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December 1, 2023

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SLED CHARGES FORMER AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND ASSAULT & BATTERY 1ST DEGREE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Christopher Lamar Williams, 31, on Friday, December 1, 2023, with Misconduct in Office and Assault & Battery 1st degree.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Williams was booked at the Aiken County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A0210700339

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

32-23-0036

against

Christopher Lamar Williams

Address:

Belvedere, SC 29841-

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 280

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: ____/____/1992 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard J Cullop - S01088

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 Christopher Williams on 12/1/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
P O Box 583
109 Park Avenue
Aiken, SC 29802

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard J Cullop

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher Lamar Williams

did within this county and state on or about 3/7/2023

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Aiken)

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 March 7, 2023, while acting in his official capacity as an Aiken County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy, Christopher Williams committed malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of his official duties during a traffic stop in the road way near 2 Schley Street, Warrentville, SC, in Aiken County. Williams stopped a 1997 Nissan Pathfinder bearing SC Tag: _____ for failure to maintain lane. Williams asked the driver, _____ to exit the vehicle. _____ refused, and while Williams was standing next to _____ with the driver's door open and to his left _____ put the vehicle into drive and fled the traffic stop. Williams drew his ACSO issued firearm and fired one shot striking the rear driver's side of _____'s vehicle as _____ was driving away causing the potential for great bodily injury or death to occur. Williams' in-car video showed _____ took no overt action to endanger Williams other than fleeing from the traffic stop.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Aiken

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 3/7/2023 defendant Christopher Lamar Williams

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

County/ Municipality of Aiken) 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 11/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Patricia Yvonne Arthur Rushton

Judge Code 7372

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

Issuing Court: Magistrate

Municipal

Circuit

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

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Offense Code: 3412

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

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