

## South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center

## July 2025 Quarterly Report April 2025-June 2025

The South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center (SPRAC) continues to perform autopsies at its temporary facility located at Atrium Health Union. Coverage expanded to include a fourth county, Montgomery County, on May 1, 2025.

Between April 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, a total of 43 autopsies were performed. Of those, 16 involved deaths in Union County, seven in Anson County, 18 in Cabarrus County, and two in Montgomery County.



From April through June, 13 cases were connected to criminal investigations, including one related to a death by distribution charge. This figure is not comprehensive. While the Medical Examiner's Office works collaboratively with law enforcement, it conducts independent investigations and is not always notified when a criminal investigation occurs.

Planning for the permanent facility is also underway. Meetings have begun for the initial design phase, with input from project partners to ensure the building meets the operational needs of the center.

SPRAC will continue to analyze quarterly autopsy volumes and monitor trends in county-specific service volumes. Ongoing data collection supports accurate workload forecasting, resource allocation and long-term planning for regional forensic services.