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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 that occurred during the early morning of Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in Aiken County.

Just before 2:00 a.m., an Aiken Department of Public Safety (ADPS) officer was in a patrol vehicle at a gas station at the intersection of Whiskey Road and Pine Log Road in Aiken, SC, when a man approached the officer. The man was later identified as Richard Dale Mccarty, 30, of North Augusta, SC. After a short conversation between Mccarty and the officer, Mccarty got into his vehicle and rammed the officer's patrol vehicle. The collision disabled both vehicles. Mccarty got out of the passenger's side window of his vehicle and chased the ADPS officer with a knife. Two ADPS officers responded to assist the officer being chased by the armed man. Mccarty presented the knife and the responding ADPS officers shot him. Mccarty was taken to the hospital for treatment for several non-life-threatening injuries. No officers were injured.

SLED charged Richard Mccarty with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime. Details can be found in the attached warrants.

This 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 12th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2023. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Aiken Department of Public Safety this year.

In 2022, there were 32 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Aiken Department of Public Safety 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

2023A0210400081

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

32-230072

against

Richard Dale Mccarty

Address:

North Augusta, SC 29841-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 220

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

DOB: 1992

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S01015

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 Richard Mccarty on 5/16/2023

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 Brian J Tolbert who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Richard Dale Mccarty did within this county and state on or about 5/16/2023 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: 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 May 16, 2023, in the county of Aiken, one Richard Dale Mccarty did commit the crime of Assault / Attempted Murder in that he did with malice aforethought attempt to kill [redacted] of ADPS, by ramming the officer's vehicle with his car. The defendant then ran at the victim with a large knife in an overhand grip, attempting to kill the officer. This occurring within the city limits of Aiken, S.C.

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

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 5/16/2023 defendant Richard Dale Mccarty 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: 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 5/16/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Tracey Lynn Carroll
Judge Code: 5036

Judge's Address 1930 University Parkway, Suite 1519
Aiken, SC 29801-

Judge's Telephone (803)642-1744

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

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Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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(L.S.)

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