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September 17, 2025

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SLED CHARGES FLORENCE COUNTY MAN WITH ILL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, ANIMAL FIGHTING OR BAITING, AND CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Douglas McFadden Jr., 41, with four counts of Ill Treatment of Animals, four counts of Animal Fighting or Baiting, and Criminal Conspiracy on Thursday, September 11, 2025. The Lake City Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

McFadden Jr. was booked into the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A2110201539

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

2025-04836

against

Douglas McFadden

Address

Lake City, SC 29560

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 171

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S01540

Offense: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

Offense Code: 2804

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

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 Douglas McFadden Jr on 9/11/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/11/2025

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Signature of Issuing Judge

(L.S.)

Jerry P. Rivers

Judge Code: 7339

Judge's Address

180 North Irby Street (MSC-W)

Judge's Telephone

Florence, SC 29501-

(843)665-0031

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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April 21, 2003
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April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2110201543

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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THE STATE
against

2025-04836

Douglas McFadden

Address:

Lake City, SC 29560

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 171

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

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Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec.: 16-27-0030

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2110201544

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Florence

) 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 9/11/2025

Jerry F Rivers
Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge's Name

Judge Code 7339

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 180 North Irby Street (MSC-W)

Florence, SC 29501-

Judge's Telephone (843)665-0031

Issuing Court.

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

2025-04836

against

Douglas McFadden

Address

Lake City, SC 29560

Phone [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 171

DL State: SC DL# [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S01540

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

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Sammantha D Tyson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Douglas McFadden

did within this county and state on or about

9/11/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Florence

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 September 11, 2025, the Defendant, Douglas MCFADDEN Jr, knowingly committed the offense of Animal Fighting/Baiting while at the property of [REDACTED] Lake City, Florence County, SC. MCFADDEN was determined to own a tan, male pit bull-type dog (Male 1) for the purpose of fighting /baiting. SLED executed a search warrant on the property, where MCFADDEN was known to frequent & was apprehended. During the search, Male 1 was found tethered by a heavy logging chain, provided with inadequate living conditions, and had apparent scarring consistent with injuries from dogfighting. Given these facts and the condition of the scene in totality, it was apparent that the dog was owned for no other purpose than fighting/ baiting. These facts are in addition to the large amount of physical & digital evidence seized by SLED in a dogfighting conspiracy involving MCFADDEN. Such acts violate S.C. Code of Laws section 16-27-0030.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

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 9/11/2025

defendant Douglas McFadden

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Florence

) 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 9/11/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Jerry F Rivers

Judge Code, 7339

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

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Florence, SC 29501-

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Issuing Court

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2110100380

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

2025-04836

against

Douglas Mcfadden, Jr

Address

Lake City, SC 29560-

Phone

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 171

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S01540

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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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

Douglas Mcfadden, Jr.
9/11/25Doug McElwan
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
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Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Sammantha D Tyson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Douglas Mcfadden, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 5/13/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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, 5/13/2025, the Defendant, Douglas MCFADDEN Jr, knowingly committed the offense of Criminal Conspiracy while at Lake City, Florence County, SC. Through investigation, MCFADDEN was found to have actively aided in the commission of the offense of Animal Fighting/Baiting in that he & at least one co-conspirator did breed two pit bull-type dogs, both appearing to exhibit scarring on the head & front leg areas consistent with dogfighting, for the purpose of continuing the dogfighting bloodlines. Thus, MCFADDEN was a causing party to the perpetuation of the fighting/baiting of these animals, and ultimately any offspring. This act was memorialized, showing both dogs kept in a manner consistent with dogfighting operations. This is in addition to further physical & digital evidence seized from multiple co-conspirators in a dogfighting organization. All of the above is believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED & violates S.C. Code of Laws 16-17-410.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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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 5/13/2025

defendant Douglas Mcfadden, Jr

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Florence) as set forth below

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/ 8/2025

Joe Timothy Suggs
Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 7539

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 39

Lake City, SC 29560-

Judge's Telephone (843)394-5461

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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