



Saluda County Sheriff's Office and Saluda County Coroner's Office



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saluda County, S. C. (4/4/2025)- The investigation of the Saluda County Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office of the recent shooting at Darling Ingredients (Valley Protein) in Ward has revealed a murder-suicide. The autopsies verified Ms. Leon was shot multiple times by Mr. Hopkins before he turned the gun on himself. The two had been involved in a relationship prior to this incident.

The Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office extend their heartfelt condolences and ask the public to keep everyone affected in their thoughts and prayers.

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