

Pickens County Coroner's Office

News Release

Incident Type: Traffic Accident (Fatality)

Incident Date: June 9, 2003

Incident Time: 11:01 AM

Incident Location: U. S. Highway 123 @ Eighteen Mile Creek Road, Central, SC

Victim: Veronica Marie Coleman, age 20
12 Yale Street Greenville, SC

Incident Narrative:

At the above date and time, Ms. Coleman, driver of a 1989 Nissan was traveling south on U. S. Highway 123 toward Clemson. Her destination was a lake recreation site in the Clemson area. Ms. Coleman apparently lost control of the vehicle, after having been observed to be traveling at a high rate of speed. Ms. Coleman was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. Ms. Coleman and a male passenger in the vehicle were transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital. Ms. Coleman's 19 month old son was also in the vehicle. He was properly restrained in a child seat in the back seat of the vehicle and was not injured. Ms. Coleman was pronounced dead at the hospital after being air lifted from the accident scene. She died in surgery as a result of Blunt Force Trauma. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. This case is still under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

Kandy C. Kelley, Deputy Coroner
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