



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 7, 2024

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### **SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN FOLLOWING THREATS**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Erik Joseph McBride, 44, on Saturday, February 3, 2024, with the Manufacture, Possession, Use, Aid or Counsel of a Bomb/Hoax Device or Replica, Threatening the Life or Family of a Public Official, and Unlawful Communication. SLED was requested to investigate by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

McBride was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center, then transferred to the Newberry County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210200291

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Erik Joseph McBride

Address: [REDACTED]

Lexington, SC 29072-2430

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 275

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kegan A Kelley - S02122

Offense: Bomb / Hoax device or replica, manufacture, possess, uses or aids or counsels another in use of

Offense Code: 2777

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0730

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

on

ERIK MCBRIDE

2/3/2024 0904

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center

205 East Main Street

Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kegan A Kelley who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Erik Joseph McBride

did within this county and state on or about 2/ 2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Bomb / Hoax device or replica, manufacture, possess, uses or aids or counsels another in use of

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 or about February 2, 2024, the defendant, Erik Joseph McBride, willfully and knowingly threatened to cause damage, injury, and/or death by means of a destructive device by using his personal email, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, to send a message to Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon. Within the message, and after consultation with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Bomb Squad, the defendant identified a viable formula for an improvised explosive device. The defendant specifically targeted [REDACTED] The defendant also referred to "Aloha Snackbar," which is generally used for terroristic threats. The offense occurred in Lexington County, South Carolina; your affiant has information to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

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/ 2/2024 defendant Erik Joseph McBride

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Bomb / Hoax device or replica, manufacture, possess, uses or aids or counsels another in use of

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 2/ 2/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Arthur L Myers (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7252

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 139 East Main St

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: W

Height: 6

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Weight: 275

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB: 1979

Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kegan A Kelley - S02122

Offense: Threat / Threatening life, person or family of  
public official, teacher, principal

Offense Code: 0541

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-1040(A)

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Date:

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Threat / Threatening life, person or family of public official, teacher, principal

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:The defendant, Erik Joseph McBride, did on February 2, 2024, commit the offense of threatening the life, person or family of a  
public official or public employee, 16-3-1040, in that he did knowingly and willfully deliver a threat of bodily injury or death in  
confrontation towards Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon, who is an elected official. McBride conveyed the threat via electronic  
means (email) from the email address of @gmail.com. The message threatened the life or serious bodily injury to the  
and was directly related to the victim's professional responsibilities. This offense occurred in  
Lexington County, South Carolina; your affiant has information to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 2/ 2/2024

defendant Erik Joseph McBride

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

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Lexington

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Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone

Signature of Issuing Judge

Arthur L Myers (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7252

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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DOB: 1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kegan A Kelley - S02122

Offense: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)

Offense Code: 2553

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0430(A)

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Signature of Judge

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Lexington Magistrate Court  
139 East Main Street, Suite B  
Lexington, SC 29072

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)

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 or about February 2, 2024, the defendant, Erik Joseph McBride, willfully and knowingly threatened to cause damage, injury, and/or death by means of destructive device by using his personal email, @gmail.com, to send a message to Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon. Within the message, and after consultation with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Bomb Squad, the defendant identified a viable formula for an improvised explosive device. The defendant specifically targeted "Aloha Snackbar," which is generally used for terroristic threats. The offense occurred in Lexington County, South Carolina; your affiant has information to prove the same.

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)

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