



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAPTAIN WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND PETIT LARCENY**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Charles Jeffery Underwood, 48, on Thursday, July 13, 2023, with Misconduct in Office and Petit Larceny.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Underwood was booked at the Oconee County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3710400786

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Oconee

THE STATE 34-23-0060

against

Charles Jeffery Underwood

Address: [Redacted]

Mountain Rest, SC 29664-

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 215

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1974 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James M Collins - S00748

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 Charles Jeffery Underwood on 7-13-23

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Walhalla Magistrate 208 Booker Drive Walhalla, SC 29691

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

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant James M Collins who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Charles Jeffery Underwood did within this county and state on or about 3/24/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Oconee) 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:

THE DEFENDANT DID, ON, OR ABOUT 3-24-23, WHILE ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A CAPTAIN FOR THE OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NEGLECTED TO PROPERLY AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES HE WAS SWORN TO UPHOLD WHILE SERVING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. THE DEFENDANT WILLFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY TOOK AND CARRIED AWAY PROPERTY, PILLS/MEDICATION OF WHICH HE WAS NOT THE OWNER. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 300 S. CHURCH STREET, WALHALLA, SC IN OCONEE COUNTY AND WAS INVESTIGATED BY SC STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. A WRITTEN REPORT IS ON FILE. CASE #34-23-0060.

Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

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

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 3/24/2023 defendant Charles Jeffery Underwood did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Oconee) 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 7/12/2023 Judge's Address 208 Booker Drive Walhalla, SC 29691- Judge's Telephone (864)638-4125 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

[Signature] (L.S.) Blake A. Norton (Magistrate) Judge Code: 5033

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