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Early last year, I requested that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) conduct an inquiry into the fire that occurred at the Sofa Superstore which led to the deaths of nine firefighters.

Attached is the result of the inquiry that SLED made into these tragic deaths. After conducting their own interviews and reviewing all the documentation gathered and generated by the Charleston Police Department and other agencies, SLED has determined that the issues raised do not warrant a criminal investigation. It is my understanding that the Charleston Police Department concurs with SLED's findings and that no warrants will be sought by either agency for General Sessions prosecution.