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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN GREENVILLE COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Monday, April 13, 2026, in the City of Greenville.

The Greenville Police Department responded to a call at a restaurant on North Main Street, regarding an individual loitering and acting strangely in the lobby. Two Greenville police officers arrived on the scene. One officer handcuffed and placed the subject under arrest for Public Intoxication. The subject resisted arrest, and while handcuffed, reached for and attempted to gain control of an officer's handgun while it remained holstered. During the struggle, the subject placed both hands on the firearm. As the altercation continued, the weapon discharged. The bullet struck one of the officers in the arm, breaking a bone, and then grazed the subject's leg. The altercation continued and the subject bit the other officer's finger, through a glove, causing the fingernail to be torn away from the finger. Both officers and the subject have been treated and released from the hospital.

SLED charged the subject, identified as Xavier Washington, 20, with Attempted Murder, Resisting Arrest with a Deadly Weapon – 1st Offense, Assaulting or Wounding a Police Officer while Resisting Arrest, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Washington was booked into Greenville County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

This is an ongoing investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting (OIS) investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident or the agency with jurisdiction. When requested to investigate an OIS, SLED's goal is to conduct a thorough, independent criminal investigation as timely as is possible under the circumstances. SLED agents will conduct interviews with all potential witnesses in this matter. Further, SLED will collect all relevant evidence and will forensically test such evidence as needed. Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.



An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



The incident in Greenville County is the 10th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2026. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Greenville Police Department this year.

In 2025, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Greenville Police Department had 1 officer involved shootings last year.

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A copy of this news release is on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov
For media inquiries, please email SLED's Public Information Office: pio@sled.sc.gov

ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330203707

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE 2026-02261

against

Xavier D Washington

Address: Transient

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 2005 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin J Tyner - S00765

Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

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: 20/4/24

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on 4/13/24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin J Tyner who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Xavier D Washington

did within this county and state on or about 4/13/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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 4-13-2026 THE DEFENDANT DID ATTEMPT TO MURDER A GREENVILLE CITY POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS PERFORMING DUTY BY SHOOTING THE VICTIM IN THE ARM BY GRABBING AND USING ANOTHER OFFICER'S GUN WHILE RESISTING ARREST. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED IN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road

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 4/13/2026 defendant Xavier D Washington

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Attempted Murder

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 4/13/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge Ernest Michael Patrick O'Brien Sr.

Ernest Michael Patrick O'Brien Sr.

Judge Code: 7185

Judge's Address 20 Mcgee Street

Greenville, SC 29601-2210

Judge's Telephone (864)467-2402

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330203708

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE 2026-02261

against

Xavier D Washington

Address: Transient

Phone: SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 2005 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin J Tyner - S00765

Offense: Resisting / Resisting arrest with a deadly weapon - 1st offense

Offense Code: 2352

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0625

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 VAUGHN WASHINGTON on 4/13/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Greenville)

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did within this county and state on or about 4/13/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Resisting / Resisting arrest with a deadly weapon - 1st offense

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 4-13-2026 THE DEFENDANT DID ATTEMPT TO MURDER A GREENVILLE CITY POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS PERFORMING DUTY BY SHOOTING THE VICTIM IN THE ARM BY GRABBING AND USING ANOTHER OFFICER'S GUN WHILE RESISTING ARREST. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED IN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC.

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Greenville)

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road

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 4/13/2026 defendant Xavier D Washington

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Resisting / Resisting arrest with a deadly weapon - 1st offense

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 4/13/2026

[Handwritten Signature] (L.S.)

Ernest Michael Patrick O'Brien Sr.

Judge Code: 7185

Judge's Address 20 Mcgee Street

Greenville, SC 29601-2210

Judge's Telephone (864)467-2402

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330203710

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE 2026-02261
against

Xavier D Washington

Address: Transient

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 2005 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin J Tyner - S00765

Offense: Resisting / Assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest

Offense Code: 0256

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0320(B)

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 XAVIER WASHINGTON on 4/13/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Resisting / Assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest

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 4-13-2026 THE DEFENDANT DID RESIST HIS ARREST BY AN OFFICER OF THE GREENVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. DURING THIS TIME THE DEFENDANT DID BITE THE FINGER OF THE OFFICER CAUSING INJURY. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED IN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Greenville)

Affiant's address 4400 Broad River Road
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 4/13/2026 defendant Xavier D Washington did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Resisting / Assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest

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 4/13/2026)

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
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Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330203709

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE 2026-02261
against

Xavier D Washington

Address: Transient

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 2005 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin J Tyner - S00765

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

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 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 XAVIER WASHINGTON on 4/13/26

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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in the following particulars:

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Signature of Affiant

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County/ Municipality of)

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