



**RICHLAND COUNTY
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LEON LOTT, SHERIFF



Region Two Newsletter

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Major Break in Nearly 30 Year old Unsolved Homicide Suspect Identified Thanks to the Diligence of the Cold Case Unit And Forensics Lab

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said that on May 10, 1987, the body of 34 year old Patricia Ann Green was discovered in a drainage ditch off of Highway 378 (Sumter Highway), just a few hundred feet from the main entrance of McIntire Air Base. Ms. Green had been shot in the upper body and then carelessly left in a culvert. Investigators at the time meticulously processed the crime scene and collected several items of potential evidence.

In 1987 evidence from the crime scene was submitted to the FBI for forensic evaluation (as part of the routine investigation by the Richland County Sheriff's Department), however no suspects or leads were developed and subsequently Ms. Green's case was assigned to the Sheriff's Department's Cold Case unit for continuous investigation.

Several weeks ago investigators with the Cold Case Unit submitted articles of Ms. Green's clothing to the Richland County Sheriff's Departments Forensic Laboratory and a DNA match was made.

According to Sheriff Leon Lott, "The DNA match has identified 53 year old Phillip Johnson of Sumter as Ms. Green's Killer. Additionally, during an interview with investigators from the Cold Case Unit, Johnson confessed to the murder of Ms. Patricia Ann Green, providing in depth detail of his crime."

Johnson is currently serving several life sentences in the South Carolina Department of Corrections for four murders and other offenses that occurred in Sumter County and the City of Sumter in and around the same time frame that he murdered Ms. Green.

"This case is a testament to victims' families that we will never forget about their family members and loved ones, they are not just a number to us or an old case file, our Cold Case investigators will always review these cases no matter how iced cold and our forensic scientists will always employ the very latest technology to provide our families with the answers that they deserve. The

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

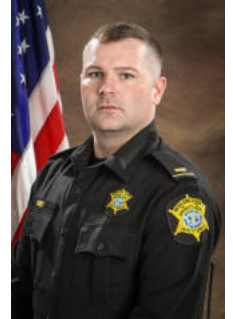
It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life for ALL citizens. Through passion and commitment, we will maintain a high standard of professional accountability and will reduce the fear of crime and the fear of retaliation by the criminal element.

The mission will be accomplished by building unity between the Sheriff's Department and the community; joining our high standards of excellence with our vision for safer communities. Everyone will employ effective community policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, all supported by aggressive enforcement of federal, state and local laws

Region 2 Command Staff



Capt. Soto



Lt. Duke

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Anyone with information on the identity of those responsible is asked to call, email or text your anonymous tip to:

crimestoppers
1-888-CRIME-SC
www.sccrimestoppers.com

Text "TIPSC plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)

A Message from Captain Soto



Crimestoppers invites you to join the 13th Annual "Golf Tournament benefitting Crimestoppers"

Midlands Crimestoppers invites you to the Spring Valley Country Club, 300 Spring Valley Road, 29223 on Monday, April 10, 2017 to participate in the 13th Annual Crimestoppers Golf Tournament; registration begins at 7:00 AM with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Awards luncheon, sponsor recognition and raffle tickets available for cool prizes!

Crimestoppers is a private, non-profit organization started in the Midlands in 1982 to combat crime in the area. Our board takes great pride in the fact that 97% of all operating funds, which come entirely from donations, go directly to paying tipsters. Crimestoppers of the Midlands is completely volunteer based. Currently, we collaborate with 64 local, state, and federal agencies in the Midlands. Tips to Crimestoppers have resulted in over 26,000 arrests and over 29 million dollars in seized property and narcotics. All sponsorship and donations are tax deductible.

Your participation and sponsorship will ensure the continuation of these services to the Midlands of South Carolina:

- Tournament Sponsor \$5,000
- Tournament Benefactor \$1,000
- Beverage Car Sponsor \$750
- Team and Hole Sponsor \$600
- Team and/or Team Sponsor \$500
- Hole Sponsor \$150
- Honor and Memorial Donations \$100

Your Crimestoppers Tournament fee includes; Captain's Choice 4 person team, green and cart fees, range balls, breakfast, snacks, beverages, and lunch

Make checks payable to Crimestoppers, P.O. Box 8385 Columbia, SC 29202. For additional information please call 803-429-8841

Important Numbers

911: Emergencies and crimes in progress

252-2911: Non Emergency dispatch number

576-3000: Sheriff's Department.

