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FLORENCE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS HOMICIDE AND OTHER CRIMES IN DEATH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Wednesday charged a Florence County man in connection to the incident resulting in the death of Lake City Police Officer Lt. John Stewart on Sept. 17.

Jermaine Ryan Roberson, 29, was charged with reckless homicide, involuntary manslaughter, hit and run resulting in death, along with failure to stop for blue light resulting in death.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Lake City Police Department.

Roberson was booked at the Florence County Detention Center Sept. 17 on other charges by the Florence County Sheriff's Office related to this incident.

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

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Warrants attached

2021A2110100773

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE 33-21-0112
against

Jermaine Ryan M Roberson

Address: [Redacted]
Olanta, SC 29114-9725

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] 1992 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Jared T Barkdoll - S00623

Offense: Homicide / Reckless Homicide, death results
within 3 yrs, caused by injury from vehicle

Offense Code: 3097
Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-2910

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 Jermaine Roberson
on 9/22/21

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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Belinda B Timmons (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge
Belinda B Timmons 10:10 AM
Judge Code: 7065

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

County/ Municipality of
Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jared T Barkdoll who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jermaine Ryan M Roberson
did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2021 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Florence)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Homicide / Reckless Homicide, death results within 3 yrs, caused by injury from vehicle

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 September 17, 2021, Jermaine Roberson did, within the county of Florence, commit the offense of Reckless Vehicular Homicide,
to wit: While attempting to evade law enforcement and operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner on Chandler Mill Road,
Roberson struck and caused the death of Lake City Police Department Lieutenant John Stewart. Roberson continue to flee,
demonstrating a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of others. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements, law
enforcement officer statements, physical evidence, and video surveillance camera footage that prove the same. This being in
violation of Section 56-5-2910, South Carolina Code of Laws. Case#33-21-0112

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Florence

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7000

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 9/17/2021 defendant Jermaine Ryan M Roberson
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: Homicide / Reckless Homicide, death results within 3 yrs, caused by injury from vehicle

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 9/22/2021
Belinda B Timmons (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge
Belinda B Timmons 10:10 AM
Judge Code: 7065

Judge's Address 6719 Friendfield Rd
Effingham, SC 29541-
Judge's Telephone (843)665-6690

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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County/ Municipality of

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Olanta, SC 29114-9725

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Jared T Barkdoll - S00623
Offense: Manslaughter / Involuntary manslaughter

Offense Code: 0218
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0060

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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 September 17, 2021, Jermaine Roberson did, within the county of Florence, commit the offense of Involuntary Manslaughter, to wit: While Roberson operated a motor vehicle within the city limits of Lake City, Officer Angela Hobbs with the Lake City Police Department initiated a traffic stop on Roberson for a vehicle registration violation. Roberson disregarded law enforcement blue lights and fled, driving recklessly with no regard to the safety of the innocent motorist or SC traffic laws. While fleeing, Roberson struck Lieutenant John Stewart with the motor vehicle he was driving, near the intersection of Chandler Mill Road and N. Matthews Road, causing Lt. Stewart's death. Roberson fled the scene, and continued to commit further criminal acts to evade law enforcement. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements, officer statements, physical evidence, and video surveillance camera footage that prove the same. This being in violation of Section 16-3-60, South Carolina Code of Laws.

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on or about 9/17/2021 defendant Jermaine Ryan M Roberson
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: 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
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Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jared T Barkdoll - S00623

Offense: Traffic / Hit and run, duties of driver involved in
accident with death

Offense Code: 2463
Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-1210(A)(3)

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in the following particulars: violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Traffic / Hit and run, duties of driver involved in accident with death

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 September 17, 2021, Jermaine Roberson did, within the county of Florence, commit the offense of Hit and Run resulting in
Death, to wit: While operating a motor vehicle on Chandler Mill Road, Roberson struck Lake City Police Department Lieutenant
John Stewart with a motor vehicle causing his death. Roberson fled the scene of the collision with no intent on returning or
reporting the collision. While fleeing the scene, Roberson committed further criminal acts to evade law enforcement. The Affiant's
belief is based upon witness statements, law enforcement officer statements, physical evidence, and video surveillance camera
footage that prove the same. This being in violation of Section 56-5-1210, South Carolina Code of Laws. Case#33-21-0112

Signature of Affiant

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Signature of Issuing Judge

Belinda B Timmons
Judge Code: 7065 10:10 A.M.

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Effingham, SC 29541-

Judge's Telephone (843)665-6690

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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THE STATE

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against

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Address:

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jared T Barkdoll - S00623

Offense: Traffic / Failure to stop for a blue light, death results

Offense Code: 2398

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-0750(C)(2)

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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 September 17, 2021, Jermaine Roberson did, within the county of Florence, commit the offense of Failure to Stop for Blue Lights resulting in Death, to wit: While Roberson operated a motor vehicle within the city limits of Lake City, Officer Angela Hobbs with the Lake City Police Department (LCPD) initiated a traffic stop on Roberson for a motor vehicle registration violation. Roberson disregarded law enforcement blue lights and fled. While failing to stop for blue lights, Roberson struck LCPD Lieutenant John Stewart with the motor vehicle he was driving, near the intersection of Chandler Mill Road and North Matthews Road, causing Lt. Stewart's death. The Affiant's belief is based upon witness statements, law enforcement officer statements, physical evidence, and video surveillance camera footage that prove the same. This being in violation of Section 56-5-750, South Carolina Code of Laws.

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