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SLED CHARGES FORMER SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPUTY WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Avery Dean Hand, 29, with Misconduct in Office, and Disclosure of Confidential Information on Friday, December 6, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Hand was booked into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

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

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2024A4210101390

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

34-23-0050

against

Avery Dean Hand

Address:

Enoree, SC 29335-2931

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 145

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew B Davis - S00733

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 Avery Hand on 12/6/24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew B Davis

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Avery Dean Hand

did within this county and state on or about 3/27/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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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:

That on March 27, 2023, in the county of Spartanburg, one Avery Dean Hand did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in that he did access and disclose information about another agencies ongoing homicide investigation. He neglected to properly and faithfully discharge duties he was sworn to uphold while serving his capacity as a public official. Warrant based on police investigation. rap

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 3/27/2023 defendant Avery Dean Hand

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Spartanburg) 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 12/3/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

David James Turner

Judge Code: 5079

Judge's Address Spartanburg County Judicial Center

Spartanburg, SC 29306-2335

Judge's Telephone (864)596-2564

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit



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AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST

SLED Case #: 34-23-0050

Name: Avery Dean Hand **Date of Birth:** [REDACTED] 1995

Race: White **Gender:** Male **Hgt:** 6'01" **Wgt:** 145 **Hair:** Blk

SCDL: [REDACTED] **Address:** [REDACTED]
Enoree, SC 29335

Charge: Common Law Misconduct in Office **CDR:** 0819

Case Facts: On March 27, 2023, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Deputy Avery Hand drove in his SCSO patrol vehicle, while in uniform, to 458 West Blackstock Road (Comfort Suites) in Spartanburg County and met with [REDACTED] in the parking lot. [REDACTED] previously notified Deputy Hand of [REDACTED]' involvement with an ongoing SPD Homicide that occurred on March 26, 2023. [REDACTED] rented a room for [REDACTED] at the Comfort Suites for safety on March 26, 2023. [REDACTED] stayed at this location and met with Deputy Hand in the parking lot on March 27, 2023. [REDACTED] provided Deputy Hand with the name [REDACTED] (SPD homicide victim). In [REDACTED]'s presence, Deputy Hand utilized the SCSO mobile data terminal (MDT) to access the secure law enforcement records database and reviewed the SPD homicide investigation. Deputy Hand did so in a manner which allowed [REDACTED] to read the records he accessed. In addition to [REDACTED] reading information about an unknown subject's hair and clothing description, Deputy Hand read aloud portions of the reports and told [REDACTED] was assigned the investigation. [REDACTED] admitted to receiving a phone call from [REDACTED] who was in the hotel room with [REDACTED]. After Deputy Hand left, [REDACTED] returned to the hotel room and provided [REDACTED] with information [REDACTED] obtained while with Deputy Hand.

At the time of disclosure, the investigative reports were stored in the joint SCSO and SPD record management system that were not available to the public. Deputy Hand neglected to properly and faithfully discharge duties he was sworn to uphold when he committed the previously mentioned actions while serving in his capacity as a public official in violation of the Common Law.

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Offense: Public / Public official use or disclosure of
confidential information, unlawfully examine

Offense Code: 2647

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0725(B)

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