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SLED CHARGES FORMER KERSHAW COUNTY DETENTION CENTER SERGEANT WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 2ND DEGREE

On Thursday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Steven Thomas Payne, 35, of Camden, S.C. for Assault and Battery, 2nd degree.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrant.

Payne was booked at the Kershaw County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A2810100708

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

against

Steven Thomas Payne

Address: [Redacted]

Camden, SC 29020-8302

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 280

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1986 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S00453

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

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

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: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Steven Thomas Payne on 8-25-2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Po Box 1557 Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Kershaw)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian J Tolbert who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Steven Thomas Payne did within this county and state on or about 3/31/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

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

On March 31, 2022, while on duty as a Sergeant (Sgt.) with the Kershaw County Detention Center (KCDC), Steven Thomas Payne did commit the offense of Assault and Battery - Second Degree against the victim, [Redacted] who was an inmate in the custody of KCDC. While escorting [Redacted] who was handcuffed behind [Redacted] back, from the KCDC booking area, Payne violently grabbed [Redacted] by the neck and slammed [Redacted] against the wall. Shortly after doing so, Payne executed a leg sweep and took [Redacted] to the floor. At no point in the interaction did [Redacted] pose a threat of physical harm or escape from the facility. The above is substantiated by surveillance footage of the incident and subsequent statements by Payne, [Redacted] and witnesses.

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Kershaw)

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 3/31/2022 defendant Steven Thomas Payne

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 8/23/2022)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528)

Camden, SC 29021-)

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226)

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

James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr)

Judge Code: 7278)

[Handwritten Signature] (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr

Judge Code: 7278

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