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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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SUMTER COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division arrested a man Monday in connection with the Jan. 30 officer involved shooting incident in Sumter County where a deputy from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was assaulted during a domestic call for service.

Pharis Leon Blair, 37, was charged with Assault and Battery 2nd Degree as Blair physically attacked the deputy by repeatedly striking him upon the head and face causing moderate bodily injury.

Blair, who was shot during the incident and taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, has since been released from the hospital. The deputy was treated for injuries at a local medical facility and released on the day of the incident. No other injuries were reported.

SLED's investigation into the incident remains active. Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputy.

Blair was booked at the Sumter County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 3rd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant attached

ARREST WARRANT

2021AA4310200013

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

 County/ Municipality of

Sumter

THE STATE

33-21-0017

Pharis Leon Blair

Address:

Sumter, SC 29150-

Phone:

[REDACTED]

SSN:

[REDACTED]

Sex:

M Race:

B Height:

5 Weight:

160

DL State:

SC DL #:

[REDACTED]

DOB:

1983

Agency ORI #: SCLLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kyle J Radford - S00486

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code:

3413

Criminal/Offense Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

 County/ Municipality of

Sumter

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Date:

February 1, 2021

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Pharis Leon Blair

on 2-1-2021

Signature of Criminal or Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

215 N. Harvin St.

Sumter, SC 29150

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

 County/ Municipality of

Sumter

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Kyle J Radford

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Pharis Leon Blair

did within this county and state on or about

1/30/2021

County/ Municipality of

Sumter

Sumter

witness five criminal laws of the

in the following particulars:

 County/ Municipality of

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

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:

Pharis Leon Blair did in Sumter County, State of South Carolina, on or about January 30, 2021, unlawfully injure Sumter County Sheriff's Deputy Nelson Rosario in a manner that could have resulted in moderate bodily injury. Blair physically attacked Deputy Rosario by repeatedly striking him upon the head and face resulting in injuries including but not limited to bruising and scratches. Blair did so in violation of S.C. Code of Laws, section 16-3-600(D)(1). SLED has obtained statements and Body Worn Camera video to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

 County/ Municipality of

Sumter

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 1/30/2021

defendant Pharis Leon Blair

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

 County/ Municipality of

Sumter

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 within the jurisdiction of this county and state in accordance to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of the execution, or as soon as practicable thereafter, to the defendant and subscribed before me on 2/1/2021.

Judge's Address

[REDACTED]

Judge's Telephone

190 E. Canal Street

Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone

(803)436-2280

Issuing Court:

[REDACTED]

Magistrate

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bryan Kelly Griffin (Magistrate)

Judge Code: S043

(L.S.)

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