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SLED CHARGES FORMER SURFSIDE BEACH POLICE SERGEANT WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 2ND DEGREE, AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged John Salvatore Gambone, 51, on Monday, October 30, 2023, with Assault & Battery 2nd degree, and Misconduct in Office. The SLED investigation was requested by the Surfside Beach Police Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Gambone was booked at the Horry County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2610202607

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

THE STATE 33-22-0152

against

John Salvatore Gambone

Address: [Redacted]

Myrtle Beach, SC 29575-8607

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: [Redacted] Height: 5 6 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Bradley J Thompson - S02024

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(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: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant [Redacted]

on [Redacted]

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
PO Box 677
1301 2nd Avenue
Conway, SC 29528

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Bradley J Thompson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Salvatore Gambone

did within this county and state on or about 8/8/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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:

On August 8, 2021, within Horry County, John Gambone committed the offense of Assault and Battery 2nd degree, a violation of SC Code of Laws 16-3-600(D)(1). While serving in his capacity as a Sergeant for the Surfside Beach Police Department, Gambone used excessive force while arresting [Redacted]. After placing one handcuff on [Redacted] Gambone threw [Redacted] to the ground, striking [Redacted] face on the ground and causing [Redacted] to lose consciousness. [Redacted] suffered multiple fractures to [Redacted] face as a result of the incident. These affiant's beliefs are based upon a witness statement, medical records, and video evidence obtained during the SLED investigation.

Signature of Affiant

[Redacted Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

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 8/8/2021 defendant John Salvatore Gambone

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 10/30/2023

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Issuing Judge

William N. Hutson

Judge Code: 7371

Judge's Address 4150 J. Reuben Long Avenue
Conway, SC 29526-

Judge's Telephone (843)915-5145

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

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2009
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Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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