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**MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW**

**TO:** File # 31-21-0006  
**FROM:** Senior Special Agent Ryan Kelly *RK*  
**RE:** Interview with Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) India Burch  
**COUNTY:** Charleston

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**Name:** India Burch  
**Address:** 3871 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405  
**Phone:** 843-529-7300  
**DOB:** Not Provided  
**SSN:** Not Provided  
**Employer:** Wellpath

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On January 5, 2021, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Senior Special Agent (SS/A) Ryan Kelly and Special Agent (S/A) Patrick Keegan interviewed Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center (SACDC) CMA India Burch. CMA Burch's interview was audio and video recorded using SS/A Kelly's body worn camera. *Agent's Note: This is an interview summary and is not intended to be a verbatim account. This does not memorialize all statements made during the interview. Refer to the recording for the*

*complete interview.* The interview began at approximately 4:01 pm. CMA Burch was interviewed in reference to the in-custody death of SACDC inmate Jamal Sutherland. A summary of pertinent information is listed below.

CMA Burch read and signed the SLED Acknowledgement of Voluntary Statement form. She was called at approximately 9:20 am to respond to the Behavioral Management Unit (BMU) for a cell extraction. When she arrived at the BMU, she saw CO Houle attempting to get Mr. Strickland out of his cell. Sgt. Fennell was talking to Mr. Sutherland through the cell door window and Mr. Sutherland refused to present his hands to be handcuffed. Lieutenant (Lt.) Duvall called Bond Court and confirmed Mr. Sutherland was needed in court. From where she was standing, she was not able to see Mr. Sutherland in his cell and did not see the OC deployment but smelled it. She heard Mr. Sutherland yelling that he was not coming out of the cell and she heard the officers telling Mr. Sutherland to drop his spoon. She did not see the TASER deployments. Once the officers removed Mr. Sutherland from his cell, she approached Mr. Sutherland and removed two TASER probes from his back and one from his front. Mr. Sutherland was handcuffed and lying face down. Mr. Sutherland was moving and breathing. CMA Burch checked his pulse and observed “snot” coming from his nose. CMA Burch attempted to check his blood oxygen level but it did not register on the pulse oximeter. She then called for a medical emergency. The medical staff immediately responded and began treating Mr. Sutherland.

She did not think the use of force was excessive. It was done only to restrain him. The officers did not kick or punch Mr. Sutherland. After Mr. Sutherland was removed from the cell, the officers called her over immediately to examine him.

The interview concluded at approximately 4:10 pm.