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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND ASSAULT

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division arrested former Pickens County Sheriff's Deputy James Trotter on Tuesday and charged him with 2 counts of Misconduct in Office and Assault & Battery 2nd Degree.

The request for the SLED investigation was made by the Pickens County Sheriff Rick Clark.

Trotter was booked into the Pickens County Detention Center on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A3910100051

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE SLED against

James William Trotter

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1962 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob W Drake - S00820

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 James William Trotter on 01/25/2022

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 214 E Main St / P O Box 215 Pickens, SC 29671

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Pickens

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob W Drake who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James William Trotter

did within this county and state on or about 8/30/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Pickens)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 August 30, 2021, in the county of Pickens, one James William Trotter did willfully and unlawfully neglect to properly and faithfully discharge the duties he was sworn to uphold; when he unlawfully tased the victim 17 times. At the time of the incident, the defendant was employed as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, and was serving in his capacity as a public official. The offense occurred on Pace Bridge Road, within Pickens County SC. Probable cause based upon: 1) SLED Case #34-21-0154.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

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

Pickens

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 8/30/2021 defendant James William Trotter

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Pickens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 1/24/2022

[Signature] Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael Andrew Baker

Judge Code: 7257

Judge's Address 310 West Main Street

Liberty, SC 29657-

Judge's Telephone (864)898-5551

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

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2022A3910100052

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE SLED against

James William Trotter

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1962 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob W Drake - S00820

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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Signature of Judge

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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:

That on August 30, 2021, in the county of Pickens, one James William Trotter did willfully and unlawfully violate SC Code of Laws 8-1-80, Misconduct in office, by oppressively neglecting the duties he was sworn to uphold when he unlawfully tased the victim 17 times. At the time of the incident, James Trotter was employed as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and was serving in his capacity as a public official. The offense occurred on Pace Bridge Road, within Pickens County SC. Probable cause based upon: 1) SLED case # 34-21-0154.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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Judge Code: 7257

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE SLED against

James William Trotter

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: [Redacted] Weight: [Redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1962 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob W Drake - S00820

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(1)

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 August 30, 2021, in the county of Pickens, one James William Trotter did intentionally commit battery upon the victim, by tasing him 17 times, causing, or potentially causing moderate bodily injury. At the time of the incident the defendant was employed as a Sheriff's Deputy with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and was serving in his capacity as a public official. This offense occurred within Pickens County SC. Probable cause based upon: 1) SLED case # 34-21-0154.

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