The redacted information provides details about the location of a body at the crime scene.





**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
**Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr**

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/09/21 10:51)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By George Rioux

Case #21-02008

Typed By George Rioux

Reference A:

A double homicide occurred at 4147 Moselle Road.

Officer s Observations/Actions:

On the morning of 6-8-2021 I was contacted via telephone by Sheriff Hill and directed to assist the SC Law Enforcement Division in the investigation of this case. It was requested that deputies search the area near the crime scene for video surveillance camera systems on nearby residences. CCSO Sgt. J. Washington and I paired up to ride together. Other CCSO Deputies were also working together on the same assignment.

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about the canvas performed by law enforcement, which contains information about which homes had video cameras.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 16:25)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Investigation Report By James Washington

Community Contact

Case #21-02008

Typed By James Washington

On 06/08/2021 contact was made with a [REDACTED] at the location of [REDACTED] Colleton County. The

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about the canvas performed by law enforcement, which contains information about whether a home had a video camera.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 14:16)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## **Supplement Report By Keith Crosby**

**Supplement**

**Case #21-02008**

**Typed By Keith Crosby**

Upon arriving on scene, Sheriff Hill instructed me to ride Moselle Rd and look for homes or businesses that may have exterior home security cameras facing the road.

**REDACTED**

**The redacted information provides details about the canvas performed by law enforcement, which contains information about which homes had video cameras.**



# Colleton County Sheriff's Office

## *Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr*

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 22:11)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By Lonnie Nettles

Supplement

Case #21-02008

Typed By Lonnie Nettles

On 6/7/21, at approximately 10:07 PM, I, Lt. L. Nettles, responded to 4147 Moselle Rd. with other units for a report two gunshot wound victims. Upon arrival, deputies had secured the initial crime scene. Two individuals were observed laying on the ground **REDACTED** I then assisted with extending the crime scene with a secondary perimeter with additional crime scene tape. I then stood by on the perimeter of the inner crime scene. Agents from SLED arrived and took over the crime scene for processing. I was then released from the scene.

**The redacted information provides details about the location of a body from the crime scene.**



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Notes

Printed on June 14, 2021

Katelyn Barwick, 06/09/21 09:45

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about steps taken by law enforcement to interview a potential witness/subject to this double homicide.



# Colleton County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Vehicle Card

Printed on June 14, 2021

Plate #  
Plate Expires  
Plate State  
Plate Type  
VIN  
Vehicle Year  
Vehicle Make  
Vehicle Model  
Vehicle Style  
Vehicle Color 1  
Vehicle Color 2  
Vehicle Features  
Owner  
Owner

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about the vehicles found at the crime scene, the manner of injury to the victims and the firearms seized.





# Colleton County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Vehicle Card

Printed on June 14, 2021

Plate #  
Plate Expires  
Plate State  
Plate Type  
VIN  
Vehicle Year  
Vehicle Make  
Vehicle Model  
Vehicle Style  
Vehicle Color 1  
Vehicle Color 2  
Vehicle Features  
Owner  
Owner  
History

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about the vehicles found at the crime scene, the manner of injury to the victims and the firearms seized.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 15:08)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## **Supplement Report By Richard Haley**

Case #21-02008

Typed By Richard Haley

6-8-21

At 1016 I Deputy R. Haley was contacted by Lt. G. Rioux to meet up with Lt. K. Crosby

**REDACTED**

The redacted information provides details about the canvas performed by law enforcement, which contains information about which homes had video cameras.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/10/21 10:20)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By Richard Haley

Case #21-02008

Typed By Richard Haley

6-9-21 | Deputy Haley was requested by Lt. K. Crosby

**REDACTED**

Nothing further.

**The redacted information provides details about the canvas performed by law enforcement, which contains information about which homes had video cameras.**



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 13:40)

Printed on June 14, 2021

## Supplement Report By William Polk

vehicle tow

Case #21-02008

Typed By William Polk

On 6/8/21 I Lt. Polk along with Lt. Crosby

**REDACTED**

Nothing further.

The redacted information provides  
details about the evidence seized  
from the crime scene.



**Colleton County Sheriff's Office**  
***Sheriff Guerry L. "Buddy" Hill, Jr***

394 Mable T. Willis Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488  
Phone (843) 549-2211 Fax (843) 538-4384  
www.colletoncountysheriff.com



Case Narrative for 21 02008 (06/08/21 02:25)

Printed on June 14, 2021

---

## **Supplement Report By William Pruitt**

**Supplement**

**Case #21-02008**

**Typed By William Pruitt**

I Deputy Pruitt arrived on scene at 4147 Moselle Road in Colleton County in after SGT Greene and Deputy McDowell and Colleton County Fire Rescue. When I arrived on scene I began to tape of the crime scene. Once the crime scene was tapped off and after SGT Tindal arrived on scene I began a crime scene log of who entered the crime scene.