

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4005

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Chief Mark A. Keel
State Law Enforcement Division
4400 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Chief Keel:

I am writing to seek clarification on the events that led to the brutal murder of Logan Federico.

As you know, on May 3, 2025, Alexander Dickey—a known career criminal—broke into a home, stole several credit cards, and fatally shot Logan Federico in the chest. This was not his first encounter with the law. Prior to the senseless and preventable murder of Logan Federico, Alexander Dickey was arrested eleven times with approximately 40 charges ranging from theft and burglary to grand larceny and drugs. Time and again, he cycled in and out of the system with little consequence.

More recently, in 2023, Alexander Dickey was arrested yet again for burglary. Instead of serving real time, he obtained a plea deal and was released after just over a year in jail. According to public reports, Eleventh Circuit Solicitor Rick Hubbard said his office was unaware of Alexander Dickey's prior burglary arrests and convictions during his 2023 prosecution because SLED's criminal record was incomplete. A spokeswoman for your office stated, "the receipt of fingerprints by SLED is what triggers SLED to attach a new arrest to a subject's criminal history. SLED did not receive fingerprints for the 2014 Burglary First Degree arrest."

An incomplete rap sheet is not a clerical error; it is a public safety failure with deadly consequences. Logan Federico is dead because a violent repeat offender's record was full of holes. Therefore, I request a response to the following questions by October 24, 2025:

1. How many of Alexander Dickey's charges were incorrectly labeled, lost, or never added to his criminal record history at all?
2. Why did SLED not receive fingerprints for the 2014 arrest?
3. What specific failures or errors took place that allowed Alexander Dickey's criminal record to be incomplete and inaccurate?

4. What policy changes has SLED implemented to prevent similar tragic errors in the future?

It is imperative that our criminal justice system reject soft on crime policies that prioritize violent criminals over victims, but this is only possible if criminal records are accurately maintained. This tragedy was preventable, but the system failed Logan Federico.

South Carolinians expect their law enforcement agencies to operate with accuracy, vigilance, and urgency—not excuses. Anything less than full accountability and real reform would be a disservice to Logan Federico’s memory and to every South Carolinian who relies on law enforcement to keep dangerous criminals off the streets. Citizens deserve to know that when law enforcement officers arrest criminals, the system will not turn around and erase, misfile, or ignore the record. South Carolina cannot afford a criminal justice bureaucracy that allows violent offenders to slip through the cracks.

I look forward to your response and working together to ensure no other career criminals like Alexander Dickey are errantly able to walk free and ultimately murder an innocent woman like Logan Federico. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph Norman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ralph" and last name "Norman" clearly distinguishable.

Ralph Norman
Member of Congress