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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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SLED CHARGES HORRY COUNTY MAN WITH 2 COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, POSSESSION OF A WEAPON, AND POSSESSION OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged William Joshua Alston, 40, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. with 2 counts of Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, and Possession of anabolic steroids.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrants.

SLED agents were requested by the North Myrtle Beach Police Department to investigate an officer involved shooting where Alston was identified as the subject on July 21, 2022.

Alston was booked at the J. Ruben Long Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 15th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A2610201593

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

THE STATE 33220078 against

William Joshua Alston

Address: North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582-7804

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 241

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Bradley J Thompson - S02024

Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

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 William Joshua Alston on 7-22-22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
PO Box 677
1301 2nd Avenue
Conway, SC 29528

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Signature of Affiant

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[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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TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

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Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
William N. Hutson
Judge Code: 7371

Judge's Address 4150 J. Reuben Long Avenue
Conway, SC 29526-
Judge's Telephone (843)915-5145

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

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Address: North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582-7804

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 241

DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Bradley J Thompson - S02024

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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DOB: 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Bradley J Thompson - S02024

Offense: Drugs / Possession of anabolic steroids, 10 or fewer doses - 1st offense

Offense Code: 1577

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-1530(2)(a)

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Possession of anabolic steroids, 10 or fewer doses - 1st offense

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 July 21, 2022, William Joshua Alston, who had an active arrest warrant, was confronted by officers with the North Myrtle Police Department off of Catalina Drive, in the North Myrtle Beach section of Horry County. Alston was the only person in close proximity to his 2021 Silver Jeep PK with South Carolina Registration [] registered to him. Alston fled on foot and was later arrested by the North Myrtle Beach Police Department. A search warrant was obtained and executed on the Jeep and multiple vials of a liquid believed to be anabolic steroids were located inside a case in the vehicle. Video footage showed Alston was the only person to exit the vehicle before officers arrived. With these facts the Defendant did commit the offense of Possession of Anabolic Steroids, a violation of SC code of laws 44-53-1530.

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