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SLED CHARGES BEAUFORT COUNTY MAN WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 3RD DEGREE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Matthew Ryan Hatfield, 35, of Beaufort, SC, on May 24, 2023, with Assault & Battery 3rd degree.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Hatfield was booked at the Beaufort County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted in the Beaufort County Magistrate Court.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A0710400140

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE OCA# 31-23-0013

against

Matthew Ryan Hatfield

Address: Beaufort, SC 29902-3738

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 230 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Kade H Steppe - S01131 Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(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 Matthew Hatfield on 5/24/2023 @ 6:13 AM

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort Magistrate 104 Ribaut Road Post Office Box 2207 Beaufort, SC 29901

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Beaufort

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kade H Steppe who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Matthew Ryan Hatfield did within this county and state on or about 2/ 5/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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:

That on or about February 5, 2023, the defendant Matthew Ryan Hatfield; did willingly, knowingly, and feloniously violate S.C. statute of Assault and Battery in the Third Degree 16-3-600 with malice aforethought, while at within the County of Beaufort, SC in the following particulars: That on or about February 5, 2023, the defendant entered upon the land located at Beaufort SC. The defendant was asked by the victim to leave the premise due to using vulgar language and causing a disturbance. The defendant was subsequently involved in a verbal altercation with the victim which led to the defendant threatening the victim and spitting in the victim's face before fleeing the premise. The victim positively identified the defendant when presented with a photographic line-up. The incident was recorded on the surveillance system located at The affiant and other are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Beaufort

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 2/ 5/2023 defendant Matthew Ryan Hatfield

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 5/19/2023 Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Richard Arlen Brooks Judge Code: 7255

Judge's Address Post Office Box 2207 Beaufort, SC 29901-2207

Judge's Telephone (843)255-5700

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit