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**SLED CHARGES MCCORMICK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INMATE WITH
TAKING A HOSTAGE, CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT-FIRST DEGREE,
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged inmate Timothy Darren Sherard, 23, on Friday, September 22, 2023, with Taking a hostage, Criminal Sexual Conduct – First Degree, Possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3510100242

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Timothy Darren Sherard

Address: [Redacted] Columbia, SC 29210-

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 181

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison V Davis - S00367

Offense: Prisoners / Taking of hostages by any inmate, sentence cannot be concurrent

Offense Code: 2524 Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0450

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [X] County/ [] Municipality of [Redacted] The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

[Signature] (L.S.) Signature of Judge

Date: 9/22/23

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Timothy Sherard on 9/22/23

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Allison V Davis who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Timothy Darren Sherard did within this county and state on or about 9/20/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Taking of hostages by any inmate, sentence cannot be concurrent

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 September 20, 2023, while at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick County, SC McCormick Correctional Institution (MCI), Timothy D. Sherard Jr. did willfully and unlawfully commit the offense of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree by engaging in sexual battery with the victim, SCDC C/O [Redacted] Sherard is an inmate at a state correctional facility and used physical force to hold C/O [Redacted] against her will in a bathroom in the education building. Sherard used aggravated force to accomplish the sexual battery by using a sharp object to threaten physical violence and death to C/O [Redacted] Sherard forced her into having oral and vaginal sex with him with the threat of physical violence or death if she did not participate. Probable cause being statement by C/O [Redacted] during SANE examination, statements of officers at the scene, and C/O [Redacted] had abrasion marks on her neck consistent with manual strangulation. See attached affidavit.

Signature of Affiant

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

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone

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TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

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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 9/22/2023 [Signature] (L.S.) Signature of Issuing Judge Patty L. Smith Judge Code: 5924

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29835-1116 Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316

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

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison V Davis - S00367

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - First degree

Offense Code: 0160

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0652

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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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