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SLED CHARGES FORMER ORANGEBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OFFICER WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Christopher James Tyler, 35, with Assault & Battery – 2nd Degree on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Tyler was booked into the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3810700874

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

2026-04710

against

Christopher James Tyler

Address:

Orangeburg, SC 29115-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Wayne C Kirby, Iii - S01386

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(1)

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 Christopher Tyler

on 8-25-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Central Region Magistrate
1540 Ellis Avenue
P. O. Box 9000
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant Wayne C Kirby, Iii who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher James Tyler

did within this county and state on or about 7/25/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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:

On July 25, 2026, Christopher Tyler, did commit the offense of Assault & Battery 2nd Degree, 16-3-600 (D)(1)(a) of the SC Code of Laws. Tyler was employed as a Class 1 police officer with the Orangeburg Dept of Public Safety. Tyler did arrest the victim, [REDACTED], and transport [REDACTED] to OCDC. While inside OCDC, the victim spat in Tyler's face. Tyler did strike the victim in the face with a closed fist, while the victim was handcuffed with [REDACTED] hands behind [REDACTED] back and also slammed the victim into a brick wall 2 separate times; while the victim was still handcuffed with [REDACTED] hands behind [REDACTED] back. The right side of the victim's head struck the brick wall first on both slams which could have resulted in moderate bodily injury. The incident was captured on footage from multiple angles. Tyler admitted to the incident post Miranda Warning. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements, digital data and the investigation of the SC Law Enforcement Division.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488-

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 7/25/2026 defendant Christopher James Tyler

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: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 8/24/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
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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