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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN AIKEN COUNTY**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting on Thursday afternoon in Aiken County.

Following a traffic stop that resulted in a car chase, a New Ellenton police officer shot a firearm at an armed man. No one was injured. The man, later identified as Brandon Odairy Williams, 36, was arrested by the South Carolina Highway Patrol, charged with traffic offenses related to the collision and booked at the Aiken County Detention Center. SLED charged Williams with Failure to Stop For a Blue Light and Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol. The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. SLED Warrants are attached.

This officer involved shooting is an ongoing investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting (OIS) investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident or the agency with jurisdiction. When requested to investigate an OIS, SLED's goal is to conduct a thorough, independent criminal investigation as timely as is possible under the circumstances. SLED agents will conduct interviews with all potential witnesses in this matter. Further, SLED will collect all relevant evidence and will forensically test such evidence as needed. Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

The incident in Aiken County was the 6th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the New Ellenton Police Department this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. New Ellenton Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A0210100005

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

against

Brandon Odairy Williams

Address: [Redacted]

Aiken, SC 29801-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: [Redacted]

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1986 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

Offense: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, no injury or death - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0065

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-0750(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 Brandon O Williams on 3.3.2023 @ 1233

[Signature] 7232
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
P O Box 583
109 Park Avenue
Aiken, SC 29802

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [] Municipality of)
Aiken)

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey N Michlovitz who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Brandon Odairy Williams
did within this county and state on or about 3/2/2023 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Aiken)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, no injury or death - 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 March 2, 2023, at approximately 1:14 p.m., while on Eagle Road near the intersection of Cypress Boulevard, New Ellenton, SC, which is located in Aiken County, the defendant, Brandon Williams, did fail to stop when signaled by siren and flashing light by New Ellenton Police Department (NEPD) [Redacted] [Redacted] attempted to stop a blue 1997 Ford Crown Victoria bearing SC Tag: [Redacted] for a traffic violation. The vehicle sped up and attempted to flee. [Redacted] pursued and the vehicle struck a road sign at the intersection of Sizemore Avenue and S Main Street. The vehicle came to a rest in the yard of [Redacted] S Main Street, New Ellenton, SC. Williams fled on foot and was apprehended beside the residence. Williams was identified from his South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) driver's license.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [] Municipality of)
Aiken)

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

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 3/2/2023 defendant Brandon Odairy Williams
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[X] County/ [] Municipality of Aiken) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, no injury or death - 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 3/2/2023

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

Patricia Yvonne Arthur-Rushton

Judge Code: 7372-5034

Judge's Address
Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

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

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2023A0211100015

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE 32-23-0035 against

Brandon Odairy Williams

Address: Aiken, SC 29801-4453

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 180 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1986 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00931 Offense: Weapons / Unlawful carrying of pistol

Offense Code: 0044 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0020

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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AFFIDAVIT

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Unlawful carrying of pistol

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 March 2, 2023, one Brandon Odairy Williams did carry in his waistband a Glock 43 9mm handgun and did present while fleeing from [redacted]. This was done after a traffic stop in which the defendant fled on foot. This occurred at [redacted] South Main Street in the City of New Ellenton, Aiken County, SC and being in violation of SC Code of Laws, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

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

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone

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[Handwritten Signature]

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge Donna Hutto Williamson Judge Code: 5937

Judge's Address Wagener, SC 29164-9570 Judge's Telephone (803)564-5989 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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