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September 4, 2026

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SLED CHARGES BARNWELL COUNTY MAN WITH POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME AND ATTEMPTED MURDER

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Antonio Makel O’Neal, 21, with Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime and Attempted Murder on Thursday, September 3, 2026. The Williston Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

O’Neal was booked into the Barnwell County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor’s Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A0620300042

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Williston

THE STATE

2026-05499

against

Antonio Makel O'Neal

Address:

Williston, SC 29853-5920

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 140

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2004 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Wayne C Kirby, Iii - S00734

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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 Antonio Makel O'Neal on 9/3/2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
141 Main Street
P O Box 723
Barnwell, SC 29812

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Williston

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

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Antonio Makel O'Neal

did within this county and state on or about 8/27/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 08/27/26 AT APPROX. 0735 HRS., WHILE AT OR NEAR WILLISTON, SC, COUNTY OF BARNWELL, SC, ANTONIO O'NEAL DID COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME WHILE FIRING MULTIPLE ROUNDS AT THE VICTIM, WHILE WAS IN GMC YUKON DRIVING DOWN GREENS ST IN WILLISTON, SC. THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Williston

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 8/27/2026 defendant Antonio Makel O'Neal

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Williston) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 9/1/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Jason Winfield Stapleton

Judge Code: 8634

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 485
Williston, SC 29853-

Judge's Telephone (803)266-7011

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

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