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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division arrested today a former law enforcement officer with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department who is accused of striking a suspect in the face during an arrest in July.

Matthew Foy Fields, 37, was charged with Assault and Battery 3rd Degree.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Fields was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted in the Lexington County Magistrate Court.

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Warrant Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210203397

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Lexington

THE STATE
against

Matthew Foy Fields 3220075

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S01395

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

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 Matthew Foy Fields
on 12-10-2020

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
Swansea Magistrate Court
500 Charlie Rast Road
Swansea, SC 29160

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Matthew Foy Fields
did within this county and state on or about 7/2/2020
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

ALM (AD)

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 July 2, 2020, Matthew Fields, while employed as a deputy sheriff with Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD), did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree against the victim, Stephen Craft. During the arrest of Craft, and while actively being bitten by Field's LCSD police service dog, Fields unnecessarily struck Craft in the face with a closed fist, thus causing injury to Craft. This offense occurred at [Redacted] Gaston, in the County of Lexington, SC. Facts to establish the above charge against the defendant, Matthew Fields, are based on witness statements, LCSD Body Worn Camera (BWC) video footage, and the defendant's statement. All this done against the law, peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Affiant's Telephone Columbia, SC 29221-

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 7/2/2020 defendant Matthew Foy Fields
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: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 12/8/2020

[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge
Brian Norman Buck (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7322

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road

Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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