



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **SLED CHARGES PICKENS COUNTY WOMAN WITH AGGRAVATED BREACH OF PEACE**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Gabrielle Alexis Benites, 25, on Thursday, August 3, 2023, with Aggravated Breach of Peace. Details can be found in the attached warrant.

As with any active and ongoing investigation, the possibility of additional charges is being evaluated.

Benites was booked at the Pickens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3910100684

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE SLED against

Gabrielle Alexis Benites

Address: Easley, SC 29640-

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 150

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James M Collins - S00451

Offense: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

Offense Code: 0955

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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 Gabrielle Benites on 8-3-23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 214 E Main St / P O Box 215 Pickens, SC 29671

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

County/  Municipality of )

Pickens )

Personally appeared before me the affiant James M Collins who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Gabrielle Alexis Benites did within this county and state on or about 8/2/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Pickens ) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

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 August 2, 2023 in the county of Pickens, one Gabrielle Alexis Benites did commit the offense of Breach of Peace, aggravated in nature, in that she knowingly and willfully trespassed on an active railroad in an attempt to cause harm to herself. While intoxicated, the defendant laid across the active railroad tracks and resisted law enforcements efforts to assist with removing her. As of result of the defendants actions, a law enforcement officer was struck and killed by an oncoming train. This offense occurred within Pickens County SC. Probable cause based upon: 1) SLED warrant affidavit. 2) Video footage, 3) Witness statement.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

County/  Municipality of )

Pickens )

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 8/2/2023 defendant Gabrielle Alexis Benites

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

County/  Municipality of Pickens ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

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 8/3/2023 )

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) )

Michael Andrew Baker )

Judge Code: 7257 )

Judge's Address 310 West Main Street

Liberty, SC 29657-

Judge's Telephone (864)898-5551

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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

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