



Office of the County Coroner

Angie F. Rita- Coroner

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Fatal Collision on U.S. Highway 178 in Saluda County

Saluda County, S.C. (10/27/2025)- The Saluda County Coroner's Office responded to a two-vehicle collision late this morning (October 27, 2025) on U.S. Highway 178 near Prater Road in Saluda County.

A 2005 Honda Accord was traveling west on U.S. Highway 178 when it collided with a 2022 Chevrolet Traverse traveling east. Both vehicles were occupied by a driver and a passenger.

Coroner Angie Rita identified the passenger of the Traverse as Shirley Fincher, age 76, of Saluda. Mrs. Fincher sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The drivers and the other passenger were transported to area hospitals for treatment of their injuries.

The fatal collision remains under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Saluda County Coroner's Office.

The Coroner's Office would like to thank Saluda County Dispatchers, Saluda County EMS, Saluda County Fire Service, Batesburg Fire Department, Saluda County Sheriff's Office, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol for their assistance at the scene.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Fincher.

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