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SLED AGENTS ARREST MAN WANTED FOR MURDER IN MARYLAND

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Maryland man accused of being involved in a Baltimore murder.

James Omar Clea III, 31, of 2848 Bookert Drive, Brooklyn, Maryland is charged as a **Fugitive from Justice**.

SLED's involvement in this case comes at the request of the Baltimore Police Department.

SLED's Fugitive Team received information from Baltimore investigators that Clea may have traveled to South Carolina.

Agents, assisted by analysts with the SC Information and Intelligence Center, developed a full identification for Baltimore's fugitive and tracked Clea down to The Sleep Inn located at Highway 601 and Interstate-26 in Orangeburg County.

Soon after locating Clea at the motel, SLED agents were able to provide valuable information to Baltimore's case detectives.

SLED arrested Clea Saturday afternoon.

Note: The Fugitive Team has apprehended 65 fugitives in SC in 2009.

Last year, team members arrested 406 wanted persons.

Collectively, twenty-five percent were fugitives from out-of-state.

For a booking photograph of Clea, please contact the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center at (803) 531-4658.

**For more information on the alleged crime in Baltimore,
please contact the Baltimore Police Department at (410) 396-2525.**