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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SLED RESCUES 10 DOGS, CHARGES BEAUFORT COUNTY MAN WITH ANIMAL FIGHTING AND ILL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Spencer Lamont Moultrie, 54, with Animal Fighting or Baiting and Ill Treatment of Animals on Monday, August 11, 2025.

During the operation, 10 dogs were placed with the Humane World for Animals organization for veterinary care.

The Beaufort County Animal Control, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and the Hampton County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Moultrie was booked into the Beaufort County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Court Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710400218

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE

2025-04321

against

Spencer Lamont Moultrie

Address:

Seabrook, SC 29940-2407

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Douglas G Mcelwain - S01392

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030

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 Spencer Moultrieon 8/11/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Beaufort

Personally appeared before me the affiant Douglas G Mcelwain whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Spencer Lamont Moultriedid within this county and state on or about 8/11/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

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 or about 8/11/25, the Defendant, Spencer Moultrie did commit the offense of Animal Fighting or Baiting in Beaufort County at _____ Seabrook, SC. Facts to establish: On 8/11/25, the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Dogfighting Unit executed a search warrant at _____ which is the address on Moultrie's driver's license. SLED had information dogs on the property were being used for dogfighting. Ten dogs were found on the property along with multiple items associated with dogfighting. A vet examined the dogs and determined that 9 of them had a scar pattern consistent with organized dogfighting. Moultrie arrived on scene and said he took care of the property. He said the dogs were _____'s dogs. A tan, male dog had an obvious wound on his head and scarring consistent with dogfighting. All of the above is believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED & violates S.C. Code of Laws section 16-27-0030.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Beaufort

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:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 8/11/2025 defendant Spencer Lamont Moultrie

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

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 8/11/2025Signature of Issuing Judge
LaShonda Green ScottJudge Code: 7331

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840Bluffton, SC 29910-Judge's Telephone (843)255-5610Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Offense: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

Offense Code: 2804

Code/Ordinance Sec: 47-01-0040(B)

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