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July 31, 2023

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**SLED CHARGES CHESTER COUNTY MAN WITH MURDER, POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged John Lowery, 31, on July 28, 2023, with Murder and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime. SLED was requested by the Chester Police Department to investigate a shooting incident on July 23, 2023, that resulted in one fatality. Questions regarding the identity of the deceased should be directed to the coroner's office. Anyone with information pertaining to the event, including details regarding a second subject believed to be involved, should contact SLED at [tips@sled.sc.gov](mailto:tips@sled.sc.gov).

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Lowery was booked at the Chester County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A1210100542

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

against

John Antonia Frenchis Lowery

Address

Chester, SC 29706-2032

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight: 173

DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Paul B Knight - S00651

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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 \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_

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

County/  Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Paul B Knight who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Antonia Frenchis Lowery

did within this county and state on or about 7/23/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / 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:

On July, 23, 2023, at approximately 3:19 a.m, John Antonia Frenchis Lowery did commit the offense of Murder at 124 Saluda Street which is within the city limits of Chester, Chester County, SC. The defendant committed the offense of Murder when he unlawfully, willfully, and with malice aforethought killed one, [REDACTED]. The defendant, while armed with a handgun, fired multiple shots at the victim after the co-defendant intially fired. The victim was struck multiple times with the fatal wound striking his head. The defendant and co-defendant fled the scene in a gray 2018 Nissan Altima bearing [REDACTED]. The defendant was identified as the suspect by surveillance footage and witnesses statements.

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 7/23/2023 defendant John Antonia Frenchis Lowery

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: Murder / 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 7/27/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)

William Cyrus Corbett

Judge Code 7501

Judge's Address Chester County Magistrate

Chester, SC 29706-

Judge's Telephone (803)581-5136

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Paul B Knight - S00651

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

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