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SLED CHARGES MAN WITH MURDER, POSSESSION OF A WEAPON USED DURING A VIOLENT CRIME, AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON OF A VIOLENT CRIME

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kurtino Damon Weathersbee, 40, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, with Murder, Possession of a weapon used during a violent crime, and Unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon of a violent crime.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Weathersbee was booked at the Bamberg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A0510100145

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Bamberg

THE STATE

against

Kurtino Damon Weathersbee

Address: [Redacted]

Blythewood, SC 29016-7136

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 166 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Kade H Steppe - S00356 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 Kurtino Damon Weathersbee on 8/8/2023

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Bamberg Magistrate 1234 North Street Post Office Box 187 Bamberg, SC 29003

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Bamberg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kade H Steppe who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kurtino Damon Weathersbee did within this county and state on or about 8/7/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Bamberg) 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:

See Attached Affidavit

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Bamberg

Affiant's Address P. C. 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 8/7/2023 defendant Kurtino Damon Weathersbee did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Bamberg) 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 8/8/2023

[Signature] (L.S.) Signature of Issuing Judge Richard Craig Threatt Judge Code: 7035

Judge's Address 2873 Main Highway Bamberg, SC 29003

Judge's Telephone (803)245-3016

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

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

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BAMBERG

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Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Kade Steppe of SLED who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that **Kurtino Damon Weathersbee, black male, DOB [REDACTED] 1983**, did within this county and state on or about August 7, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

MURDER

16-3-10

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on August 7, 2023, the defendant Kurtino Weathersbee; did willingly, knowingly, and feloniously violate S.C. statute of **MURDER 16-3-10** with malice aforethought, while at [REDACTED] Cardinal Road, in the town of Denmark, within the County of Bamberg, SC in the following particulars:

The defendant did possess a 9mm handgun and discharged it, striking the victim, [REDACTED] multiple times and fled the scene. The defendant was later apprehended by the SLED K9 Tracking Team. Witnesses were able to give information that assisted law enforcement in the identification of said subject. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by the Bamberg County Coroner.

The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements and the investigation of **Special Agent Kade Steppe** of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 8th day of August, 2023



Affiant

104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, S.C. 29488
(843) 782-3822

Signature of Judge 

ARREST WARRANT

2023A0510100146

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Bamberg

THE STATE against

Kurtino Damon Weathersbee

Address: Blythewood, SC 29016-7136

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 166

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Kade H Steppe - S00356

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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Columbia SC 29221
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April 21, 2003
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COUNTY OF BAMBERG

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

**Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime
16-23-490**

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on August 7, 2023, the defendant Kurtino Weathersbee; did willingly, knowingly, and feloniously violate S.C. statute of **16-23-490**, while at [REDACTED] Cardinal Road, in the town of Denmark, within the County of Bamberg, SC in the following particulars:

The defendant did possess a 9mm handgun and discharged it, striking the victim, [REDACTED] multiple times and fled the scene. The defendant was later apprehended by the SLED K9 Tracking Team. Witnesses were able to give information that assisted law enforcement in the identification of said subject.

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THE STATE against

Kurtino Damon Weathersbee

Address: Blythewood, SC 29016-7136

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 166

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kade H Steppe - S00356

Offense: Weapons / Possession of Firearm or Ammunition by person convicted of violent felony

Offense Code: 3434

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0500(A)

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon of a Violent Crime 16-23-500

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on August 7, 2023, the defendant Kurtino Weathersbee: did willingly, knowingly, and feloniously violate S.C. statute of **16-23-500**, while at [REDACTED] Cardinal Road, in the town of Denmark, within the County of Bamberg, SC in the following particulars:

The defendant did possess a 9mm handgun and discharged it, striking the victim, [REDACTED] multiple times and fled the scene. The defendant was later apprehended by the SLED K9 Tracking Team. Witnesses were able to give information that assisted law enforcement in the identification of said subject.

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