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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 19, 2025

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SLED CHARGES CHESTER COUNTY MAN WITH ARSON AND DESECRATION OR REMOVAL OF HUMAN REMAINS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Derrick Deangelo Montel Dixon, 28, with Arson – Third Degree and Destruction, Desecration or Removal of Human Remains on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested on November 30, 2024, by the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Dixon was booked into the Chester County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

SLED's investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information about Dixon or this incident should contact SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov or (866) 472-8477.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100146

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

against

Derrick Deangelo Montel Dixon

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-6882

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: _____

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00777

Offense: Arson / Arson - Third Degree (effective 06-02-2010)

Offense Code: 3435

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0110(C)

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 Derrick Deangel-Montel Dixon

on 2/19/2025

L.H.M. Blackman / - SLED
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
PO Drawer 580
140 Main Street
Chester, SC 29706

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Chester

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant James C Auld

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Derrick Deangelo Montel Dixon

did within this county and state on or about 11/29/2024

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chester) violate the criminal laws of the

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Arson - Third Degree (effective 06-02-2010)

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:

Between November 29, 2024 to Novemebr 30, 2024, Derrick Deangelo Montel Dixon did willfully and maliciously set fire to _____ vehicle, a 2004 Lexus ES 330 (VIN _____) which contained the deceased body of _____ in the rear passenger compartment. This was done with the intent of concealing or destroying evidence associated with the death of the victim and destroying the victim's vehicle. This belief is based on physical evidence obtained during a SLED investigation. This being in violation of Section 16-17-0600 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

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 11/29/2024

defendant Derrick Deangelo Montel Dixon

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chester

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Arson - Third Degree (effective 06-02-2010)

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 2/19/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Olivia Darby Williford

Judge Code: 7417

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Chester County Magistrate

Chester, SC 29706-

Judge's Telephone (803)581-5136

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Offense: Graves / Destruction, desecration or removal of human remains

Offense Code: 0471

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0600(A)

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