576-3444: Region 2

929-6000: Reporting non-criminal issues, such as, street signs, drainage overgrown property, etc. Ombudsman's Office

551-1149 Traffic Enforcement

576-3115 Victim Services

576-3151: Civil Process

576-1864 Code Enforcement

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AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Sheriff Leon Lott states that staying safe should be a priority for everyone. However, busy schedules, time constraints and routines often result in us providing criminals opportunities to make us victims. We would like to give you tips that can help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when it comes to your vehicle. By taking a few simple precautions, you can discourage criminals and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- 1. Keep your car visible**
Park in well-lit areas, near people or with a parking lot or garage attendant on duty. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.
- 2. Don't make it easy**
Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
- 3. Activate your alarm.**
Don't have one? Factory installed and theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break in thief who likes to work in silence.
- 4. Hide your valuables**
Many smash and grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight—wither with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.
- 5. Hide your valuables 2**
If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.
- 6. Don't hand a thief your keys**
Take your keys with you. And if think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, a car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.
- 7. Stow your stuff before arrival**
Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.
- 8. Stash the evidence, too**
After you've put y our stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.
- 9. Trust your instincts**
If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, tell the attendant or report your suspicions to police. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break in or worse
- 10. Take it one more step**
Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would be thief from breaking in and trying.

The aftermath of a car break-in can be expensive, both in repair costs and replacement of your valuables, as well as making you feel vulnerable. Help protect yourself with a good auto insurance

Have you had Richland County Sheriff's Department out to your house or business to conduct a FEEE 20 minute security analysis be calling 576-3033

REGION 2 NEWS



MD Rooks out with Cub Scout Troop 100, that meets at St. Joseph Catholic Church. MD Rooks enjoyed stopping by and hangout out with the kids and teaching them about his job and what it means to be a police officer.

Regional Events

Richlands International Flavors on Decker

10 A.M. PARADE

Starts at Family Dollar, 1735 Decker Blvd

Family Friendly– FREE Admission

International:

- Exhibits
- Cuisine
- World Bazaar
- Cultural Performances



Deputy Spotlight

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Mariusz Zalewski

Birthplace: Bialystok, Poland

How long with RCSD: 5 years

Favorite saying or quote: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

In my spare time I like to: Spend time with my daughter

If I could have any job in the world: What I am doing right now, THIS!

When I need a lift I like to: Ride my motorcycle

My favorite TV show: Homeland

The best advice I ever got: Get a job

Education: High School diploma and college

Before RCSD: Office Furniture Installer and Delivery

Favorite Food: Anything but seafood

COMMUNITY

May 2017 Community Meetings

Community	Meeting Location	Date	Time
Trenholm Acres	Newcastle Comm. Center	05/09/2017	6:30p
Wellesley Place Condos	3630 Ranch Road	05/09/2017	2:00p
Williamsburg East	4927 Alpine Road	05/09/2017	6:30p
Christopher Towers	805 Devine Street	05/10/2017	6:00p
Belvedere Community	Burton Pack Elem. School	05/11/2017	6:00p
Woodfield Park HOA	Woodfield Park Baptist	05/11/2017	6:30p
Briarwood HOA	United Methodist Church	05/11/2017	7:00p
Springwood Lake	Region 2 HQ	05/13/2017	12:30p
Forest Acres Assoc	Good Shepard Lutheran	05/16/2017	7:00p
Charleswood	Region 2 HQ	05/18/2017	7:00p
Pinehurst	Pinehurst Rec Center	05/18/2017	7:00p
Wyndham Point	80 Brighton Hill	05/19/2017	6:00p
Farrowoods Estates	Region 2 HQ	05/23/2017	7:00p
Lionsgate Pt 1/2	Pool Hall	05/24/2017	5:30p
Newcastle Community	Newcastle Comm. Center	05/25/2017	6:30p

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