



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 20, 2024

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER AIKEN COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY CORONER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Alton Jeffery Smith, 60, with Misconduct in Office, and Possession of a Controlled Substance, Schedule I to V – 1<sup>st</sup> offense.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Smith was booked into the Aiken County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2024A0210700177

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

32-23-0085

against

Alton Jeffery Smith

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2345

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison Victoria Davis Lubinsky - S0115

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

Offense Code: 0819

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 Alton Jeffery Smith

on 5-20-2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
P.O. Box 583  
109 Park Avenue  
Aiken, SC 29802

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Allison Victoria Davis Lubinsky who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Alton Jeffery Smith did within this county and state on or about 8/22/2018 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken) violate the criminal laws of the state in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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:

From September 22, 2018 through June 10, 2023, in Aiken County, SC, Alton Jeffery Smith when acting in his official capacity as Chief Deputy Coroner of the Aiken County Coroner's Office (ACCO) committed malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of his official duties by collecting prescription medications from the death investigations of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and kept possession of those medications. On June 10, 2023, prescription medications belonging to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were located at Smith's residence, [REDACTED] Aiken, SC. These medications ranged from Schedule II to Schedule IV. Additionally, Smith was supposed to document any medications seized from death investigations he responded to. According to ACCO reports, Smith did not document the seizure of medications from the residences of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

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 8/22/2018

defendant Alton Jeffery Smith

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 5/13/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Patricia Yvonne Arthur Rushton

Judge Code: 7372

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Poss. of other controlled sub. in Sched. I to V - 1st offense

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 June 10, 2023, at Aiken, SC, located in Aiken County, former Chief Dep. Coroner Alton Jeffery Smith of the Aiken County Coroner's Office did knowingly possess controlled substances varying between Schedule II to Schedule IV which were not prescribed to him. ACSO deputies responded to Smith's residence in reference to prescription medications not prescribed to him being at the residence. The following prescription medications were located: Percocet EQ (oxycodone/APAP) (Sched. II), Oxycodone-Acetaminophen (Sched. II), and Zolpidem Tartrate (Sched. IV). An unknown bottle of blue pills labeled with GG258 was located with the labeled bottles and identified as Alprazolam (Sched. IV). None of these prescription medications were prescribed to Smith or anyone living in the residence. The medications were taken from death investigations Smith responded to in his official capacity as a deputy coroner for the ACCO. This is in violation of 44-53-0370 (D) of the SC Code of Laws

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

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

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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 6/10/2023defendant Alton Jeffery Smith

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

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