



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
January 13, 2021

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### **FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division today arrested a former deputy with the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office in connection with an incident that took place October 15, 2020 in which an unreasonable amount of force was used during the apprehension of an individual who was demonstrating noncompliance.

Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith, 36, was charged with Assault and Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Misconduct in Office.

The SLED investigation was requested by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Goldsmith was booked at the Kershaw County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached  
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ARREST WARRANT

2021A2810100042

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

against

Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith

Address:

Blythewood, SC 29016-7225

Phone: [ ] SSN: [ ] Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 260

DL State: SC DL #: [ ]

JOB: [ ] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dequawn R Smith - S00448

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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 Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith on 10/13/2021

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Po Box 1557 Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Kershaw )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Dequawn R Smith who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith

did within this county and state on or about 10/15/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Kershaw )

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 October 15, 2020, in Kershaw County, S.C., Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith, while employed as a deputy sheriff with the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, did willfully and dishonestly fail to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his position imposed upon him by law by engaging in behavior that was willful and dishonest. During an incident where the victim, Tony Sims, was demonstrating noncompliance, Goldsmith used an unreasonable amount of force against Sims. Goldsmith unnecessarily struck Sims with closed fist strikes to the abdomen, the head and neck area, utilized a conducted electrical weapon multiple times to deliver an electric shock to the neck area of Sims and closed the patrol car door on Sims' leg several times, causing Sims to become unconscious, receive a fractured jaw, injury to his neck, and removal of several teeth. Facts to establish the above charge against the defendant are based on witness statements, KCSO Body Worn Camera video footage, and the defendant's incident report.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Kershaw )

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 10/15/2020 defendant Johnathan Lewis Goldsmith

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

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Kershaw ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 1/12/2021

[Signature]

Signature of Issuing Judge

Donnie Allen Trapp

Judge Code: 7344

Judge's Address 1121 Broad Street Camden, SC 29020-

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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Prosecuting Officer: Dequawn R Smith - S00448

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

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

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