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SLED CHARGES SUMTER COUNTY MAN WITH INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Xavier Daichaun Bennett, 23, with Involuntary Manslaughter on Friday, December 13, 2024. SLED was requested by the Sumter Police Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Bennett was booked into the Sumter County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 3rd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2024A4310101108

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Sumter

THE STATE

2024-03138

against

Xavier Daichaun Bennett

Address: [REDACTED]

Sumter, SC 29153-7752

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]/2001 Agency ORI # SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Clemson J Wright, Jr - S00944

Offense: Manslaughter / Involuntary manslaughter

Offense Code: 0218

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0060

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 Xavier Bennett

on 12-13-2024

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
215 N. Harvin St.
Sumter, SC 29150

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Sumter

Personally appeared before me the affiant Clemson J Wright, Jr who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Xavier Daichaun Bennett

did within this county and state on or about 11/23/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Sumter)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Manslaughter / Involuntary manslaughter

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 November 23, 2024, Xavier Bennett did within Sumter County commit the offense of Involuntary Manslaughter to wit: At approximately 6:50 p.m., while at [REDACTED] Utah Circle, Sumter, South Carolina, Bennett and [REDACTED] both recklessly pointed handguns at one another with no regard to the safety of each other and others that were inside the residence. While doing so, Bennett mishandled his handgun and negligently and unintentionally discharged his handgun one time, striking [REDACTED] in his upper torso. After the shooting, Bennett drove [REDACTED] to Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital for medical treatment. Bennett then fled from the hospital in his vehicle. [REDACTED] later died from the gunshot wound sustained during the incident. The Affiant's beliefs are based on witness statements and video evidence obtained during this investigation. This being in violation of Section 16-03-0060 of the the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Sumter

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 11/23/2024 defendant Xavier Daichaun Bennett

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Sumter) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Manslaughter / Involuntary manslaughter

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 12/13/2024

[Signature]

Signature of Issuing Judge
Bryan Keith Griffin (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 5043

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 190 E. Canal Street

Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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

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