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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, shortly after 1 p.m., deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office were advised by the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center that the Charleston Police Department was attempting to stop a vehicle that was refusing to pull over and asked for the Sheriff's Office's assistance as the driver crossed into the county's jurisdiction.

CPD officers initiated a traffic stop in the Grand Oaks neighborhood near Ashley Garden Boulevard and Sienna Place in Charleston for outstanding warrants. The driver failed to stop and continued at a normal speed with CPD officers following. CCSO took over near Highway 17 and Highway 162 as the driver moved into county jurisdiction. The vehicles proceeded down Highway 17 at a rate of about 40 miles per hour. The pursuit ended on Highway 17 just past Parkers Ferry Road in Adams Run. Upon stopping, the driver proceeded to harm themselves in what would appear to be a suicide. EMS and fire crews responded, pronouncing the driver dead at the scene.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, the Forensic Services Unit, the Office of Professional Standards, and the Charleston County Coroner's Office all immediately responded to the scene.

The CCSO Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the circumstances surrounding the apparent suicide. The agency's Office of Professional Standards is investigating the pursuit.

The Charleston County Coroner's Office will release the individual's identity information when appropriate.

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