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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Charge Wife in Fatal Shooting of her Husband

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has taken a Greenville woman into custody following the fatal shooting of her husband. Harold Anthony Arnold (49yoa) was found deceased in his bed at approximately 4:15am this morning at a residence located at #342 Belt Rd in Easley.

Initial information from a 911 call advised that a shooting had occurred and that one person was injured from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Sheriff's Deputies arrived on the scene and were met by the victim's wife who stated that the victim had committed suicide while she was in another part of the residence. No other individuals were inside the home at the time the shot was fired. A 9mm handgun, believed to be the weapon used in the incident, was recovered at the scene.

An intensive investigation throughout the day determined that the incident had been staged to appear as a self-inflicted injury; however, Sheriff's Detectives determined that the victim had been intentionally shot one time in the head by his estranged wife.

Rebecca L. Easterling (51yoa) was taken into custody within the past hour and charged in the intentional shooting and murder of her husband - Harold Anthony Arnold. She is currently being booked into the Pickens County Detention Center charged with the following offenses:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant#:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
Murder	Pending	03-18-16
Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime	Pending	03-18-16

Copies of the Arrest Warrants will not be available until tomorrow. A mug shot will be available on the Inmate Search portal of the website later this evening.

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