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SLED CHARGES FORMER AIKEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 3RD DEGREE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Anthony Briscoe Mason, 28, on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, with Assault & Battery 3rd degree. SLED was requested to investigate by the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Mason was booked at the Aiken County Detention Center.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A0210700341

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

32-23-0004

against

Anthony Briscoe Mason

Address

Aiken, SC 29803-4238

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S01093

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(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: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Anthony Mason

on 12/27/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Aiken Summary Court
1930 University Parkway, Suite 1519
Aiken, SC 29801

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Aiken

Personally appeared before me the affiant Tricia L Stoner who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Anthony Briscoe Mason

did within this county and state on or about 1/3/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 January 3, 2023, Aiken Department of Public Safety (ADPS) Public Safety Officer (PSO) Anthony Mason did unlawfully injury another person with the present ability to do so. While investigating a traffic collision that involved a vehicle belonging to the victim, PSO Mason advised he detected the odor of marijuana and had probable cause to search his vehicle. [redacted] told PSO Mason he was not going to search [redacted] vehicle and began to walk away. PSO Mason grabbed [redacted] arm and advised [redacted] to place [redacted] hands behind [redacted] back. [redacted] fled on foot and PSO [redacted] and PSO Mason pursued [redacted] on foot. [redacted] refused to place [redacted] hand behind [redacted] back at the direction of officers in an attempt to affect the arrest. PSO Mason struck [redacted] on the top of the head with his hand. This belief is based on statements from PSO Mason and [redacted] and recorded video of the incident; and constitutes a violation of 16-03-600(E)(1) of the SC Code of Laws. This offense occurred in Aiken County.

Signature of Affiant

Tricia L Stoner

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 1/3/2023 defendant Anthony Briscoe Mason

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: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 11/30/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Patricia Yvonne Arthur Rushton

Judge Code: 7372

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

Issuing Court: Magistrate

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Circuit

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