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Attention: Naomi Wallace

Ms. Wallace,

On behalf of the entire Isle of Palms Police Department, let me first express our deepest condolences on the loss of your husband, Mr. Phillip Wallace. Although I did not know him, everything I have heard is that he was loved by many.

The Isle of Palms Police Department is dedicated to preserving lives and promoting safety. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our practices and train our officers. As you know, your husband made contact with the rear of a parked Isle of Palms police vehicle with its lights off in the darkness of the early morning hours before daybreak. In light of your husband's death, we have carefully considered the policy and practice of a police vehicle's lights being off while parked in the dark on the span of the Isle of Palms Connector. Due to your husband's death, the Isle of Palms Police Department has concluded it is best not to add our police vehicles to the mix of potential objects in the break down lane at night when the police vehicles have no lights on. Therefore, when Isle of Palms Police are on the Connector at night for any reason, including traffic enforcement, it will be our official procedure that police vehicles will be illuminated with headlights, running lights and, if appropriate, emergency lights.

We commit ourselves to protecting lives and will continue policing the bridge as necessary to that end. We hope this new policy will improve public safety and save lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly S. Usry", written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly S. Usry
Interim-Chief of Police