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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SLED CHARGES FORMER GREAT FALLS RESCUE SQUAD FIRST LIEUTENANT WITH BREACH OF TRUST

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Cauthen, 32, on Friday, November 3, 2023, with Breach of Trust. The SLED investigation was requested by the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Cauthen was booked at the Chester County Detention Center.

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

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2023A1210100777

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

against

Joshua Phillip Cauthen

Address

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone

SSN

Sex M Race W Height 6 2 Weight 220

DL Stat

DL #

DOB

1991

Agency ORI #

SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency

State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer

Paul B Knight - S00651

Offense

Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$2,000 or less

Offense Code

3422

Code/Ordinance Sec

16-13-0230(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

Joshua Phillip Cauthen
November 3, 2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Chester County Magistrate Court
2740 Dawson Drive
Chester, SC 29706

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Chester

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Paul B Knight

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Joshua Phillip Cauthen

did within this county and state on or about

7/12/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

Chester

in the following particulars

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$2,000 or less

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

Between the dates of January 16, 2023 - July 12, 2023, Joshua Phillip Cauthen did commit the offense of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent at the Great Falls Rescue Squad (GFRS), 560 Chester Ave, Great Falls (Chester County), SC - The GFRS is a non-profit volunteer service which received allocated quarterly funding from the Chester County government. While serving as First Lieutenant with the GFRS, Cauthen was issued in trust a Spratt Savings Bank (SSB) debit card (x4293) for incidentals. Cauthen, however, committed the offense of breach of trust when he committed thirteen (13) transactions for personal gain in and about the counties of Chester, Lancaster, York, and Horry within the State of South Carolina. These transactions leave the GFRS at a total loss of \$1,659.28. Cauthen was identified as the suspect through video surveillance, financial records, and witness statements

Signature of Affiant

Paul B Knight

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Chester

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 7/12/2023

defendant Joshua Phillip Cauthen

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

County/

Municipality of

Chester

) as set forth below

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$2,000 or less

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 7/12/2023

Olivia Darby Williford

(L.S.)

Olivia Darby Williford

Judge Code

7417

Judge's Address

Chester County Magistrate

Chester, SC 29706-

Judge's Telephone

(803) 581-5136

Issuing Court

Magistrate

Municipal

Circuit

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