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Deputy Sheriff Dennis Compton

Colleton County Sheriff's Office
South Carolina

End of Watch: Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Biographical Info

Age: 39

Tour of Duty: 1 year, 4 months

Badge Number: S-535

Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Weapon Used: Gun; Unknown type

Suspect Info: Apprehended

Deputy Dennis Compton was shot and killed while responding to a residential alarm call on Sunflower Drive, in Smoaks, at approximately 3:00 am.

The homeowner's son had also been notified of the alarm by the alarm company. When he arrived at the home he found Deputy Compton wounded and used his radio to alert dispatchers.

In September 2008 two suspects were arrested and charged with Deputy Compton's murder.

Deputy Compton had served with the Colleton County Sheriff's Office for sixteen months, starting as a detention center officer. He is survived by his wife and four children.

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