



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER SUMTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND ASSAULT & BATTERY 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Michael Hugo Alston, 60, on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, with Misconduct in Office, and Assault & Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis requested the SLED investigation after an incident at the Detention Center on September 18, 2023.

Alston was booked at the Sumter County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



ARREST WARRANT

2023A4310101017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Sumter

THE STATE 33-23-0111 against

Michael Hugo Alston

Address: Rembert, SC 29128-9216

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 259

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Clemson J Wright, Jr - S00944

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819
Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 Michael Alston on 10/10/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
215 N. Harvin St.
Sumter, SC 29150

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

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Clemson J Wright, Jr who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael Hugo Alston did within this county and state on or about 9/18/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Sumter) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 18, 2023, Michael Alston did within the county of Sumter, commit the offense of Misconduct in Office to wit: While serving as a Correctional Officer for the Sumter County Detention Center, Alston assaulted Inmate [redacted]. After [redacted] threw an unknown liquid through the flap door of his cell, Alston requested [redacted] s cell door be opened. Alston entered [redacted] s cell and struck him multiple times in the head with a TASER. [redacted] sustained visible injuries that resulted in [redacted] being transported to Prisma Health Toumey where he received stitches. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements. These acts are contrary to Alston's official duties and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

Handwritten signature of affiant

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

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 9/18/2023 defendant Michael Hugo Alston did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Sumter) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 10/9/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge
Bryan Keith Griffin (Magistrate)
Judge Code: 5043

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 190 E. Canal Street
Sumter, SC 29151-1428
Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

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

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Clemson J Wright, Jr - S00944

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(1)

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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 18, 2023, Michael Alston did within the county of Sumter, commit the offense of Assault and Battery 2nd Degree, to wit: While serving as a Correctional Officer for Sumter County Detention Center, Alston assaulted Inmate [redacted]. Alston entered [redacted]'s cell and struck him multiple times in the head with a TASER. [redacted] sustained visible injuries that resulted in [redacted] being transported to Prisma Health Toumey where he received stitches. During the assault, the Taser was activated and cycled. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements obtained during the SLED investigation. This being in violation of Section 16-03-0600(D)(1), South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

County/  Municipality of )

Sumter )

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone 803-977-0191

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