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FORMER DETENTION CENTER OFFICER CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division today arrested a former Detention Center Officer with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department in connection with an incident that took place June 24 where the former officer maliciously caused approximately \$1,794.00 in property damage.

Dominique S. Morton, 28, was charged with two counts of Malicious injury to personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less.

SLED investigated the case at the request of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Morton was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210202203

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington

County/ Municipality of

THE STATE

Dominique Simone Morton

Address: [redacted]

Columbia, SC 29212-2892

Phone: [redacted]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 SSN: [redacted]

State: SC DL #: [redacted] Weight: 160

DOB: 1992 Agency ORI #: SCLD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Monty L Blackmon, Jr - S01323

Offense: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

Offense Code: 3415

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-1-0510(A)

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

Signature of Judge (L.S.)

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on 9/20/2020 Dominique Simone Morton

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Swansea Magistrate Court 500 Charlie Rast Road Swansea, SC 29160

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Monty L Blackmon, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Dominique Simone Morton

did within this county and state on or about 7/24/2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

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:

On June 24 2020 the defendant, Dominique Morton, did commit the offense of malicious injury to the personal property of [redacted] (a 2016 Chevrolet Malibu bearing South Carolina registration JEK-890) which was parked at the residence of [redacted] West Columbia, S.C. (Lexington County). Morton used a sharp object to puncture the passenger side tires of [redacted]'s 2016 Chevrolet Malibu. Morton was interviewed by an agent of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and admitted to puncturing the tires of Thomason's vehicle. Thomason estimated the damage to her personal property at approximately \$294.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Lexington

Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone

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 7/24/2020 defendant Dominique Simone Morton did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

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 8/18/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge Matthew A. Johnson (Magistrate) Judge Code: 7277

Judge's Address 428 Oak Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Judge's Telephone (803)-78-5-62 x 51 Issuing Court: Magistrate

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210202202

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington

THE STATE

Dominique Simone Morton

Columbia, SC 29212-2892

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 Weight: 160

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Offense: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County of Lexington

Signature of Judge

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on 8/20/2020

RETURN WARRANT TO: Swansea Magistrate Court

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

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:

On June 24, 2020, the defendant, Dominique Morton, did commit the offense of malicious injury to property at the residence of the trunk lid and the passenger side of [redacted] West Columbia, S.C. (Lexington County). Morton used a sharp object to each profanely into threw at least one glass beer bottle at [redacted]s residence breaking a bedroom window. Morton was interviewed by an agent of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and admitted to causing a portion of the damage at the residence. Other witnesses interviewed by SLED, including [redacted], provided information further implicating Morton as having committed the offense. Jordan estimated the damage to her personal property at approximately \$1500.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221

ARREST WARRANT

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

on or about 7/24/2020 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington) defendant Dominique Simone Morton

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Malicious / Malicious Injury to animals, personal property, injury value \$2,000 or less

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Judge's Address 428 Oak Drive Lexington, SC 29073

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