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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 on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in Charleston County.

Officers with the Charleston Police Department responded to calls for service regarding an armed man. Officers encountered a male subject, later identified as Harper Lawrence-Weiland, 21. During the encounter, an officer fired at Lawrence-Weiland. Lawrence-Weiland was not struck by gunfire. No law enforcement officers were injured. SLED was requested to investigate by the Charleston Police Department. SLED charged Lawrence-Weiland with Burglary 1st Degree. Lawrence-Weiland was booked into the Al Cannon Detention Center in Charleston County. The case will be prosecuted by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

This is 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 26th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2024. This is the 2nd 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 on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1010300166

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston

THE STATE against Harper Lorne Lawrence-Weiland

Address: [REDACTED] Charleston, SC 29403-3523

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: [REDACTED] Height: 6 Weight: 130

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 2003 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Wayne C Kirby, Iii - S02469

Offense: Burglary / Burglary (After June 20, 1985) - First degree

Offense Code: 0079

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0311

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of [REDACTED]. 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 Harper Lorne Lawrence-Weiland on July 17, 2024

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)

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Wayne C Kirby, Iii who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Harper Lorne Lawrence-Weiland did within this county and state on or about 7/16/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Burglary / Burglary (After June 20, 1985) - First degree

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:

See attached.

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 7/16/2024 defendant Harper Lorne Lawrence-Weiland 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: Burglary / Burglary (After June 20, 1985) - First degree

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 7/17/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge James Benjamin Gosnell Jr. (L.S.)

Judge Code: 5904

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Ste 100
North Charleston, SC 29405-

Judge's Telephone (843)745-2390

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF **CHARLESTON**

AFFIDAVIT
OCA# 2024-00398

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Wayne Kirby of SLED who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that **Harper Lawrence-Weiland** (white male, height: 6'/weight: approximately 135 / DOB [REDACTED] 2003) did within this county and state on or about July 16, 2024, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

Burglary in the First Degree **16-11-311**

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 about July 16, 2024, the defendant Harper Lawrence-Weiland; did willingly, knowingly violate S.C. statute of *Burglary in the First Degree 16-11-311*, while at 1850 Ashley Crossing Lane, Apartment [REDACTED] within the County of Charleston, SC in the following particulars:

That on or about July 16, 2024, sometime prior to 7:41 p.m., the defendant entered upon the residence located at 1850 Ashley Crossing Lane, Apartment [REDACTED] Charleston, SC. The defendant broke into the residence through the front door of the apartment. Once inside, the defendant stole clothes and a handgun. After the defendant committed the burglary, witnesses in the apartment complex called 911 and stated a white male was walking in the apartment complex with a gun, pointing it at vehicles and shooting it at the ground. The Charleston Police Department responded to the call for service, located the defendant, and also located a handgun on his person. The defendant admitted post Miranda Warning to going into the apartment [REDACTED] while no one was home and taking the firearm that the lawful resident did not give him permission to take. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

The above facts are believable based on the experience, knowledge and investigation conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 17 day of July, 2024

Signature of Judge


Affiant

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