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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division today arrested a former law enforcement officer with the Florence County Sheriff's Office in connection with stealing another person's prescription drugs while acting in his official capacity.

Christopher Todd Ard, 32, was charged with Misconduct in Office.

SLED investigated the case at the request of the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

Ard was booked at the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant Attached
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ARREST WARRANT
2020A2110100365

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Florence

THE STATE SLED 33-20-0024
against

Christopher Todd Ard
Address: [Redacted]
Florence, SC 29501

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 160
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLD0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Clemson J Wright, Jr - S00848
Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115
Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
 County/ Municipality of
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law. The accused
(L.S.)

Date: _____
Signature of Judge _____

RETURN
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Christopher Todd Ard
on 6-1-2020

[Signature] Gause
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer
RETURN WARRANT TO:
General Sessions Court
181 North Ithy Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

ORIGINAL ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Florence

AFFIDAVIT
Personally appeared before me the affiant Clemson J Wright, Jr
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher Todd Ard
did within this county and state on or about 2/21/2020
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Florence)
in the following particulars: violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 February 21, 2020, Florence County Deputy Sheriff (FCSO) Sergeant (Sgt.) Christopher Ard responded to a call for service from
[Redacted], at [Redacted] Street, Florence, S.C, while operating in his official capacity as a Deputy Sheriff of the FCSO.
While inside of the residence, Sgt. Ard did take a bottle of Oxycodone pills from [Redacted]'s kitchen, which was prescribed to her, into
his possession. Sgt. Ard hid the bottle of pills in his ballistic vest, and left the residence. Sgt. Ard later returned to [Redacted]'s home
with the bottle of pills, and placed it in the same area from which he had taken them. Sgt. Ard's actions were captured on
surveillance video while inside the home. [Redacted] later reviewed the video and discovered that Sgt. Ard took the pills, and later
returned it to its original location. According to [Redacted] there were approx. 40 Oxycodone pills prior to Sgt. Ard removing the
medication and 29 1/2 pills when he returned them. Official Misconduct is against SC Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant [Signature]
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (843)662-6245
Florence

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 2/21/2020 defendant Christopher Todd Ard
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Florence) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 5/28/2020

[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 7065
Judge's Address 6719 Friendfield Rd
Effingham, SC 29541-
Judge's Telephone (843)665-6690
Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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