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PRESS RELEASE

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(Lexington, South Carolina) On June 30, 2013, at approximately 1:15 am, an officer from the Lexington Police Department attempted to initiate a traffic stop in the 200 block of Columbia Avenue on a Jeep Cherokee for a suspected intoxicated driver who was not wearing a seatbelt.

The vehicle turned into the parking lot of McDonald's, located at 250 Columbia Avenue. The vehicle slowly traveled through the parking lot to the drive-thru lane and initially appeared to be stopping. However, the vehicle continued until it reached the West Main Street exit.

The suspect then sped out of the parking lot onto West Main Street where he initiated a vehicle pursuit by failing to stop when signaled by blue lights and siren. The suspect drove west bound on West Main Street and made a right turn onto Park Road. Once on Park Road, the suspect accelerated to a high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle left the roadway striking a tree at the intersection of Park Road and Brookhill West, less than one mile from the original stop location.

The suspect was transported by Lexington County EMS to Richland Memorial Hospital with life threatening injuries to which he succumbed on July 2, 2013. The Lexington County Coroner's Office has identified the suspect as 27 year old Corey C. Register from Gaston, SC. Mr. Register was driving under suspension for various violations at the time of the incident. He also had two previous convictions for failure to stop for police. Evidence collected during the investigation indicates that alcohol also contributed to the collision.

The collision remains under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol MAIT team.

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