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LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

Agents with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Saturday charged a man in connection with the Sep. 5 officer involved shooting incident in Lexington County where a deputy from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department was shot.

Mark Louis Cote, 70, was charged with Attempted Murder, Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, along with Malicious Injury personal property, value more than \$2,000.

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

Cote was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

SLED's investigation into the officer involved shooting incident is ongoing. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time.

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

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Warrants Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210202422

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington County/ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE against

Mark Louis Cote

Address:

Lexington, SC 29073-6844

Phone: M Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL # Agency ORI #: SCLD00000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00920

Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

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.)

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on Mark Louis Cote

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Bond Court 521 Gibson Road Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington County/ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mark Louis Cote

did within this county and state on or about 9/5/2020

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington County/ Municipality of Lexington

in the following particulars: Assault / Attempted Murder

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCSA 518

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 Mark Louis Cote did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about September 5, 2020, attempt to kill Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCS D) Deputy [redacted] with malice aforethought. LCS D responded to [redacted] Lexington, SC, in the county of Lexington, in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, deputies were confronted at the front door by Cote who was armed with a long gun. LCS D Dep. [redacted] was shot by Cote. Dep. [redacted] returned fire. Dep. [redacted] was transported to Prisma Health Richland Hospital (PHRH) for treatment. This incident occurred at Cote's residence, [redacted] Lexington, SC, in the county of Lexington. This is in violation of Section 16-3-29 SC Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lexington County/ Municipality of

Lexington

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

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

ARREST WARRANT

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

on or about 9/5/2020 I, appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington County/ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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 9/5/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge Brian Norman Buck (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7322

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Lexington

THE STATE
 against
 Mark Louis Cote

Address: Lexington, SC 29073-6844

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
 Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: _____

DL State: SC DL #: _____
 DOB: 1950 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
 Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00920

Offense: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

Offense Code: 3814
 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-25-0065(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 Mark Louis Cote on 9/9/2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer _____

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
 Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
 205 East Main Street
 Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mark Louis Cote did within this county and state on or about 9/5/2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

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 Mark Louis Cote did in Lexington County, South Carolina, on or about September 5, 2020, commit a battery upon the body of his wife, [REDACTED] by hitting her in the face. The defendant then pointed a handgun at the victim's head and threatened to kill her. This incident occurred at Cote's residence, [REDACTED] Lexington, SC, in the county of Lexington. This is in violation of Section 16-25-65 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).

Signature of Affiant _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
 Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

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 9/5/2020 defendant Mark Louis Cote did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

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 9/9/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge [Signature] (L.S.)
 Traffic Court
 Judge Code: 0583-7322
 Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite A
Lexington, SC 29072-3557
 Judge's Telephone (803)785-2518
 Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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