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SLED CHARGES FORMER DARLINGTON POLICE OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE HEROIN

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Thomas ‘Trey’ Franklin James III, 31, of Darlington, SC, on Friday, February 17, 2023, with Misconduct in Office and Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

James was booked at the Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor’s Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2023A1610200023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE 78-23-0157

against

Thomas Franklin James, III

Address:

Darlington, SC 29540-8161

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 160

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

DOB: 1991

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jessica M Bailey - S00712

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance,

misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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 Thomas Franklin James III

on 2/18/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
1 Public Square 5Th Floor
Darlington, SC 29532

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jessica M Bailey

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Franklin James, III

did within this county and state on or about 2/17/2023

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

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 Thomas Franklin James III, a Certified Law Enforcement Officer, did in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, on or between February 16, 2023, and February 17, 2023, willfully and unlawfully violate the law of Misconduct in Office to wit: While on duty as a Law Enforcement Officer for the Darlington Police Department, James III did purchase, possess, and use a quantity of suspected heroin for personal use. The quantity of suspected heroin was located inside his department issued patrol vehicle, which was searched by a Darlington Police Department Sergeant after James III's employment with the Darlington Police Department was terminated. This information was corroborated by witness statements and the confession of James III to Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Darlington

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 2/17/2023

defendant Thomas Franklin James, III

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

County/ Municipality of Darlington

) 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 2/18/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Deatrice Barrett Curtis (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 5063

Judge's Address 115 Camp Road

Darlington, SC 29532-6220

Judge's Telephone (843)398-4340

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A1610100036

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
Darlington

THE STATE 78-23-0137
against

Thomas Franklin James, III

Address: [REDACTED]
Darlington, SC 29540-8161

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jessica M Bailey - S00712

Offense: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0183

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(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 Thomas Franklin James III on 2/18/2023

[Signature] C-2
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
1 Public Square 5Th Floor
Darlington, SC 29532

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

AFFIDAVIT **ORIGINAL** Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 918

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jessica M Bailey who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Franklin James, III did within this county and state on or about 2/17/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Darlington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 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 February 17, 2023, one Thomas Franklin JAMES III, did unlawfully possess a quantity of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, that weighed approximately .6 grams that was stored inside of his department issued patrol vehicle and was found by a Darlington Police Department Sergeant who was collecting department issued equipment from the defendant. This violation taking place at [REDACTED] Darlington County, South Carolina. This is supported by witness testimony as well as the confession of Thomas Franklin JAMES III to Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement. This being in violation of Section 44-53-370, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant [Signature]

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

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 2/17/2023 defendant Thomas Franklin James, III did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Darlington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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 2/18/2023

[Signature] (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: Thomas Franklin JAMES III ALIAS: "Trey"

DOB: [REDACTED] 1991

RACE: W

SEX: M

HAIR: Brown

EYES: Brown

HT/WT: 5'10/160

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL STATE: SC

DL #: SC [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Darlington, SC

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Jessica Gregg, who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Thomas Franklin JAMES III did within this county and state on or about February 17, 2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II
44-53-370(b)(1)
CDR 183

PROBABLE CAUSE:

On February 17, 2023, one Thomas Franklin JAMES III, did unlawfully possess a quantity of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, that weighed approximately .6 grams that was stored inside of his department issued patrol vehicle and was found by a Darlington Police Department Sergeant who was collecting department issued equipment from the defendant. This violation taking place at [REDACTED] Darlington County, South Carolina. This is supported by witness testimony as well as the confession of Thomas Franklin JAMES III to Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement. This being in violation of Section 44-53-370, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

SLED Case Number: 78-23-0137

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the)

18th day of February, 2023)

[Signature of Judge])
Signature of Judge)

[Signature of Affiant])
Affiant)
S/A Jessica Gregg)
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division)
4400 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29221)
(t) 803-896-7253)