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SLED CHARGES FORMER LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CORPORAL WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua William Norris, 27, with Assault & Battery - 3rd Degree and Misconduct in Office on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The Lake City Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Norris was booked into the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

2025-07131

against

Joshua William Norris

Address:

Timmons, SC 29161-7875

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Logan D Osman - S01613

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

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

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 on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Logan D Osman

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua William Norris

did within this county and state on or about 10/4/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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:

On or about October 4, 2025, Joshua Norris, within the county of Florence, committed the offense of Assault & Battery 3rd Degree, to wit: Norris, while serving as a Corporal with the Lake City Police Department (LCPD), unlawfully punched who escaped police custody, in the face while he was being tased by another LCPD officer and on the ground. did not attempt to strike Cpl. Norris. The Affiant's belief is based upon statements from the defendant, a witness, and text messages and video evidence. This being in violation of South Carolina Code of Laws 16-3-600 E(1).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

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 10/4/2025

defendant Joshua William Norris

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Florence

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd 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 1/27/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Joe Timothy Suggs

Judge Code: 7539

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 39

Lake City, SC 29560-

Judge's Telephone (843)394-5461

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
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Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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