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SLED CHARGES FORMER COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne, 27, with Criminal Sexual Conduct - Third Degree and Misconduct in Office on Monday, October 20, 2025. The Columbia Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Hickmon-Payne was booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

SLED previously charged Hickmon-Payne on March 12, 2025, with Assault & Battery 2nd Degree and Misconduct in Office. Anyone with information involving Hickmon-Payne can call SLED at (866) 472-8477 and/or email tips@sled.sc.gov.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500207

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2025-00785

against

Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

Address:

Elgin, SC 29045-9574

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 325

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S04352

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third degree

Offense Code: 0162

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0654

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:

Richland/County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant

Brian J Tolbert

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

did within this county and state on or about

9/6/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third 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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 9/6/2024

defendant Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third 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 10/17/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

DEFENDANT: Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

ALIAS: n/a

DOB: [REDACTED] 1998

RACE: Black

SEX: Male

HAIR: Black

EYES: Brown

HEIGHT: 6' 2"

WEIGHT: 325

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL STATE: SC

DL #: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Elgin, SC 29045

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Senior Special Agent Brian Tolbert who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne did within this county and state on or about September 6, 2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Criminal Sexual Conduct - Third Degree - §C/L 16-3-654 - (CDR CODE 0162)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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 6, 2024, Caleb Hickmon-Payne did, while employed and acting as a sworn police officer with the Columbia Police Department (CPD), commit the crime of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree, in that he did engage in sexual battery with the victim, [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] arrestee in his custody, using force and/or coercion to accomplish the battery and/or knew or had reason to know [REDACTED] was mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, and/or physically helpless. On the night of the incident, [REDACTED] was involved in an automobile collision and Hickmon-Payne arrested [REDACTED] for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). With [REDACTED] in his custody, Hickmon-Payne drove his CPD-issued vehicle to a dark area behind the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC), 2711 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC, in Richland County, turned off his headlights, parked his vehicle, and turned off his GPS unit which had been illuminated. He exited the vehicle and removed [REDACTED] from the vehicle while [REDACTED] was handcuffed with [REDACTED] hands in the front. [REDACTED] provided a statement to SLED stating Hickmon-Payne removed the handcuffs and had sexual intercourse with [REDACTED] at this location. Hickmon-Payne told [REDACTED] he could make [REDACTED] charges go away and [REDACTED] was under the impression he would not do that if [REDACTED] did not have sex with him. [REDACTED] was scared of Hickmon-Payne as he was much larger than [REDACTED] Hickmon-Payne then transported [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] for booking. The above is substantiated by CPD in-car camera footage, CPD body-worn camera (BWC) footage, CPD BA room surveillance footage, CPD vehicle tracking data, and [REDACTED] statement. These acts were in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

SLED Case Number: 2025-00785

17th day of October, 2025

Signature of Judge 7397

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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
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(t) 803-896-7000

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Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S04352

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Misconduct/Misconduct in Office - §C/L 17-25-0030 - (CDR CODE 0819)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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 6, 2024, Caleb Hickmon-Payne did, while employed and acting as a sworn police officer with the Columbia Police Department (CPD), commit the crime of Misconduct in Office, in that he did willfully and unlawfully commit misconduct in his public office, by acts and omissions of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in breach of his duties to the public including his duties of good faith, honesty, and accountability. On the night of the incident, [REDACTED] was involved in an automobile collision and Hickmon-Payne arrested [REDACTED] for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). With [REDACTED] in his custody, Hickmon-Payne drove his CPD-issued vehicle to a dark area behind the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC), 2711 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC, in Richland County, turned off his headlights, parked his vehicle, and turned off his GPS unit which had been illuminated. He exited the vehicle and removed [REDACTED] from the vehicle while [REDACTED] was handcuffed with [REDACTED] hands in the front. [REDACTED] provided a statement to SLED stating Hickmon-Payne removed the handcuffs and had sexual intercourse with [REDACTED] at this location. [REDACTED] was scared of Hickmon-Payne as he was much larger than [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated Hickmon-Payne told [REDACTED] he could make [REDACTED] charges go away and [REDACTED] was under the impression he would not do that if [REDACTED] did not have sex with him. Hickmon-Payne then transported [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] for booking. During this incident, Hickmon-Payne intentionally deactivated his CPD in-car camera and body-worn camera (BWC). The above is substantiated by CPD in-car camera footage, CPD BWC footage, CPD BA room surveillance footage, CPD vehicle tracking data, and [REDACTED] statement. These acts were in breach of Hickmon-Payne's official duties as a sworn CPD police officer and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

SLED Case Number: 2025-00785

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the

17th day of October, 2025

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Signature of Judge



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