## Pickens County Coroner's Office Press Release

| Incident Type:     | Homicide  |
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| Incident Date:     | May 22, 2003  |
| Incident Time:     | approximately 10:00 PM  |
| Incident Location: | Parking Lot of Silver Bay Restaurant<br>Highway 123, Easley, SC |
| Victim:            | Rhonda K. Snipes, age 42<br>8 Wilson Street Greenville, SC      |

## **Incident Narrative:**

At the above date and time, Mrs. Snipes, an employee of Silver Bay Restaurant was leaving working. Apparently while sitting in her vehicle, she was struck in the head numerous times with a blunt object and shot, both in the head and chest. Mrs. Snipes was transported to Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital in Easley where she was pronounced dead. On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, an autopsy was performed at Greenville Memorial Hospital. The autopsy confirmed that Mrs. Snipes died as a result of the gunshot wound to the head and chest. No suspects have been arrested at this time. The case is under investigation by the Easley Police Department and the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

Kandy C. Kelley, Deputy Coroner 5/23/2003, 1600 hours