



South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT AND BREACH OF TRUST

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested a former Gaffney Police Department (GPD) Officer on Tuesday afternoon who took ammunition from the GPD armory and sold it for personal gain.

Theodore Robert Martin, 33, was charged with one count of Misconduct in Office and one count of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, amount less than \$2000.

The request for the SLED investigation was made by the Gaffney Police Department.

Martin was booked at the Cherokee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the S.C. Attorney General's Office.

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Warrants Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2021A1110100538

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Cherokee

THE STATE against

Theodore Robert Martin

Address: Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 255 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00519 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 THEODORE R. MARTIN on May 25, 2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd Gaffney, SC 29342

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Cherokee

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob M Pridgen who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Theodore Robert Martin did within this county and state on or about 2/27/2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Cherokee) 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 February 27, 2021, Theodore Martin, while employed as a police officer with the Gaffney Police Department, did commit the offense of Breach of Trust under \$2000.00, by taking ammunition from the Gaffney Police Department armory and selling it to C&C Indoor Range for his own personal gain. This offense constitutes Misconduct by a Public Official. This incident occurred at 201 N. Limestone Street Gaffney, SC which is within the County of Cherokee, SC. Affiant's belief is based upon a SLED investigation.

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Cherokee

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 2/27/2021 defendant Theodore Robert Martin did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Cherokee) 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 hereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5/25/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge Julian Kirby Wright Judge Code 7295

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 336 Gaffney, SC 29342- Judge's Telephone (864)-48-7-25 x 33

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

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DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00519
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value \$2,000 or less
Offense Code: 3422
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

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