



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 31, 2024

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER MCCOLL POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND ASSAULT & BATTERY 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Dozier L. Rhames, 62, with Misconduct in Office and Assault & Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Rhames was booked into the Marlboro County Detention Center.

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

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## ARREST WARRANT

2024A3410100246

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Marlboro

THE STATE

33-24-0056

against

Dozier L Rhames

Address:

Marion, SC 29571-6070

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1961 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Astrid A Ruiz Hernandez - S00454

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 Dozier Rhames

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Marlboro

Personally appeared before me the affiant Astrid A Ruiz Hernandez who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Dozier L Rhames

did within this county and state on or about 4/26/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

On April 26, 2024, in Marlboro County, Dozier Rhames did commit the Common Law offense of Misconduct in Office, to wit: While serving as a Captain for the McColl Police Department, Rhames unlawfully entered the residence of the victim during a verbal altercation that originated from a previous telephone conversation between Rhames and earlier that day. Rhames grabbed s left arm and throat, shoving down onto a couch. Rhames punched twice in the face with a closed fist. Rhames unlawfully arrested for resisting arrest without an originating criminal offense. The Affiant's belief is based upon statements from Rhames and and Rhames' body-worn camera recording of the incident. These acts are contrary to Rhames' official duties as a law enforcement officer and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Marlboro

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 -SLED

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)201-9384

## 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 4/26/2024 defendant Dozier L Rhames

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Marlboro ) 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 5/31/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Robert A. Stanton (Magistrate) Jr.

Judge Code: 5042

Judge's Address 249 Throop St.

Bennettsville, SC 29512

Judge's Telephone (843)479-5620

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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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Astrid A Ruiz Hernandez - S00454

Offense: Assault / Assault &amp; Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(D)(1)

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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:On April 26, 2024, in Marlboro County, Dozier Rhames did commit the offense of Assault and Battery Second Degree, to wit:  
While serving as a Captain for the McColl Police Department Rhames willfully and unlawfully entered the residence of the victim,  
[REDACTED] Rhames grabbed [REDACTED]'s left arm and throat, shoving [REDACTED] down onto a couch. Rhames punched [REDACTED] twice  
in the face with a closed fist. After the assault, Rhames told [REDACTED] "I tried to knock your fucking head off." The Affiant's belief is  
based upon statements from Rhames and [REDACTED] and Rhames' body-worn camera recording of the incident. This being in violation  
of Section 16-3-600 (D)(1), South Carolina Code of Laws.

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