



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 20, 2023

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### **SLED CHARGES GREAT FALLS POLICE CHIEF WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

Today agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jeremy Heath Vinson, 45, of Lancaster, SC, with Misconduct in Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Vinson was booked at the Chester County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A1210100044

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE  
against

Jeremy Heath Vinson

Address [Redacted]  
Lancaster, SC 29720-9199

Phone [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]  
Sex M Race [Redacted] Height 5 5 Weight 240

DL State SC DL # [Redacted]

DOB [Redacted] 1978 Agency ORI # SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer Richard J Cullop - S00610

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 Jeremy Vinson on 1/26/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
PO Drawer 580  
140 Main Street  
Chester, SC 29706

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard J Cullop who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jeremy Heath Vinson did within this county and state on or about 6/17/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Chester) 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

From the dates of December 19, 2021 through June 17, 2022, while acting in his official capacity as Chief of Police for the Great Falls Police Department (GFPD), Jeremy Vinson, committed malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of his official duties in the investigation, disposition, and prosecution of a December 19, 2021 hit and run incident in which [Redacted] and [Redacted] were the victims and the GFPD was the acting law enforcement agency. Chief Vinson negotiated and disposed of the case in Great Falls Municipal Court without the proper authority from the Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office to do so. Chief Vinson failed to notify [Redacted] and [Redacted] of the negotiations and disposition of their case. Chief Vinson failed to properly and faithfully discharge the official duties imposed on him by law by making false statements in a SLED interview and by falsely altering his supplemental report to show that he made efforts to contact [Redacted] and [Redacted] before the disposition of their case.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 County/  Municipality of )  
Chester )

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 6/17/2022 defendant Jeremy Heath Vinson did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Chester) 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 1/19/2023  
[Signature] (L.S.)  
Signature of Issuing Judge  
Olivia Darby Williford  
Judge Code. 7417

Judge's Address Law Enforcement Center  
Chester, SC 29706-  
Judge's Telephone (803)581-5136  
Issuing Court.  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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