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SLED CHARGES FORMER LANCASTER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 3RD DEGREE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Christopher La'Keith Stevenson, 29, on Monday, September 11, 2023, with Assault & Battery 3rd degree.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Stevenson was booked at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2910102008

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

against

Christopher La'Keith Stevenson

Address:

Pageland, SC 29728-6405

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight: 280

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1993 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison C Fitzgerald - S00567

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(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 Christopher Stevenson

on 9/11/23

Signature of Probable Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Lancaster County Magistrate
761 Lancaster Bypass East
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Allison C Fitzgerald

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher La'Keith Stevenson

did within this county and state on or about 5/29/2023

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lancaster

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 Christopher Stevenson, a former correctional officer at Lancaster County Detention Center, 1941 Pageland Highway Lancaster County, South Carolina, did while in the duties of his position, on May 29, 2023 at 7:30 a.m., unlawfully injure inmate [REDACTED]. Stevenson walked around the general population dorm area looking for a missing eating utensil and approached [REDACTED] who was standing with his arms at his side. While walking by, Stevenson without provocation used his right hand in a closed fist to hit [REDACTED] in the right side of his face causing a manifestation of injury in the form of a bruise under his right eye. Multiple witness statements and surveillance video corroborated the incident.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lancaster

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 5/29/2023 defendant Christopher La'Keith Stevenson

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/ Municipality of Lancaster) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 9/7/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Douglas Michael Vecchio

Judge Code: 7225

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East

Lancaster, SC 29721-1809

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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

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