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TWO MEN CHARGED IN BLACKVILLE MURDER

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division arrested two men Tuesday in connection to the Sept. 8 robbery of the Corner Stop 10 convenience store in Blackville that left one person killed.

Jason Jarmez Smith, 23, was charged with Murder, Armed Robbery, and Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime.

Shemar McKay Donaldson, 19, was charged with Murder and Armed Robbery.

The case was investigated by SLED at the request of the Blackville Police Department.

Both men were booked at the Barnwell County Detention Center.

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

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Warrants Attached

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A0620200029

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

THE STATE

against

Jason Jarnez Smith

Address:

Blackville, SC 29817.

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: [redacted] Weight: [redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] 1997 Agency ORI #: SCLEDD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Stott, Jr - S00368

Offense: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or

allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

Offense Code: 0139

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0330(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.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Jason Jarnez Smith

on 10/8/20

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

141 Main Street

P O Box 723

Barnwell, SC 29812

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Blackville

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Stott, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Jarnez Smith

did within this county and state on or about 9/8/2020

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

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 September 8, 2020 one Jason Jarnez Smith did commit the offense of Attempted Robbery/ Armed with a Deadly Weapon, in violation of 16-11-330 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended. In that the defendant entered the Corner Stop 10, 20416 Solomon Blatt Ave North, Blackville, SC shortly after and acted in concert with a co-defendant while the two maintained cellular communication. In that the defendant, while armed with a firearm, demanded money and discharged the firearm, killing the victim. The defendant provided inconsistent, incomplete, misleading and inaccurate statements as to his whereabouts before, during and after the crime. Collectively, through records obtained from his device, video surveillance, evidence collected and information obtained during an encounter with law enforcement shortly after the crime occurred, the defendant's statements are disproven. S/A Stott, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the S.C.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of

Blackville

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 9/8/2020

defendant Jason Jarnez Smith

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

County/ Municipality of Blackville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

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 its practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me on 10/2/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

Jimmy Wade Gantt Jr. (Municipal)

Judge Code: 6111

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 5997 Lartigue Street North

Blackville, SC 29817-1327

Judge's Telephone (803)284-3444

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A0620200030

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

THE STATE

against

Jason Jarnez Smith

Address: [Redacted]

Blackville, SC 29817.

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLJED0000

DOB: [Redacted] 1997

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Stott, Jr - S00368

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Coder/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0020

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 Jason Smith on 10/16/20

Signature of Contributing Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
141 Main Street
P O Box 723
Battwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Stott, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Jarnez Smith

did within this county and state on or about 9/8/2020

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) violate the criminal laws of the in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 September 8, 2020 one Jason Jarnez Smith did commit the offense of Murder, in violation of 16-3-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended. In that the defendant entered the Corner Stop 10, 20416 Solomon Blatt Ave North, Blackville, SC shortly after and acted in concert with a co-defendant while the two maintained cellular communication. In that the defendant, while armed with a firearm, demanded money and discharged the firearm, killing the victim. The defendant provided inconsistent, incomplete, misleading and inaccurate statements as to his whereabouts before, during and after the crime. Collectively, through records obtained from his device, video surveillance, evidence collected and information obtained by law enforcement shortly after the crime occurred, the defendant's statements are disproven. S/A Stott, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of

Blackville

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 9/8/2020 defendant Jason Jarnez Smith did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / 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 10/21/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Jimmy Wade Gantt Jr. (Municipal) Judge Code: 6111

Judge's Address 5997 Larrigue Street North Blackville, SC 29817-1327

Judge's Telephone (803)284-3444

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A0620200031

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

THE STATE

against

Jason Jarnez Smith

Address: Blackville, SC 29817-

Phone: [redacted] SSN [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: [redacted] Weight: [redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: 103928410

DOB: [redacted] 1997 Agency ORI #: SCLEDD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Stott, Jr - S00368

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 Jason Smith on 10/6/20

Signature of Court/Clerk/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 141 Main Street P O Box 723 Barmwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Stott, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Jarnez Smith

did within this county and state on or about 9/8/2020

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

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 September 8, 2020 one Jason Jarnez Smith did commit the offense of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime. In that the defendant, possessed a firearm during an attempted armed robbery and subsequent murder, both violent crimes as defined by 16-1-60, was in violation of 16-23-490 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended. In that the defendant was in possession of a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun during the commission of an attempted armed robbery and murder which occurred at the Corner Stop 10, 20416 Solomon Blatt Ave North, Blackville, SC. The defendant entered the business, demanded money and discharged the firearm, killing the victim, S/A Stott, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

