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SLED CHARGES FORMER MARLBORO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 3RD DEGREE AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Morgan Elridge Ridges, 54, of Bennettsville, SC, on June 12, 2023, with Assault and Battery 3rd degree and Misconduct in Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Ridges was booked at the Marlboro County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2023A3410100277

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Marlboro

THE STATE

33-23-0060

against

Morgan Elridge Ridges

Address: [REDACTED]
Bennettsville, SC 29512-4206

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] 1969 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00406

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: [REDACTED]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant MORGAN ELDRIDGE RIDGES
on 6-12-2023

[Signature] SLED
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
105 Main Street
Bennettsville, SC 29512

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Marlboro

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Morgan Elridge Ridges

did within this county and state on or about 5/3/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

On May 3, 2023, Morgan Ridges did in the county of Marlboro, commit the offense of Assault and Battery 3rd degree, to wit:
While serving as a Correctional Officer for the Marlboro County Detention Center, Ridges used excessive force on an inmate [REDACTED]
who was handcuffed and lying on the floor. Ridges used his right foot to pin [REDACTED]'s head to the floor. Ridges then lifted his foot
off the floor and stood on [REDACTED]'s head with his right foot. Ridges stepped off [REDACTED]'s head, and [REDACTED] lifted his head off the floor. Ridges
struck [REDACTED] in the head with his right foot, causing [REDACTED]'s head to strike the floor. Ridges then attempted to put a spit mask on [REDACTED]'s
face but [REDACTED] kept moving his head. Ridges then struck [REDACTED] in the face with a closed fist. The Affiant's belief is based upon video
evidence, and Ridges' recorded statement, which were obtained during the SLED investigation. This being in violation of Section of
16-03-0600(E)(1), South Carolina Code of Laws..

Signature of Affiant

[Signature: Ashley Anderson]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Marlboro

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 - SLED
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7000

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 5/3/2023 defendant Morgan Elridge Ridges

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[X] County/ [] Municipality of Marlboro) 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 6/12/2023

[Signature: Mia David Weaver] (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Mia David Weaver

Judge Code: 7382

Judge's Address P.O. Box 418
Bennettsville, SC 29512-

Judge's Telephone (843)479-5620

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

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

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Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance,
misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819
Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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with a closed fist. The Affiant's belief is based upon video evidence, and Ridges' recorded statement, which were obtained during
the SLED investigation. These acts are contrary to Ridges' official duties and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

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