

RICHLAND CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release
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The Richland Center Police Department reports that damage was done to the Richland County Veterans Honor Roll wheelchair access ramp and railing, as a result of a one vehicle crash.

Chief of Police Lucas Clements states that, at approximately 2:37 PM Sunday, August 21st, officers were dispatched to a one vehicle crash off of US Highway 14, on the south side of the Richland County Veterans Honor Roll location.

Brian J. Amelse, 19, of Viola was operating a 2008 Lexus SUV westbound on Hwy 14 when the vehicle crossed the centerline causing two eastbound vehicles to perform evasive action to avoid collision. Amelse's vehicle continued westbound, left the roadway, and struck the wheelchair access ramp and railing adjacent to the highway. Amelse was treated on scene by EMS and refused transport to the Richland Hospital. Amelse was the lone occupant and operator of the vehicle at the time of the crash.

As a result of the subsequent police investigation, Brian Amelse faces numerous tentative traffic charges including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, operating left of center line, failure to maintain control of a vehicle, and seat belt violation. The police department was assisted at the scene by the Richland County Sheriff's Department and Richland County Emergency Medical Services.

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