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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Investigates Fatal Shooting on Sunny Lane in Pickens – Shooter Arrested

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal shooting that occurred on Sunny Lane in Pickens earlier this evening.

At approximately 7:55pm, the Sheriff's Office received reports that a shooting had occurred in front of a residence on Sunny Lane. Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene in approximately 11 minutes and located an adult female that was deceased in the driveway of #110 Sunny Lane.

The victim had wounds characteristic of gunshot wounds and multiple .9mm caliber shell casings were found near the victim. A .9mm handgun was recovered at the scene and no other injuries to any other party have been reported to the Sheriff's Office.

All parties involved in the deadly encounter have been identified and the Sheriff's Office does not currently have any information that would indicate that there is any other threat to the community at this time.

Paul Scott Bennett (58 yoa) of #110 Sunny Lane has been taken into custody by Sheriff's detectives and booked into the Pickens County Detention Center within the past 45 minutes charged with the following offenses:

- **Murder**
- **Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime**

The investigation is still in the preliminary stages and any additional information will be released as the details become available. A copy of the mug shot has been attached to this release.

Any new information to include copies of the Arrest Warrants will be disseminated in the form of a Media Release distributed to all outlets at the same time once the documents become available later tomorrow.

Inquiries regarding the identity of the victim should be directed to the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

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