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 9/8/2020 defendant Jason Jarnez Smith did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) 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 10/2/2020

Judge's Address 5997 Lartigue Street North Blackville, SC 29817-1327

Judge's Telephone (803)284-3444

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A0620200032

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

THE STATE

against

Shemar McKay Donaldson

Address: Blackville, SC 29817-2801

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: SC DL #: [REDACTED] Height: 6 Weight: 180

DOB: 2001 Agency ORI #: SCLJED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Stott, Jr - S00368

Offense: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

Offense Code: 0139

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0330(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 Shemar Donaldson on 10/16/20

Signature of Constable/Engagement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 141 Main Street P O Box 723 Barmwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Stott, Jr

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shemar McKay Donaldson

did within this county and state on or about 9/8/2020

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) violate the criminal laws of the in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

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 September 8, 2020 one Shemar McKay Donaldson did commit the offense of Attempted Robbery Armed with a Deadly Weapon, in violation of 16-11-330 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended. In that the defendant entered the Corner Stop 10, 20416 Solomon Blatt Ave North, Blackville, SC shortly before and acted in concert with a co-defendant while the two maintained cellular communication. Immediately after the co-defendant discharged the firearm and fled, the defendant searched and located an area of the business where currency was located while failing to provide basic first aid to the victim. The defendant provided inconsistent, incomplete, misleading and inaccurate statements to 911 dispatchers and investigators. The defendant attempted to conceal digital evidence linking himself to the co-defendant during the crime. Collectively, through records obtained from his device, video surveillance, 911 recordings and evidence collected the defendant's statements are disproven. S/A Stott,

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of

Blackville

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 9/8/2020

defendant Shemar McKay Donaldson

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Robbery / Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon

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 10/2/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge Jimmy Wade Ganitt Jr. (Municipal) Judge Code: 6111

Judge's Address 5997 Lartigue Street North Blackville, SC 29817-1327 Judge's Telephone (803)284-3444 Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A0620200033

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Blackville

THE STATE

against

Shemar McKay Donaldson

Address: Blackville, SC 29817-2801

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: Height: 6 5 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORI #: SCLLED0000

DOB: 2001

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Stott, Jr - S00368

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0020

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of Barnwell. 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 Shear Donaldson on

Signature of Constable/ Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 141 Main Street P O Box 723 Barnwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of

Blackville

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Stott, Jr being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shemar McKay Donaldson did within this county and state on or about 9/8/2020 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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: SEE ATTACHED

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Blackville

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 9/8/2020 defendant Shemar McKay Donaldson did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Blackville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / 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 10/2/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge: Jimmy Wade Grant Jr. (Municipal) Judge Code: 6111

Judge's Address: 5997 Lartigue Street North Blackville, SC 29817-1327 Judge's Telephone: (803)284-3444 Issuing Court: Municipal Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

File 31-20-0104

County of Barnwell

Second Judicial Circuit

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a Judge of this county, one, Special Agent John Stott, of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

SHEMAR MCKAY DONALDSON

did within this county and state, on September 8, 2020, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

MURDER

16-3-10

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on September 8, 2020 one **Shemar McKay Donaldson** did commit the offense of **Murder**, in violation of **16-3-10** of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.

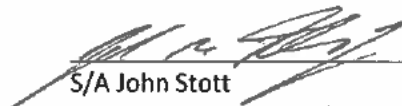
In that the defendant entered the Corner Stop 10, 20416 Solomon Blatt Ave North, Blackville, SC shortly before and acted in concert with a co-defendant while the two maintained cellular communication. Immediately after the co-defendant discharged the firearm and fled, the defendant searched and located an area of the business where currency was located while failing to provide basic first aid to the victim. The defendant provided inconsistent, incomplete, misleading and inaccurate statements to 911 dispatchers and investigators. The defendant attempted to conceal digital evidence linking himself to the co-defendant during the crime. Collectively, through records obtained from his device, video surveillance, 911 recordings and evidence collected the defendant's statements are disproven. S/A Stott, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 2ND day of OCT, 2020



Signature of Judge



S/A John Stott

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division