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RELEASE:** October 29, 2020

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FORMER DETENTION CENTER OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Wednesday arrested a former Detention Center Officer with the Laurens County Sheriff's Office for engaging in behavior that was dishonest and gratuitous by exposing himself to an individual while on duty.

Philip Kevin Tollison, 33, was charged with Misconduct in Office.

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

Tollison was booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3010100767

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Municipality of
Laurens

THE STATE
against
34-20-0145

Phillip Kevin Tollison

Address: [Redacted]

Laurens, SC 29360-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
Sex: M Race: [Redacted] Height: 6 Weight: 235

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Michelle Q Rice-Johnson - S00542

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819
Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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

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

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Phillip K. Tollison on 10/28-2020

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 Hillcrest Square
P.O. Box 287
Laurens, SC 29360

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
Laurens

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michelle Q Rice-Johnson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Phillip Kevin Tollison

did within this county and state on or about 8/10/2020

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 or about August 10-27, 2020, in the county of Laurens, while employed as a detention officer with the Laurens County Detention Center, one Phillip Kevin Tollison did willfully and dishonestly fail to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his position imposed upon him by law; to wit, by engaging in behavior that was dishonest and gratuitous. Tollison on one occasion did have the victim strip exposing her naked body, and exposed his penis. On a separate occasion he had the victim get partially undressed to "size" her for uniforms. All the incidents took place while he was on duty. Tollison did commit these acts and/or omissions in breach of his duty of good faith and accountability to the public. All in violation against the peace and dignity of the State and in violation of the common law of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
Laurens

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 8/10/2020 defendant Phillip Kevin Tollison

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

County/ Municipality of Laurens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 10/28/2020

[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge

William Mellette Wham

Judge Code: 7423

Judge's Address
100 Hillcrest Square

Laurens, SC 29360-

Judge's Telephone
(864)681-5689

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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