



# South Carolina

## STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 17, 2025

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Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES ORANGEBURG COUNTY MAN WITH ANIMAL FIGHTING OR BAITING AND ILL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Christopher Corbitt, 53, with Animal Fighting or Baiting and Ill Treatment of Animals on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives assisted SLED.

With assistance from shelters in South Carolina, 24 pit bull-type dogs with various scarring, consistent with dogfighting, were rescued from the inhumane living conditions.

During the search of the residence SLED Agents, along with assisting law enforcement agencies, located over 1 pound 3 ounces of meth, 24 grams of cocaine, a quarter kilo of fentanyl powder, a quantity of THC vape cartridges, 5 oxycodone pills, 2 handguns, 4 vehicles, an electronic currency counting machine, and \$22,421 in United States currency.

Details can be found in the attached warrants and photos.

Corbitt was booked into the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Photos courtesy of SLED.

## ARREST WARRANT

2025A3810701129

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

2025-06115

against

Christopher Corbitt

Address:

Springfield, SC 29146-9003

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jonathan L Nelson - S01263

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 ofThe 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 Corbitt  
on 10-15-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
151 Docket Street  
P. O. Box 9000  
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jonathan L Nelson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher Corbitt

did within this county and state on or about 10/15/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 10/15/25, the Defendant, Christopher CORBITT did commit the offense of Animal Fighting or Baiting at Springfield, SC. Facts to establish: On October 15, 2025, the State Law Enforcement Division Dog Fighting Unit executed a search warrant at the defendant's address. 24 pit bull style dogs were located on the property. Numerous dogs have scarring, open wounds, inadequate housing, and are restrained with heavy chains. The scarring and the use of heavy logging chains are consistent with persons who fight dogs as well as being in close proximity to each other to keep them in an agitated state. All of the above is believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED &amp; violates S.C. Code of Laws section 16-27-0030.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

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 10/15/2025 defendant Christopher Corbitt

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Orangeburg ) 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 10/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge  
Kimberly M. Cummings-Roache

Judge Code: 7526

Judge's Address Post Office Box 9000  
Orangeburg, SC 29116-

Judge's Telephone (803)533-5843

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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2025A3810701117

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DOB: [REDACTED] 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jonathan L Nelson - S01263

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

Offense Code: 2804

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

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 7/11/25, the Defendant, Christopher CORBITT did commit the offense of Ill-Treatment of Animals at [REDACTED]  
Springfield, SC. Facts to establish: On July 11, 2025, the State Law Enforcement Division Dog Fighting Unit was provided video  
from a surveillance flight conducted by the Richland Co Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit. There was a dog with a makeshift shelter  
consisting of a piece of wood leaning against a fence. On October 2, 2025, numerous other dogs were seen with inadequate housing  
and restrained with heavy chains from another surveillance flight. All of the above is believed to be true based on the investigation  
of SLED & violates S.C. Code of Laws section 47-1-0040 (B).

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