



South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 6, 2024

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**SLED CHARGES SUBJECT IN AIKEN COUNTY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING
WITH RESISTING ARREST WITH VIOLENCE, TWO COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL
TAKING OF A FIREARM OR WEAPON FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,
AND TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY 2ND DEGREE**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Colton Johnson, 32, with Resisting Arrest with Violence, two counts of Unlawful Taking of a Firearm or Weapon from a Law Enforcement Officer, and two counts of Assault and Battery 2nd degree on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Johnson is the subject in an officer involved shooting that happened on Thursday, July 25, 2024. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Johnson was booked into the Aiken County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A0210700265

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

2024-00608

against

Joshua Colton Johnson

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2517

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

Offense: Weapons / Unlawful taking of firearm or weapon
from a law enforcement officer

Offense Code: 3202

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0415

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 Joshua Colton Johnson

on 9-4-24

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey N Michlovitz

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Colton Johnson

did within this county and state on or about 7/25/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Unlawful taking of firearm or weapon from a law enforcement officer

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:I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable
cause is based on the following facts: On July 25, 2024 Joshua Colton Johnson did within Aiken, SC located in Aiken County
willfully, unlawfully, and without consent forcibly take possession of an Aiken County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy's electronic
control device (ECD). The deputy was a certified law enforcement officer authorized by his employer to carry the weapon. The
deputy was on duty when he arrived at the scene of a suspicious person call in a fully marked ACSO patrol vehicle and in uniform
affixed with ACSO badge and shoulder patches.

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 7/25/2024

defendant Joshua Colton Johnson

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: Weapons / Unlawful taking of firearm or weapon from a law enforcement officer

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 7/26/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge
Patricia Yvonne Arthur Rushton

Judge Code 7372

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ARREST WARRANT

2024A0211000010

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

2024-00608

against

Joshua Colton Johnson

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2517

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

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

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Aiken

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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:

Upon information and belief that On July 25, 2024, in the county of Aiken, SC, Joshua Colton Johnson unlawfully injured and attempted to injure two law enforcement officers with the present ability to do so. Specifically, Johnson physically assaulted Aiken County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and in that he struck them with closed fists, kicked them with his feet, and knocked them to the ground. During the assault, Johnson disarmed both deputies of their electronic control devices (ECDs/TASERS) and caused physical injury to which required medical treatment. The deputies were responding to a call for service for a suspicious person. Both operated vehicles and wore clothing and equipment which identified them as law enforcement officers. This belief is based on video recordings of the incident, witness statements, and other information obtained during this investigation.

Signature of Affiant

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 8/29/2024

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone

(803)593-5171

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A0211000012

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

2024-00608

against

Joshua Colton Johnson

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2517

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd degree

Offense Code: 3413

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

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Aiken

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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:

Upon information and belief that On July 25, 2024, in the county of Aiken, SC, Joshua Colton Johnson unlawfully injured and attempted to injure two law enforcement officers with the present ability to do so. Specifically, Johnson physically assaulted Aiken County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and in that he struck them with closed fists, kicked them with his feet, and knocked them to the ground. During the assault, Johnson disarmed both deputies of their electronic control devices (ECDs/TASERS) and caused physical injury to which required medical treatment. The deputies were responding to a call for service for a suspicious person. Both operated vehicles and wore clothing and equipment which identified them as law enforcement officers. This belief is based on video recordings of the incident, witness statements, and other information obtained during this investigation.

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ARREST WARRANT

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defendant Joshua Colton Johnson

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd 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 8/29/2024

(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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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

ARREST WARRANT

2024A0211000013

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

2024-00608

against

Joshua Colton Johnson

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2517

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

Offense: Resisting / Assault, beat, or wound police officer
serving process or while resisting arrest

Offense Code: 0256

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0320(B)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: _____

RETURN

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on 9-4-24Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer
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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Resisting / Assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest

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:

Upon information and belief, on July 25, 2024, in the county of Aiken, SC, Joshua Colton Johnson knowingly and willfully
opposed, resisted, and assaulted law enforcement officers attempting to lawfully arrest him as they responded to a call for service for
a suspicious person. Specifically, Johnson physically assaulted Aiken County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in that he struck them with closed fists, kicked them with his feet, knocked them
to the ground, and forcibly disarmed them of their issued electronic control devices (ECDs/TASERS). Both deputies were operating
vehicles and wearing clothing and equipment which identified them as law enforcement officers. [REDACTED] was injured during the
assault which required medical treatment. This belief is based upon video recordings of the incident, witness statements, and other
information obtained during this investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2024A0211000014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

2024-00608

against

Joshua Colton Johnson

Address:

Aiken, SC 29803-2517

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180DL State: SC DL #: _____DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935Offense: Weapons / Unlawful taking of firearm or weapon
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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: _____

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on 9-4-24Curtis 6601
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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The deputy was on duty when he arrived at the scene of a suspicious person call in a fully marked ACSO patrol vehicle and in
uniform affixed with ACSO badge and shoulder patches.

Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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

Affiant's Telephone _____

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