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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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SLED CHARGES FORMER MCCORMICK COUNTY DEPUTY WITH TWO COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Today, agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Jason Erwin, 44, of Bradley, SC for two counts of Attempted Murder, and Misconduct in Office.

SLED was requested to investigate by the McCormick County Sheriff's Office. More information is detailed in the attached warrants.

Erwin was booked at the McCormick County Detention Center and is housed at the Greenwood County Detention Center.

He was booked Wednesday night in the Greenwood County Detention Center after the South Carolina Highway Patrol charged him with Driving Under the Influence.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A3510100316

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Jason Erwin

Address: [redacted] Bradley, SC 29819-

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 4 Weight: 240 DL State: SC DL #: [redacted] DOB: [redacted] 1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00109

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 Jason Erwin on 9/23/2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835

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

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Erwin did within this county and state on or about 9/21/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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 September 21, 2022, in the county of McCormick, one Jason Erwin did commit the crime of Assault / Attempted Murder in that he did (see attached affidavit). Incident investigated by Agent Padgett of the SLED.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

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

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 9/21/2022 defendant Jason Erwin did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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 9/22/2022 [Signature] (L.S.) John Cliff Long Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29835- Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

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

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Jason Erwin (AKA: Gregory Jason Erwin)

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Bradley, South Carolina, 29819

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: SEX: Male HGT: 6'04" EYES: HAIR: CMPL:
White

DOB [REDACTED] 1977

SSN: [REDACTED]

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-3-29

OFFENSE: Attempted Murder

CDR Code:

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: McCormick

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Special Agent, William R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, Jason Erwin, did within this county and state on September 21, 2022, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Attempted Murder


That Jason Erwin did in McCormick County, South Carolina, on or about September 21, 2022, fire his 12-gauge Dickinson shotgun (S/N: 203317829) in the direction of the victims, [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED] 1948), and [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED] 1952), after making the statement he was going to shoot them. The incident began as the result of a collision that occurred on Hwy 221 in Greenwood County. The victims stopped their vehicle after the collision and observed Erwin exit a police vehicle wearing shorts and a tank top. The victim's advised Erwin was behaving very erratically and they believed him to be under the influence. [REDACTED] called 911 to report the collision and the behavior of Erwin. They were unsure if he was an actual law enforcement officer because he never identified himself as such, nor was he wearing anything that identified

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him as a law enforcement officer. Erwin put on a traffic safety vest. [REDACTED] then described Erwin as coming towards them in an aggressive manor and fearing for their lives, [REDACTED] drove away from the scene. [REDACTED] remained on the phone with 911 asking for help from law enforcement. [REDACTED] advised Erwin began to ram his vehicle while they were travelling South on Hwy 221. When [REDACTED] observed blue lights traveling north, he began to pull over and Erwin rammed their vehicle. The two McCormick County Sheriff's Deputies, Dep. Bobby Power and Dep. Heather Campbell, arrived and began to remove [REDACTED] from their vehicle. As Dep. Power attempted to get [REDACTED] from the driver's side of the vehicle, he heard Erwin make the statement "I'm going to shoot you" in an aggressive tone just before firing a shot. The shooting incident occurred near the address of [REDACTED] Hwy 10, in McCormick County. This is in violation of Section 16-3-29 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).



Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 1731 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	22 day of Sept, 2022
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request: September 22, 2022	Issuing Magistrate 

ARREST WARRANT

2022A3510100317

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Jason Erwin

Address: [redacted] Bradley, SC 29819-

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 4 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] 1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00109

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

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 9/21/2022 defendant Jason Erwin did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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

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[Signature] (L.S.) John Cliff Long

Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29835-

Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

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

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Jason Erwin (AKA: Gregory Jason Erwin)

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Bradley, South Carolina, 29819

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: SEX: Male HGT: 6'04'' EYES: HAIR: CMPL:
White

DOB: [REDACTED] 1977

SSN: [REDACTED]

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-3-29

OFFENSE: Attempted Murder

CDR Code:

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: McCormick

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Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request: September 22, 2022	Issuing Magistrate 

ARREST WARRANT

2022A3510100318

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Jason Erwin

Address:

Bradley, SC 29819-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 4 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00109

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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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

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on 9/23/2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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211 West Augusta Street, Extension
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Jason Erwin

did within this county and state on or about

9/21/2022

violate the criminal laws of the

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

Mccormick

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 September 21, 2022, in the county of McCormick, one Jason Erwin did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in that he did (see attached affidavit). Incident investigated by Agent Padgett of the SLED.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

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Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

John Cliff Long

Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-

Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

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White

DOB: [REDACTED] 1977

SSN [REDACTED]

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 8-1-80

OFFENSE: Misconduct of Public Officer

CDR Code:

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: McCormick

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Misconduct of Public Officer

That Jason Erwin, a public officer, did in McCormick County, South Carolina, on or about September 21, 2022, commit professional misconduct while driving his patrol vehicle marked with McCormick County Sheriff's Office while intoxicated and acting negligently. Erwin admitted to SLED agents that while off-duty he did present himself as a law enforcement officer after admittedly consuming two Truly alcoholic beverages. When interviewed by SLED agents, Erwin also admitted to possessing a silver flask of Bourbon which he consumed on scene and directly after the following encounter where he placed the lives of two victims, [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED] 1948), and [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED] 1952) in jeopardy as well as those of his fellow responding Deputies.

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