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SLED CHARGES FORMER MYRTLE BEACH POLICE OFFICER WITH POINTING AND PRESENTING A FIREARM AT A PERSON

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Michael Debiase, 46, with Pointing and Presenting a Firearm at a Person on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The Myrtle Beach Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Debiase was booked into the J. Reuben Long Detention Center in Horry County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 15th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2610700523

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

THE STATE 2026-03340 against

Michael Debiase

Address: Myrtle Beach, SC 29579-5332

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 245

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1980 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Shawn P Morris - S03953

Offense: Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

Offense Code: 0122 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0410

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 Michael Debiase on 6/2/26 @ 1102

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO: General Sessions PO Box 677 1301 2nd Avenue Conway, SC 29528

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

Personally appeared before me the affiant Shawn P Morris who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael Debiase did within this county and state on or about 5/30/2026 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

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 May 30, 2026, Myrtle Beach Police Department (MBPD) Detective Michael DeBaise did within Horry County, commit the offense of Pointing and Presenting a Firearm at a Person, to wit: While at the MBPD, located at 1101 North Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, Detective DeBiase confronted MBPD Patrolman First Class (PFC) [redacted] about PFC [redacted] warming up fish in the microwave, causing an odor in the office. During the confrontation, Detective DeBiase drew and pointed his department-issued handgun at PFC [redacted]. The Affiant's belief is based upon statements from the defendant and victim. This being in violation of South Carolina Code of Laws 16-23-0410.

Signature of Affiant

Signature of Affiant: Shawn P. Morris

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

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 5/30/2026 defendant Michael Debiase did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

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 6/2/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge: Bradley Dwyer Mayers Judge Code: 5081

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Conway, SC 29526-5105 Judge's Telephone (843)915-5290 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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