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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Investigates Fatal Shooting in Easley

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a shooting that occurred at a residence early this morning on Ruby Dr. in Easley.

Sheriff's deputies responded to reports of a gunshot victim at approximately 2:00am where an adult female with significant trauma to the head was found in an outbuilding behind the residence.

The victim, who does not reside at the location on Ruby Dr., was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased from what would later be confirmed through an autopsy as a single gunshot wound to the head.

Detectives have continued to investigate the incident throughout the day and have determined that the victim was shot while inside the small building typically used for storage and as a meeting place for friends of the residents.

A .9mm caliber handgun was recovered from the residence that is believed to be the weapon used in the shooting.

No arrests directly related to the shooting have been made at this time as detectives are continuing efforts to locate and/or identify potential witnesses and process evidence.

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

Jonathan Richard Rackley (38 yoa) was arrested at the scene on *unrelated* drug charges and is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention Center charged with the following offenses:

Charge:

Distribution of Meth-2nd Offense
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Warrant:

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Bond:

\$50,000.00
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Any updates regarding the status of the Death Investigation will be disseminated to all outlets at one time through a Media Release.

Copies of the Arrest Warrants and a mug shot specifically related to the drug arrest have been attached to this message.

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