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March 12, 2025

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SLED CHARGES FORMER COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 2nd DEGREE, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne, 26, with Assault & Battery 2nd Degree and Misconduct in Office on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Columbia Police Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Hickmon-Payne was booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500059

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2025-00785

against

Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

Address:

Elgin, SC 29045-9574

Phone: [] SSN: []

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 325

DL State: SC DL #: []

DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S04352

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 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 Caleb Hickmon-Payne

on 3/12/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian J Tolbert who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

did within this county and state on or about 2/1/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 2/1/2025 defendant Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) 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 3/7/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

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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AFFIDAVIT

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

ALIAS: n/a

DOB: [REDACTED] 1998 RACE: Black SEX: Male
HAIR: Black EYES: Brown HEIGHT: 6' 2" WEIGHT: 325
SSN: [REDACTED] DL STATE: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Elgin, SC 29045

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Senior Special Agent Brian Tolbert who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne did within this county and state on or about February 1, 2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Assault / Assault & Battery 2nd Degree - §C/L 16-03-0600(D)(1) - (CDR CODE 3413)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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 February 1, 2025, Caleb Hickmon-Payne did, while employed and acting as a sworn police officer with the Columbia Police Department (CPD), in Richland County, commit the crime of Assault and Battery - 2nd Degree, in that he did unlawfully touch the private parts of [REDACTED], a female arrestee in his custody, without her consent. While transporting [REDACTED] to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (ASGDC), former Officer (Ofc.) Hickmon-Payne drove to the Columbia Industrial Park and stopped in an apparently secluded location. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne had [REDACTED] who was handcuffed, exit his patrol vehicle and he proceeded to touch her breasts and buttocks on the outside of her clothing. [REDACTED] told Ofc. Hickmon-Payne she did not want him touching her. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne was significantly larger than [REDACTED] which caused her fear. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne later transported [REDACTED] to ASGDC. The above is substantiated by CPD in-car camera footage, surveillance footage, CPD vehicle tracking data, as well as the victim's statement. These acts were in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

SLED Case Number: 2025-00785

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the

7th day of March, 2025

[Signature] 7397
Signature of Judge

[Signature]

Affiant
Senior Special Agent Brian Tolbert
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
4400 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29221
(t) 803-896-7000

ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500058

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2025-00785

against

Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne

Address:

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Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 325 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S04352

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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 2/ 1/2025 defendant Caleb Oshia Hickmon-Payne did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate 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 3/ 7/2025 Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District Columbia, SC 29210- Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540 Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

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ALIAS: n/a

DOB: [REDACTED] 1998

RACE: Black

SEX: Male

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HEIGHT: 6' 2"

WEIGHT: 325

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL STATE: SC

DL #: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 74 Rambling Drive, Elgin, SC 29045

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Misconduct/Misconduct in Office - §C/L 17-25-0030 - (CDR CODE 0819)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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 February 1, 2025, Caleb Hickmon-Payne did, while employed and acting in his capacity as a sworn police officer with the Columbia Police Department (CPD), in Richland County, commit the crime of Misconduct in Office, in that he did willfully and unlawfully commit misconduct in his public office, by acts and omissions of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in breach of his duties to the public including his duties of good faith, honesty, and accountability. Former Officer (Ofc.) Hickmon-Payne made sexually explicit comments to [REDACTED] a female arrestee in his custody. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne propositioned [REDACTED] with a tobacco product in exchange for a sexual act. Subsequently, while transporting [REDACTED] to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (ASGDC), Ofc. Hickmon-Payne did stop at a local convenience store and purchased a cigar, lighter, and sports drink. From there, he drove to the Columbia Industrial Park and stopped in an apparently secluded location. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne had [REDACTED] who was handcuffed, exit his patrol vehicle and proceeded to touch her breasts and buttocks on the outside of her clothing without her consent. Ofc. Hickmon-Payne later transported [REDACTED] to ASGDC. During this incident, Ofc. Hickmon-Payne made efforts to avoid activating and intentionally deactivated his CPD in-car camera and body-worn camera. The above is substantiated by CPD in-car camera footage, surveillance footage, CPD vehicle tracking data, as well as the victim's statement. These acts were in breach of Ofc. Hickmon-Payne's official duties as a sworn CPD police officer and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

SLED Case Number: 2025-00785

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the

7th day of March, 2025

[Signature] 7391
Signature of Judge

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) [Signature]
) Affiant
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