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SUSPECT INVOLVED IN ANDERSON COUNTY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division arrested a man Tuesday in connection to a confrontation that occurred Friday with a deputy from the Anderson County Sheriff's Office following an attempted traffic stop.

James R Buchanan, Jr, 51, was charged with Assault / Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime.

Buchanan is accused of attempting to discharge a handgun at a deputy who was attempting to arrest him. The deputy returned fire, disabling Buchanan. Buchanan was transported by EMS to a nearby hospital for treatment, and his injuries are not life threatening.

SLED's investigation into the incident remains active. Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office for any information about their officers.

Buchanan was booked at the Greenville County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached

ARREST WARRANT

2020A2330202968

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

against

34-20-0052

James R Buchanan, Jr

Address:

Piedmont, SC 29673-1210

Phone:

Sex: M

Race: W

Height: 5 10

Weight: 165

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL State: SC

DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Agency ORI #: SCLPED0000

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: Michelle Q Rice-Johnson - S011118

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

County/ Municipality of

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

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville County Bond Court
20 McGehee Street
Greenville, SC 29601

DEFENDANT COPY

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Greenville

AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT COPY

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 516

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michelle O Rice-Johnson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James R Buchanan, Jr did within this county and state on or about 3/20/2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Greenville) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 March 20, 2020 in the county of Greenville, one James R Buchanan Jr did knowingly and willfully possess and display a firearm in commission of the violent crime, attempted murder. Anderson County Deputy [REDACTED] was attempting to arrest Buchanan after a traffic stop in which Buchanan fled from deputies in a vehicle, then on foot, and brandished a 32 Smith and Wesson revolver. He pointed that weapon at Deputy [REDACTED] and attempted to shoot that weapon. This incident occurred in the roadway of 590 Bessie Rd. Piedmont, SC located within the county of Greenville, SC. This incident was investigated by SLED.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]

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 3/20/2020 defendant James R Buchanan, Jr did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 3/24/2020

Judge's Address Law Enforcement Center

Judge's Telephone (864)467-5312

Signature of Issuing Judge

Leila Foster

Judge Code: 5762

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT
2020A2330202969

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County/ Municipality of Greenville

THE STATE
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against

Address: Piedmont, SC 29673-1210
Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 165
DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted] 1968 Agency ORI #: SCLLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: Sled
Prosecuting Officer: Michelle Q Rice-Johnson - S01118
Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

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(L.S.)

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Judge Code:)
Issuing Court:)
Magistrate)
Municipal)
Circuit)
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