



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
September 15, 2020

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### **TRUE IDENTITY DETERMINED AFTER SUSPECT IN ALLEN UNIVERSITY SHOOTING INCIDENT MISLEAD AUTHORITIES**

The suspect connected with the Allen University officer involved shooting incident tried to manipulate law enforcement by presenting false identification and giving false information as to his identity during his arrest Friday. After verification through fingerprint analysis in the National Crime Information Center database, Agents with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division were able to correctly identify the suspect. Thus, the previous information released by SLED naming the suspect was incorrect.

Craishun Le Troy Nickens, 25, from Denmark in Bamberg County has been properly identified as the suspect. Nickens had other outstanding warrants for his arrest prior to Friday's incident.

SLED has corrected previous warrants associated with the incident to reflect proper identity and has also charged Nickens with additional crimes. He is now charged with Felon in Possession of a firearm, Pointing and Presenting firearms at a person, Carrying or displaying firearms in public building or adjacent areas, and Giving false information to law enforcement.

Nickens was booked at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

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

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.

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Warrants Attached  
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**ORIGINAL**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 County/  Municipality of )  
 Richland Bond Court )

**ARREST WARRANT**  
 2020A4010204555  
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 County/  Municipality of )  
 Richland Bond Court )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin N Blake who  
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Craishun Le Troy Nickens  
 did within this county and state on or about 9/11/2020 violate the criminal laws of the  
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Richland Bond Court)  
 in the following particulars:

THE STATE 32-32-0112  
 against  
Craishun Le Troy Nickens  
 Address: Denmark, SC 29042-9055

**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:** Report / Giving false information to law enforcement, fire dept. or rescue dept.

Phone:                       
 Sex: M Race: B Height:                      SSN:                       
 DL State: SC DL #:                      Weight: 160  
 DOB:                      Agency ORI #: SCLED0000  
 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division  
 Prosecuting Officer: Kevin N Blake - S01288  
 Offense: Report / Giving false information to law enforcement, fire dept. or rescue dept.  
 Offense Code: 1223  
 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0725(A)

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:

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

On September 11, 2020, SLED conducted an investigation in reference to an officer involved shooting at Allen University, 1530 Harden St. Columbia, SC 29204, Richland County, SC. During the investigation the Defendant, Craishun LeTroy Nickens, identified himself as "Ja'Cori Ochun Brown, dob: [REDACTED], 1994, SS# [REDACTED], to SLED investigators, Columbia Police Department investigators and Prisma Health Richland Hospital staff. Nickens' criminal history indicated "Brown" was a known alias and Nickens had outstanding warrants for his arrest. Affiant can attest that persons involved in criminal activity often provide false information to law enforcement to avoid criminal charges or to avoid capture. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Date:                      (L.S.)  
 Signature of Judge                       
 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Craishun Le Troy Nickens on 09-13-2020

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 County/  Municipality of )  
 Richland Bond Court )

RETURN  
 Richland County General Sessions  
 1701 Main Street  
 P O Box 192  
 Columbia, SC 29202

Signature of Affiant Kevin Blake  
 Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398  
Columbia, SC 29221-  
 Affiant's Telephone                     

RETURN WARRANT TO:  
 Richland County General Sessions  
 1701 Main Street  
 P O Box 192  
 Columbia, SC 29202

**ARREST WARRANT**

**RETURN WARRANT TO:**

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 9/11/2020 defendant Craishun Le Troy Nickens  
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
 County/  Municipality of Richland Bond Court) as set forth below:

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**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:** Report / Giving false information to law enforcement, fire dept. or rescue dept.

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 9/13/2020 03:32 PM  
 Signature of Issuing Judge                      (L.S.)  
 Tobias Gavins Ward Jr.  
 Judge Code: 7427

Judge's Address Central Court  
Columbia, SC 29223-  
 Judge's Telephone (803)576-2300  
 Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer                       
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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Possession of Firearm or Ammunition by person convicted of violent felony

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 September 11, 2020, while on Allen University property, 1530 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29204, Richland County, SC, the  
Defendant, Craishun Le Troy Nickens did point and or present a loaded firearm at Allen University Police Officer [REDACTED] the  
Nickens' criminal history indicated Nickens was convicted of Armed Robbery and was listed as an individual prohibited from  
possessing or acquiring a firearm or ammunition pursuant to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968. Affiant and others are witness the  
same.

Kevin Blake  
Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398  
Columbia, SC 29221-  
Affiant's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Affiant  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the 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 9/13/2020 C3340-  
Kevin Blake  
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)  
Judge's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Code: 7427  
Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit  
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A4010204558

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County/  Municipality of  
Richland Bond Court

THE STATE  
against  
Craishun Le Troy Nickens

Address: Denmark, SC 29042-9055

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: [REDACTED]  
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 160  
DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000  
DOB: [REDACTED] 1995  
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division  
Prosecuting Officer: Kevin N Blake - S01288  
Offense: Weapons / Possession of Firearm or Ammunition  
by person convicted of violent felony  
Offense Code: 3434  
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0500(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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to  
defendant Craishun Le Troy Nickens  
on 09-13-2020

Kevin Blake  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A4010204557

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE against

Craishun Le Troy Nickens

Address: [Redacted]

Denmark, SC 29042-9055

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLFD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin N Blake - S01288

Offense: Weapons / Carrying or displaying firearms in public buildings or adjacent areas

Offense Code: 0300

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0420

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

County/  Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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

Date: [Redacted]

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Carrying or displaying firearms in public buildings or adjacent areas

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 or about September 11, 2020, Craishun LeTroy Nickens did possess a firearm while on the property of Allen University located at 1530 Harden Street, Columbia, SC 29204, Richland County, SC. During a SLED investigation of an officer involved shooting, multiple witnesses and interviews concluded Nickens did possess and/or point a firearm at an Allen University Campus Police Officer causing him to fire his duty weapon at Nickens. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

Kevin Blake

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Richland Bond Court ) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Carrying or displaying firearms in public buildings or adjacent areas

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 9/13/2020 03:43 pm

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge Tobias Gavin Ward Jr.

Judge Code: 7427

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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