



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 31, 2021

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### **FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY**

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Saturday arrested a former officer with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety in connection with a use of force incident that occurred July 26 in the City of Orangeburg.

David Lance Dukes, 38, was charged with first degree assault and battery.

The request for the SLED investigation was made by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety.

Dukes was booked at the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant Attached  
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ARREST WARRANT  
2021A3810700584

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County/  Municipality of  
Orangeburg

THE STATE 31-21-0077  
David Lance Dukes  
against

Address: Orangeburg, SC 29115-8645

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]  
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 165  
DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1983 Agency ORI #: SLED00000  
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division  
Prosecuting Officer: Ryan E Kelly - S00745  
Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st degree

Offense Code: 3412  
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(C)(1)

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  
(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to  
defendant David Lance Dukes  
on 7-31-2021

  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
151 Docket Street  
P. O. Box 9000  
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County/  Municipality of  
Orangeburg

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan E Kelly  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant David Lance Dukes  
did within this county and state on or about 7/26/2021 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Orangeburg)  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st 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:

That on or about 7-26-21, while working as a law enforcement officer with Orangeburg Dept. of Public Safety, David Lance Dukes  
committed the offense of Assault & Battery 1st degree, in violation of section 16-3-600(C) of the SC code of laws of 1976, as  
amended. Officer Dukes responded to a call for service at 741 Colleton St., Orangeburg, SC and made contact with the victim and  
ordered him to the ground at gunpoint. Ofc. Dukes then approached the victim, who was in a defenseless position on his hands and  
knees, Ofc. Dukes raised his right leg and forcibly stomped with his boot on the victim's neck and/or head area. The force of the  
blow caused the victim's head to strike the concrete. The victim suffered a contusion to his forehead and was transported by EMS.  
The conduct of Ofc. Dukes offered or attempted to injure another person with the present ability to do so and the act is accomplished  
by means likely to produce death or great bodily injury by forcibly stomping on the victim's head and neck area. The above  
information is true and accurate based on the investigation by SLED.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County/  Municipality of  
Orangeburg

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488-  
Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]


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 7/26/2021 defendant David Lance Dukes  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Orangeburg) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st 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 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 7/30/2021

Judge's Address Post Office Box 154  
Holly Hill, SC 29059-  
Judge's Telephone (803)268-2743  
Signature of Issuing Judge  (L.S.)  
Valerie J. Lawrence )  
Judge Code: 7442 )  
Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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