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FLORENCE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS HOMICIDE AND OTHER CRIMES IN DEATH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Wednesday charged a Florence County man in connection to the incident resulting in the death of Lake City Police Officer Lt. John Stewart on Sept. 17.

Jermaine Ryan Roberson, 29, was charged with reckless homicide, involuntary manslaughter, hit and run resulting in death, along with failure to stop for blue light resulting in death.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Lake City Police Department.

Roberson was booked at the Florence County Detention Center Sept. 17 on other charges by the Florence County Sheriff's Office related to this incident.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached

2021A2110100772

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County: Florence Municipality of

Florence

33-21-0112

THE STATE against

Jermaine Ryan M Roberson

Address:

Olanita, SC 29114-9725

Phone: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] 1992 Agency ORI #: SCLFD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jared T Barkdoll - S00623

Offense: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, death results

Offense Code: 2398

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-0750(C)(2)

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 Jermaine Ryan M Roberson

on 9/17/2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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County: Florence Municipality of

Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jared T Barkdoll

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jermaine Ryan M Roberson

did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2021

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of

Florence) who

violate the criminal laws of the in the following particulars: DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, death results

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 September 17, 2021, Jermaine Roberson did, within the county of Florence, commit the offense of Failure to Stop for Blue Lights resulting in Death, to wit: While Roberson operated a motor vehicle within the city limits of Lake City, Officer Angela Hobbs with the Lake City Police Department (LCPD) initiated a traffic stop on Roberson for a motor vehicle registration violation. Roberson disregarded law enforcement blue lights and fled. While failing to stop for blue lights, Roberson struck LCPD Lieutenant John Stewart with the motor vehicle he was driving, near the intersection of Chandler Mill Road and North Matthews Road, causing Lt. Stewart's death. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements, law enforcement officer statements, physical evidence, and video surveillance camera footage that prove the same. This being in violation of Section 56-5-750, South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County: Florence Municipality of

Florence

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7000

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 9/17/2021 defendant Jermaine Ryan M Roberson

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

County: Florence Municipality of) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, death results

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 9/22/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge

Belinda B Timmons 10:10 AM

Judge Code: 7065

Judge's Address 6719 Friendfield Rd

Effingham, SC 29541-

Judge's telephone (843)665-6690

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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