



Office of the County Coroner

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Teen Dies in Boating Incident on Lake Murray

Saluda County, S.C. (07/29/2025)- The Saluda County Coroner's Office responded to a boating incident late Monday afternoon near Ramp 4 off River Bend Point in Saluda County.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) search and rescue teams were called to the scene after an unoccupied boat was located in the lake by the Saluda County Sheriff's Office. The DNR dive team recovered the body of the boater around 8:30 PM.

Coroner Angie Rita identified the victim as Bryson L. Burns, age 17, of Lexington, SC. Burns had been the sole occupant of a small johnboat and apparently fell into the water earlier in the afternoon.

The incident remains under investigation by the Saluda County Coroner's Office, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and the SLED Child Fatality Unit. An autopsy will be performed later this week.

The Saluda County Coroner's Office extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bryson Burns. This tragic loss is felt deeply throughout the community, and our hearts are with all who knew and loved him.

The Saluda County Coroner's Office would like to thank SC DNR, Saluda County EMS, and Saluda County Sheriff's Office for their coordinated and compassionate response to this incident.

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