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SLED CHARGES FORMER ORANGEBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Connor O’Neal Gartman, 25, with Misconduct in Office on Monday, March 23, 2026. The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Gartman was booked into the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor’s Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3810700272

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

OCA#2025-06608

against

Connor O'Neal Gartman

Address:

Orangeburg, SC 29115-7516

Phone:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2001 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Blake R Johnson - S00459

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Connor Gartman on 03/19/2026 @ 0915

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
151 Docket Street
P. O. Box 9000
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Blake R Johnson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Connor O'Neal Gartman

did within this county and state on or about 7/6/2025

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on July 6, 2025, the defendant, Connor Gartman; did willingly, knowingly, and feloniously violate S.C. statute of Official Misconduct (08-01-0080) with malice aforethought, while in Orangeburg County SC.: That on July 6, 2025, Connor Gartman while employed by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS) as a Public Safety Officer did conduct a traffic stop in which he took into his care, custody and control a GLOCK 23 .40 handgun (Serial #). The handgun was last seen in Gartman's possession on recordings from the stop and was not turned in to the ODPS Evidence Room, nor did he document the seizure or return of the weapon in his incident report. SLED agents interviewed Gartman, who denied knowing what happened to the gun. Further investigation identified witnesses to be named later who identified that Gartman sold one of them a pistol matching the same description and serial number, which was later reported stolen in Richland County, SC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 7/6/2025

defendant Connor O'Neal Gartman

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 3/19/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kimberly M. Cummings-Roache

Judge Code: 7526

Judge's Address Post Office Box 9000

Orangeburg, SC 29116-

Judge's Telephone (803)533-5843

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit