

Pickens County Coroner's Office

News Release

Incident Type: Traffic Accident (Fatality)

Incident Date: May 3, 2003

Incident Time: 8:55 PM

Incident Location: Hunter Mill Road near intersection of Golden Creek Road, Liberty, SC

Victim: Tina Marie Johnston, age 43
565 Robinson Bridge Road Central, SC

Incident Narrative:

At the above date and time, Ms. Johnston had turned onto Hunter Mill Road off of Golden Creek Road near Liberty when for unknown reasons, Ms. Johnston's 1986 Chrysler left the roadway, traveling onto the shoulder of the road several times before coming to rest on the shoulder embankment of the westbound lane of traffic. Ms. Johnston, unrestrained driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the accident scene. Ms. Johnston was transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital where an autopsy is planned for Monday to determine the exact cause of death. No other vehicles were involved in the accident and speed does not appear to have been a contributing factor.

This case is still under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

Phillip A. Snow, Deputy Coroner
5/4/2003, 1200 hours