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SLED CHARGES RICHLAND COUNTY MAN WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Ralph Eugene Baker, 71, with Assault & Battery – 2nd Degree on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The Town of Lexington Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Baker was booked into the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210202107

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Ralph Eugene Baker

Address:

Columbia, SC 29209-4359

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 252

DL State:

DL #:

DOB: 1954 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brandon P Turner - S02817

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

☐ 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

on

Ralph Eugene Baker
8/26/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Brandon P Turner

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Ralph Eugene Baker

did within this county and state on or about

6/3/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Lexington

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:

On June 3, 2026, while in the parking lot of 105 Saluda Pointe Drive in the County of Lexington, SC, the defendant, Ralph Eugene Baker did unlawfully injure the victim, [REDACTED] when he intentionally struck [REDACTED] with his vehicle and pinned [REDACTED] legs between two vehicles. [REDACTED] remained pinned between the two vehicles with temporary loss of the function of [REDACTED] legs for approximately 50 seconds before Baker reversed his vehicle and released [REDACTED] legs. Baker's actions caused [REDACTED] to sustain injuries to [REDACTED] legs such as swelling and bruising which required medical treatment at an outpatient facility. Furthermore, Baker's actions could have resulted in potentially moderate bodily injuries to [REDACTED]. This belief is based upon video recordings of the incident, statements, and evidence obtained during this investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

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 6/3/2026

defendant Ralph Eugene Baker

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Lexington

) as set forth below:

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 8/21/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Larry J. Saunders Jr.

Judge Code:

7517

Judge's Address

139 East Main Street, Suite A

Judge's Telephone

Lexington, SC 29072-3557

(803)785-2520

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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