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SLED CHARGES 17-YEAR-OLD WITH MURDER AFTER FATAL SHOOTING AT WATERMELON FESTIVAL

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies, 17, with Murder, Possession of a Weapon During a Deadly Crime, and Additional Penalty for a Concealable Weapon, as he was not eligible at 17 for a Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP), on Saturday, July 19, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Pageland Police Department and the Chesterfield County Coroner's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Jefferies was booked into the Chesterfield County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1310100740

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

THE STATE

against

Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

Address:

Pageland, SC 29728-8419

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 5 Weight: 145

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 2008 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Erin N Beasley - S00673

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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 Jayden Jefferies

on 7/19/25

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
200 West Main
P O Box 529
Chesterfield, SC 29709

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

Personally appeared before me the affiant Erin N Beasley who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

did within this county and state on or about 7/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chesterfield)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 July 18, 2025, near Pearl Street and McGregor Street in the city limits of Pageland, South Carolina, in the county of Chesterfield, the defendant, Jayden J. Jefferies, did with malice aforethought, either express or implied, murder the victim, 17-year-old [REDACTED], by shooting him with a .22 caliber handgun after a verbal altercation. The defendant stated that he fired the handgun several times at the unarmed victim before fleeing the scene and dropping the handgun at an unknown location. The victim was struck in the chest area and died as a result of the injury.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

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 7/18/2025 defendant Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chesterfield) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 7/19/2025

Judge's Address 115 Green Street

Chesterfield, SC 29709-

Judge's Telephone (843)623-9009

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1310100741

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

THE STATE

against

Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

Address:

Pageland, SC 29728-8419

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: Height: 5 5 Weight: 145

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]/2008 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Erin N Beasley - S00673

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if
not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
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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 Jayden Jefferies
7/19/25

a. h. m.

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 July 18, 2025, near Pearl Street and McGregor Street in the city limits of Pageland, South Carolina, in the county of
Chesterfield, the defendant, Jayden J. Jefferies, did with malice aforethought, either express or implied, murder the victim,
17-year-old [REDACTED] by shooting him with a .22 caliber handgun after a verbal altercation. The defendant stated that he fired the
handgun, which had previously concealed in his waistband, several times at the unarmed victim before fleeing the scene and
dropping the handgun at an unknown location. The victim was struck in the chest area and died as a result of the injury.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

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on or about 7/18/2025 defendant Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chesterfield) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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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 meon 7/19/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

John A Davis

Judge Code: 7227

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 115 Green StreetChesterfield, SC 29709-Judge's Telephone (843)623-9009Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1310100742

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chesterfield

THE STATE

SLED 2025-04589

against

Jayden Jeremiah Jefferies

Address:

Pageland, SC 29728-8419

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 5 Weight: 145

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2008 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Erin N Beasley - S00673

Offense: Weapons / Additional Penalty for Certain Crimes
Involving Concealable Weapons

Offense Code: 4114

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0495(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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did within this county and state on or about 7/18/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chesterfield)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Additional Penalty for Certain Crimes Involving Concealable Weapons

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:SLED 2025-04589. On July 18, 2025, near Pearl Street and McGregor Street in the city limits of Pageland, South Carolina, in the
county of Chesterfield, the defendant, Jayden J. Jefferies, did with malice aforethought, either express or implied, murder the victim,
17-year-old [REDACTED], by shooting him with a .22 caliber handgun after a verbal altercation. The defendant stated that he pulled
the handgun that was concealed in his waistband and fired the handgun several times at the unarmed victim before fleeing the scene
and dropping the handgun at an unknown location. The victim was struck in the chest area and died as a result of the injury. The
defendant does not have a valid concealed weapon permit.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

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soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 7/19/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

John A Davis

Judge Code: 7227

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 115 Green Street

Chesterfield, SC 29709-

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