



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 24, 2021

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### **BARNWELL COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER**

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division recently arrested a Barnwell County man in connection with the shooting deaths of two people in the town of Williston, Friday, May 21.

Brandon Antonio Williams, 28, was charged with two counts of murder.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Williston Police Department.

Williams was booked at the Barnwell County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BARNWELL

FILE # 31-21-0054  
2021A0620300043

**AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one, Special Agent Patrick Keegan, of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

**Brandon Antonio Williams**  
B/M DOB: [REDACTED]

did within this County and State on or about the 21st day of May, 2021, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE**  
**MURDER**  
**16-3-10**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on May 21, 2021, while at 160 Harlford Street, Williston, SC in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, **Brandon Antonio Williams**, did commit the offense of violation section 16-3-10 of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **MURDER**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, shoot the victim, Barbara A. Williams, and that this did directly cause the death of the victim.


That on May 21, 2021, Williston Police Department (WPD) responded to 160 Harlford Street for a shooting. The victim was found lying in the residence with multiple apparent gunshot wounds. The victim later succumbed to her injuries at the aforementioned residence address.

That on May 21, 2021, subsequent investigation by S/A Keegan revealed that Brandon Williams made a statement that he was in the of the residence within seconds of reports of shots fired. Interviews of a witness to the shooting established that shortly after shots were fired, Brandon Williams was the only person in the residence who was not deceased. Additionally, three handguns were found at the residence. Brandon Williams admitted to owning two of the handguns.

The above information was revealed through the investigation of S/A Keegan, and he, along with the statement of the witness, is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2021

  
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Signature of Judge

  
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Special Agent Patrick Keegan  
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division  
104 Simmons Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
843-782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

2021A0620300042

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ [X] Municipality of Williston

THE STATE SLED 31-21-0054 against Brandon Antonio Williams

Address: [Redacted] Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 235 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Patrick Keegan - S00404 Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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.

Date: (L.S.) Signature of Judge

RETURN A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Brandon Williams on 5-21-2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer [Signature]

RETURN WARRANT TO: General Sessions 141 Main Street P O Box 723 Barnwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ [X] Municipality of Williston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Patrick Keegan being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Brandon Antonio Williams did within this county and state on or about 5/21/2021 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ [X] Municipality of Williston) in the following particulars: violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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:

See Attached Affidavit

Signature of Affiant [Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ [X] Municipality of Williston

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 5/21/2021 defendant Brandon Antonio Williams did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ [X] Municipality of Williston) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 5/21/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge [Signature] (L.S.) Judge Oscar Cooper (Williston) Judge Code: 6991

Judge's Address 12710 Main Street Williston, SC 29853- Judge's Telephone (803)266-7011

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

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General 2/21/2003 SSCA 518

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