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SLED CHARGES UNION COUNTY WOMAN WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Laci Laxton West, 37, on Thursday, September 7, 2023, with Trafficking methamphetamine.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

SLED was assisted in the investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

West was booked at the Union County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 16th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A4410100292

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Union

THE STATE 78-23-0203 against

Laci Laxton West

Address: [Redacted] Union, SC 29379-1514

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 5 Weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1986 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Justin J Meeks - S00364

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0450

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375(C)(1)(a)

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 09-07-2023 Lacy Laxton West

Reshe Elh Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 210 W. Main Street P O Box 703 Union, SC 29379

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

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Justin J Meeks who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Laci Laxton West did within this county and state on or about 4/ 5/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Union) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 1st offense

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 knowingly, intentionally, and without authorization distribute a quantity of methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance greater than ten grams. This distribution was made to an undercover operative working under the direction of law enforcement on 4/5/2023. This incident did occur in Union, SC. The substance tested positive for methamphetamine by the Sled Forensics lab. This being in violation of Section 44-53-0375(C)(1)(A) of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended in such case made and provided. Affiant's beliefs based upon Sled investigation.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

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

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 4/ 5/2023 defendant Laci Laxton West did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Union) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 1st offense

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 8/21/2023

[Signature] (L.S.) David Kevin Morrow (Magistrate) Judge Code: 7350

Judge's Address 210 West Main Street Union, SC 29379-2215 Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

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

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