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**SLED CHARGES TWO FORMER LAURENS COUNTY
DETENTION CENTER OFFICERS WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE,
ASSAULT AND BATTERY 3RD DEGREE**

Today, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Randall James Sammons, 43, of Duncan, S.C. and Steven Chad Wix, 31, of Whitmire, S.C. for Misconduct in Office and Assault and Battery 3rd degree.

SLED was requested to investigate by Laurens County Sheriff Don Reynolds.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrants.

Sammons and Wix were booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the S.C. Attorney General's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A3010100845

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

34-22-0059

against

Randall James Sammons

Address:

Duncan, SC 29334-8101

Phone: SSN Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 175 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1979 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00701

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(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:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Randall James Sammons on September 9, 2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO

General Sessions 100 Hillcrest Square P.O. Box 287 Laurens, SC 29360

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Laurens)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob M Pridgen who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Randall James Sammons

did within this county and state on or about 4/21/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 April 21, 2022, Steven Wix and Randall Sammons, while employed as correctional officers with the Laurens County Detention Center, did commit the offense of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree when they individually initiated and engaged in two different physical altercations with an inmate at the Laurens County Detention Center. During the first altercation, Steven Wix repeatedly struck Inmate with a closed fist. During a second altercation, Randall Sammons used an electrified G.L.O.V.E. deterrent device to shock Inmate multiple times. Both altercations were recorded on body worn camera. These offenses occurred at the Laurens County Detention Center, which is located within Laurens County, SC. Affiant's belief is based upon a SLED investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Laurens)

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd

Columbia, SC 29210-

Affiant's Telephone (864)467-8111

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 4/21/2022 defendant Randall James Sammons

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Laurens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 9/7/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Michael A. Pitts

Judge Code: 7422

Judge's Address 100 Hillcrest Square

Laurens, SC 29360-

Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A3010100848

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

34-22-0059

against

Randall James Sammons

Address:

Duncan, SC 29334-8101

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 175
DL State: SC DL #: _____
DOB: 1979 Agency ORI #: _____

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00701

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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 Randall James Sammons
on September 8, 2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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did within this county and state on or about 4/21/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

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:

On April 21, 2022, Randall Sammons, while employed as a correctional officer with the Laurens County Detention Center, did
commit the offense of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree when he initiated and engaged in a physical altercation with _____
an inmate at the Laurens County Detention Center. During the altercation, Randall Sammons used an electrified G.L.O.V.E.
deterrent device to shock Inmate _____ multiple times. This Offense constitutes Misconduct by a Public Official. This offense
occurred at the Laurens County Detention Center, which is located within Laurens County, SC. Affiant's belief is based upon a
SLED investigation.

Signature of Affiant

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County/ Municipality of)

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

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soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/7/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge
Michael A. Pitts (L.S.)

Michael A. Pitts

Judge Code: 7422

Judge's Address 100 Hillcrest Square

Laurens, SC 29360-

Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A3010100850

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

34-22-0059

against

Steven Chad Wix

Address:

Whitmire, SC 29178-1485

Phone: [] SSN: [] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 300 DL State: SC DL #: [] DOB: [] 1991 Agency ORI #: []

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00701

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 Steven Chad Wix on September 8, 2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 100 Hillcrest Square P.O. Box 287 Laurens, SC 29360

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Laurens)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob M Pridgen who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Steven Chad Wix did within this county and state on or about 4/21/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Laurens) 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:

On April 21, 2022, Steven Wix, while employed as correctional officer with the Laurens County Detention Center, did commit the offense of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree when he initiated and engaged in a physical altercation with [] an inmate at the Laurens County Detention Center. During the altercation, Steven Wix repeatedly struck Inmate [] with a closed fist. This Offense constitutes Misconduct by a Public Official. This offense occurred at the Laurens County Detention Center, which is located within Laurens County, SC. Affiant's belief is based upon a SLED investigation

Signature of Affiant

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on or about 4/21/2022 defendant Steven Chad Wix

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

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

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

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on 9/ 7/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael A. Pitts (L.S.)

Michael A. Pitts

Judge Code: 7422

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A3010100851

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

34-22-0059

against

Steven Chad Wix

Address: [Redacted] Whitmire, SC 29178-1485

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 300 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] 1991 Agency ORI #: [Redacted]

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services Prosecuting Officer: Jacob M Pridgen - S00701 Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [] County/ [] Municipality of [Redacted] 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 Chad Wix on September 6, 2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 100 Hillcrest Square P.O. Box 287 Laurens, SC 29360

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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:

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It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that on or about 4/21/2022 defendant Steven Chad Wix did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Laurens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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Signature of Issuing Judge Michael A. Pitts Judge Code: 7422

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

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