

# SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**April 7, 2015**

## **POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH MURDER**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division today arrested a North Charleston Police Officer in connection with a shooting following a traffic stop April 4.

Michael Thomas Slager, 33, was charged with **Murder**, a felony which carries a penalty upon conviction of death or a term of 30 years to life in prison.

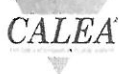
Slager was booked at the Charleston County Detention Center.

The case was investigated by SLED at the request of the North Charleston Police Department.

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

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Warrant and Affidavit attached.  
BNR 0146



An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

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ARREST WARRANT

2015A1010201687

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County  Municipality of  
Charleston

THE STATE  
against

Michael Thomas Slager

Address

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]  
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 180  
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLD0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Officer Ghent - 0347

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010, 0020

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

County  Municipality of

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law The accused

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)

Signature of Judge \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

Charleston County Judicial Center

100 Broad Street, Suite 106

Charleston, SC 29401

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Signature of Unsworn Bail or Enforcement Officer

Signature of Affiant

Signature of Judge

Signature of Bailiff

Signature of Court Reporter

Signature of Court Clerk

Signature of Court Officer

Signature of Court Marshal

Signature of Court Bailiff

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County  Municipality of  
Charleston

AFFIDAVIT

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Fern Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 27, 2000  
SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

4/4/2015

Michael Thomas Slager

*Special Agent*

who

in the following particulars:

County  Municipality of

Charleston

violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County  Municipality of

Charleston

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29210-

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 4/4/2015

defendant Michael Thomas Slager

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

Charleston

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 4/7/2015

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3870 Leeds Avenue, Suite 106

North Charleston, SC 29405-7469

Judge's Telephone (843) 746-9822

Issuing Court  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

## AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Angela Peterson of SLED who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that, **MICHAEL THOMAS SLAGER** (White male, height: 6'0" / weight: approximately 180 lbs / SCDL# [REDACTED] / DOB [REDACTED]-1981 / SSN [REDACTED]) did within this county and state on or about April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

### DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

#### MURDER

16-3-10

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 April 4, 2015, the defendant Michael Thomas Slager, while in the area of Craig Road within the City of North Charleston, County of Charleston, SC, knowingly and unlawfully with malice aforethought did kill the victim, Walter Lamer Scott. To wit: the Defendant did shoot the victim multiple times in the back after an altercation. All this is true based upon video evidence and the investigation of the State Law Enforcement Division. This is in violation of the S.C. code 16-3-10, *Murder*.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

*Angela Peterson*  
 Affiant

104 Simmons Street  
 Walterboro, S.C. 29488  
 (843) 782-3822

Signature of Judge \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*