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CCSO grieves loss of deputy in on duty collision

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is deeply saddened to confirm the passing of 33-year-old Charleston County Deputy Michael Hendricks, who was involved in a vehicle collision Wednesday, September 9, 2026, while on duty. Deputy Hendricks joined the Sheriff's Office in April of 2023, and most recently served as a member of our Metro Unit.

Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie shared the following:

"Losing a member of our CCSO family so suddenly leaves a hole that is hard to describe. Deputy Michael Hendricks was someone who showed up every day ready to serve, ready to help people, and ready to make a difference. That's who he was, on duty and off. We are grieving alongside his family, friends, and coworkers, and we ask our community to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. Right now, our focus is supporting the people who loved Deputy Hendricks and taking care of each other."

The Sheriff's Office will not be releasing additional details at this time to allow the family space and privacy as they grieve. We are grateful for the support of our community and the agencies assisting with this tragic incident.

The South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating the collision.

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