



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 1, 2024

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### **SLED CHARGES HAMPTON POLICE CHIEF WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Perry Zachary McAlhaney, 61, with Assault & Battery 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

McAlhaney was booked into the Hampton County Detention Center.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2024A2510100080

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

THE STATE

31-23-0126

against

Perry Zachary McAlhaney

Address:

Varnville, SC 29944-6758

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1962 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ryan E Kelly - S00433

Offense: Assault / Assault &amp; 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 Perry McAlhaney on 8/1/24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

Varnville Magistrate Court  
411 Cemetery Rd.  
P. O. Box 1299  
Varnville, SC 29944

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan E Kelly who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Perry Zachary McAlhaney  
did within this county and state on or about 11/4/2023 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of )  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault &amp; 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:

That on or around November 4, 2023, during an altercation that occurred on the property located at [REDACTED]  
located in the town of Varnville, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, one Perry McAlhaney, did commit the offense of A&B  
3rd Degree. The victim was hunting on the property from a deer stand located in a tree. The victim received permission and paid  
approximately \$500 to the property owner to allowed him access to the property. Perry McAlhaney arrived on scene and accused  
the victim of trespassing. McAlhaney retrieved a chain saw and began cutting the tree that contained the victim down. The victim  
recorded the incident on his cellphone and provided the footage to SLED. McAlhaney provided a statement to SLED admitting to  
attempting to cut the tree down while the victim was sitting in the deer stand. In that the defendant attempted to injure another  
person with the present ability to do so.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality ofAffiant'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 11/4/2023 defendant Perry Zachary McAlhaney  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault &amp; 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 7/31/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)  
Tonja P. Alexander  
Judge Code: 7387

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1299  
Varnville, SC 29944-  
Judge's Telephone (843)914-2230  
Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HAMPTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED CASE# 31-23-0126

Personally appeared before me, a Magistrate of HAMPTON County, one SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT RYAN KELLY who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

**PERRY ZACHARY MCALHANEY**

Did within this County and State on or about NOVEMBER 4, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE  
ASSAULT AND BATTERY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE  
VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-3-600(E)**

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or around NOVEMBER 4, 2023, during an altercation that occurred on the property located at [REDACTED], located in the town of Varnville, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, one PERRY MCALHANEY, did commit the offense of **ASSAULT AND BATTERY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE**, in violation of section 16-3-600(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended.

In that on NOVEMBER 4, 2023, the victim, [REDACTED] was hunting on the property located at [REDACTED]. The victim was hunting from a deer stand located in a tree. The victim had previously received permission and paid approximately \$500 to the property owner for a hunting lease, which allowed him access to the property. The property owner confirmed to SLED she gave permission to and received payment from the victim.

In that the defendant, PERRY MCALHANEY, arrived on scene and accused the victim of trespassing. The defendant, who lives on an adjacent property, then retrieved a chain saw and began cutting the tree that contained the victim down. The victim recorded the incident on his cellphone and provided the footage to SLED.

In that the defendant, PERRY MCALHANEY, provided a post Miranda statement to SLED admitting to attempting to cut the tree down while the victim was sitting in the deer stand. The defendant stated he was aware his actions could have caused serious injury or death to the victim if he successfully cut the tree down.

In that the defendant attempted to injure another person with the present ability to do so

The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 31 day of July  
2024.

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

[Signature]  
(AFFIANT)  
SS/A Ryan Kelly  
104 Simmons Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488