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SLED CHARGES SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE WITH POINTING AND PRESENTING A FIREARM AT A PERSON

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Michael Frank Rivers, 67, with Pointing and Presenting a Firearm At a Person on Friday, October 9, 2026. The Colleton County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Rivers was booked into the Colleton County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1510100399

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Colleton

THE STATE

2026-03582

against

Michael Frank Rivers

Address:

Saint Helena, SC 29920-6313

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1958 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dylan J Hightower - S00993

Offense: Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

Offense Code: 0122

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0410

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

M. Rivers
10-9-24 @ 0656SSLA KMcCall STED
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
P O Box 620
101 Hampton Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Colleton

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Dylan J Hightower

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Michael Frank Rivers

did within this county and state on or about

6/ 9/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Colleton

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

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 9, 2026, Michael Frank Rivers, the current SC House District 121 Representative, while at the Green Pond Community Center located at 371 Ivenia Brown Road in Colleton County, did commit the offense of pointing and presenting a firearm at the victim, Rivers and the victim had a brief verbal altercation over the political campaign for the SC House of Representatives District 121 seat. The verbal altercation led to Rivers obtaining a firearm from his vehicle compartment and point it at the victim. The Affiant's belief is based upon multiple statements and video evidence. This being in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws 16-23-0410.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Colleton

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/ 9/2026

defendant Michael Frank Rivers

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Colleton

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Weapons / Pointing and presenting firearms at a person

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 10/ 7/2026

Judge's Address

(L.S.)

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Judge's Telephone

(843)549-1122

Signature of Issuing Judge

Roosevelt LaShon Jenkins

Judge Code: 2491

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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