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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING **IN CHARLESTON COUNTY**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating an officer involved shooting which occurred the evening of Sunday, January 21, 2024, in Charleston County.

An officer with the Charleston Police Department responded to a Walgreens on Old Town Road in reference to a suspicious person and encountered a male subject. Following a foot chase, there was an exchange of gunfire. The armed male subject, later identified as Christopher Leon Hampton, 42, was treated for a gunshot wound and released from the hospital. Hampton was charged by SLED with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Violent Crime. The officer was not shot but was treated for injuries and later released from the hospital. SLED was requested to investigate the officer involved shooting by the Charleston Police Department.

While charges have been made, this is still 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.

The incident in Charleston County was the 3rd officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 1st officer involved shooting for the Charleston Police Department this year.

In 2023, there were 43 officer involved shootings in South Carolina. The Charleston Police Department had no officer involved shootings last year.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1010200476

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE
against

Christopher Leon Hampton

Address:
Charleston, SC 29407-6438Phone:
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 270DL State: SC DL #:
DOB: 1981 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ryan E Kelly - S00869

Offense: Assault / Attempted Murder

Offense Code: 3410

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0029

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 Christopher Leon Hampton
on 1-22-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
100 Broad Street, Suite 106
Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan E Kelly whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher Leon Hamptondid within this county and state on or about 1/21/2024 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston)

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:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

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 1/21/2024defendant Christopher Leon Hampton

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) 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. 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 1/22/2024Signature of Issuing Judge
Amanda HaseldenJudge Code: 7412Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200North Charleston, SC 29405-Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 516

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED CASE# 31-24-0013

Personally appeared before me, a Magistrate of CHARLESTON County, one SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT RYAN KELLY who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

CHRISTOPHER LEON HAMILTON

Did within this County and State on or about JANUARY 21, 2024, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
ATTEMPTED MURDER
VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-3-29

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or around JANUARY 21, 2024, during a foot pursuit with the Charleston Police Department (CPD) in the area of US Highway 61 and Carriage Lane located in the County of Charleston, State of South Carolina, one CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON, did commit the offense of **ATTEMPTED MURDER**, in violation of section 16-23-29 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended.

In that on JANUARY 21, 2024, CPD responded to the area of 1115 Old Towne Road in reference to a suspicious person. As CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON fled on foot, a CPD officer chased behind on foot. During the foot pursuit, CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON dropped a black in color revolver. As he stopped to pick up the weapon, the CPD officer fired his duty weapon at CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON, shooting him in the shoulder. CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON then fired the revolver at the CPD officer. The defendant CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON then fled the scene on foot and was apprehended across the street.

In that a black in color revolver was recovered near the scene and the incident was captured on body worn camera.

In that the defendant CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON was in possession of firearm and attempted to murder the CPD officer by shooting at him.

The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 22 day of January
2024.


SIGNATURE OF JUDGE


(AFFIANT)
SS/A Ryan Kelly
104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

ARREST WARRANT

2024A1010200475

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE

against

Christopher Leon Hampton

Address:

Charleston, SC 29407-6438

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 270

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1981 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ryan E Kelly - S00869

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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The accused

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

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State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston)

in the following particulars:

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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:

Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

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 1/21/2024 defendant Christopher Leon Hampton

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 1/22/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge
Amanda Haselden

Judge Code: 7412

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200

North Charleston, SC 29405-

Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

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SLED CASE# 31-24-0013

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CHRISTOPHER LEON HAMPTON

Did within this County and State on or about JANUARY 21, 2024, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME
VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-23-490

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or around JANUARY 21, 2024, during a foot pursuit with the Charleston Police Department (CPD) in the area of US Highway 61 and Carriage Lane located in the County of Charleston, State of South Carolina, one CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON, did commit the offense of **POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME**, in violation of section 16-23-490 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended.

In that on JANUARY 21, 2024, CPD responded to the area of 1115 Old Towne Road in reference to a suspicious person. As CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON fled on foot, a CPD officer chased behind on foot. During the foot pursuit, CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON dropped a black in color revolver. As he stopped to pick up the weapon, the CPD officer fired his duty weapon at CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON, shooting him in the shoulder. Christopher Hampton then fired the revolver at the CPD officer. The defendant CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON then fled the scene on foot and was apprehended across the street.

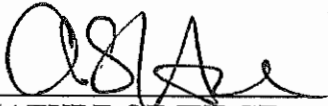
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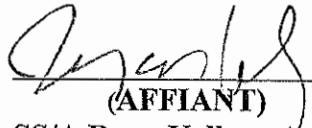
In that the defendant CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON is prohibited from possessing or acquiring a handgun in the state of South Carolina. In that CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON was in possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime, as the defendant attempted to murder the CPD officer by shooting at him.

The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

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This 22 day of January
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