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SLED CHARGES TWO PEOPLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY WITH ANIMAL FIGHTING OR BAITING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY, AND ILL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jasmine Tyese Williamson, 45, and Wayne Romano McDaniel, 48, with Animal Fighting or Baiting, Criminal Conspiracy, and Ill Treatment of Animals on Thursday, August 29, 2024. More details can be found in the attached warrants. The Darlington County Sheriff's Office assisted SLED on Thursday. Williamson and McDaniel were booked into the Darlington County Detention Center. The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

Williamson and McDaniel were charged following SLED's discovery of dogs at a home in Darlington County. Two (2) of the dogs found were in incredibly poor condition and unfortunately had to be euthanized. Eight (8) dogs and five (5) puppies were relinquished and transported for veterinary care. The hope is for each dog to find a safe, loving home.

"Dogfighting will not be tolerated in South Carolina," said SLED Chief Mark Keel. "It is cruel and undermines the safety of our communities. Law abiding citizens do not find amusement or profit in the ill treatment of animals. SLED is committed to working together with our local, state and federal partners to combat dogfighting."

At the request of SLED, the [ASPCA](#)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is assisting with operational planning and removal, evidence collection, legal and investigative assistance, forensic exams, and medical and behavioral care for the 13 dogs removed from a property in Darlington County, S.C. The animals are being relocated to an emergency shelter operated by the ASPCA to receive medical and behavioral evaluations, care, and enrichment. The ASPCA has assisted nearly 6,000 victims of dogfighting from more than 300 cases and has trained more than 35,000 law enforcement officers and animal welfare professionals across the country to better identify and respond to animal cruelty situations, including dogfighting.

"The ASPCA's expertise and resources uniquely position us to work alongside our law enforcement partners nationwide to tackle dogfighting, bring justice to its victims, and provide rescued animals with specialized medical and behavioral treatment that ends their suffering and gives them the greatest chance of moving on to new, loving homes," said Teresa Ladner, senior director of Investigations for the ASPCA. "Dogfighting is a brutal form of animal cruelty in which dogs are exploited and forced to fight one another for the entertainment and profit of spectators, and we are grateful to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for pursuing this case, which gets us one step closer to eliminating dogfighting nationwide, once and for all."

To report dogfighting in South Carolina, email SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov.



An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2024A1610400504

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE 2024-01254

against

Jasmine Tyese Williamson

Address: [REDACTED]

Hartsville, SC 29550-6531

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 273

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00820

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

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on 8/29/24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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

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Signature of Affiant [Signature]

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-5591

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Craig Lander La Cross

Judge Code: 7342

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Hartsville, SC 29551-1765

Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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2024A1610400506

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THE STATE 2024-01254

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Offense: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

Offense Code: 2804

Code/Ordinance Sec: 47-01-0040(B)

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2024A1610400507

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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THE STATE 2024*01254

against

Wayne Romano Mcdaniel

Address: [REDACTED]

Hartsville, SC 29550-7645

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 3 Weight: 270

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1976 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

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