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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL NEGLIGENCE OF A CHILD, MISCONDUCT

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division recently arrested a former law enforcement officer with the Springdale Police Department in connection with an incident where he unholstered his department issued TASER, pointed it at a juvenile and pulled the trigger.

Carl Brooks Wilhelm 36, was charged with unlawful neglect of a child, along with misconduct in office.

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

Wilhelm was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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Warrants Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2021A3210800103

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE against

Carl Brooks Wilhelm

Address:

Phone: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 200 DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L. Stoner - S01236 Offense: Children / Legal custodian, unlawful neglect of child or helpless person Offense Code: 2481 Code/Ordinance Sec: 63-05-0070

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. The accused

Date: Signature of Judge (L.S.)

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on Carl Brooks Wilhelm 5/26/21

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center 205 East Main Street Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Tricia L. Stoner

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Carl Brooks Wilhelm did within this county and state on or about 4/21/2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Legal custodian, unlawful neglect of child or helpless person

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 04-21-2021, while at 2915 Plattsprings Rd, the West Cola area of Lex. Co., the Springdale Police Department (SPD) the def, SPD (Ofc.), Carl B. Wilhelm did unlawfully place a juvenile (jv) who he was responsible for the welfare of at unreasonable risk of harm affecting the jv's safety, physical and mental health. The jv's mother dropped him off so Ofc. Wilhelm could take him to school. The jv interrupted a conversation Ofc. Wilhelm was having with another officer and Ofc. Wilhelm unholstered his X26 TASER, pointed it at the jv and pulled the trigger. A TASER probe struck the jv in the left side of his head. The jv was transported to the hospital where the probe was surgically removed. The jv disclosed in a Forensic Interview Ofc. Wilhelm had pointed the TASER at him previously to scare him. The incident was witnessed by two other SPD officers who provided written statements. Facts to establish the above charge against the def, Carl B. Wilhelm, are based on witness statements and the def's incident report.

Signature of Affiant

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 4/21/2021 defendant Carl Brooks Wilhelm 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: Children / Legal custodian, unlawful neglect of child or helpless person

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 5/25/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite B Lexington, SC 29072- Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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

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County/ Municipality of Lexington

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against

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Address:

Phone: [redacted]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 FT Weight: 200
DL State: SC DL #: [redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000
DOB: [redacted] 1985
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S01236
Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
Offense Code: 0819
Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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On 04-21-2021, while at 2915 Platt Springs Rd, West Cola, SC in Lex. Cty, at the Springdale Police Department (SPD) the def, SPD Officer (Ofc.), Carl B. Wilhelm willfully and dishonestly failed to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his position imposed upon him by law; to wit, by engaging in behavior that was willfully harmful to another. The juvenile vic, [redacted] interrupted a conversation Ofc. Wilhelm was having with another officer and Ofc. Wilhelm unholstered his X26 TASER, pointed it at the vic. and pulled the trigger. A TASER probe struck the vic. in the left side of his head. The vic. was transported to the hospital where the probe was surgically removed. The vic. disclosed in a Forensic Interview Ofc. Wilhelm had previously pointed the TASER at him to scare him. The incident was witnessed by two other SPD Ofcs. who provided written statements. Facts to establish the above charge against the def. are based on witness statements and the def's incident report.

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on 5/25/2021

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Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

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Lexington, SC 29072-

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Issuing Court: Magistrate

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