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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE OFFENSES

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Monday arrested a former deputy with the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office for offenses that took place during an altercation while off-duty.

Tajah Champagne Lawton, 29, was charged with Public Disorderly Conduct and Malicious Injury to Personal Property.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.

Lawton was booked at the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

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

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Warrants Attached
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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2020A3810700749

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

against

Tajah Champagne Lawton

Address:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 310

DL State: SC DL #

DOB: 1990 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shaun E Harley - S00686

Offense: Disorderly / Public disorderly conduct

Offense Code: 0622

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0530

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of

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 Tajah Champagne Lawton on 10-19-2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Central Region Magistrate 1540 Ellis Avenue P. O. Box 9000 Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Shaun E Harley who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tajah Champagne Lawton

did within this county and state on or about 9/23/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Orangeburg)

in the following particulars

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Disorderly / Public disorderly conduct

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 9-23-2020 at approximately 9:30 pm. the defendant, Tajah C. Lawton did willingly and knowingly violate SC statute 16-17-530. Public Disorderly Conduct, while in the area of Orangeburg, SC. the defendant became engaged in a verbal altercation which lead to the defendant conducting herself in a boisterous manner within public view. The above facts are true and believable based on the admission of the defendant and the witnesses' statements. Lt. Harley, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the State of SC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

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 9/23/2020 defendant Tajah Champagne Lawton

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

County/ Municipality of Orangeburg) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Disorderly / Public disorderly conduct

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 10/15/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Donald Rhett West

Judge Code 5559

Judge's Address Post Office Box 9000

Orangeburg, SC 29116-9000

Judge's Telephone (803)496-9533

Issuing Court: County/ Municipal/ Circuit

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Form Approved by S C Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 51B

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

Offense Code: 3415

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0510(A)

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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 9-23-2020 at approximately 9:30 pm, the defendant, Tajah C. Lawton did willingly and knowingly violate SC statute 16-11-510 (A), Malicious Injury to Personal Property less than \$2,000, while in the area of [redacted] Orangeburg, SC. the defendant ran towards the victim's vehicle ([redacted] and intentionally punched the right front passenger window until it shattered. The approximate damage to the vehicle was \$347.75. The above facts are true and believable based on the admission of the defendant and the witnesses' statements. I, E. Harley, through investigative efforts, is witness to prove the same against the form of the law and dignity of the State of SC.

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