



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 12, 2025

The Honorable Barry J. Barnette
Solicitor, Seventh Judicial circuit
180 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306

Re: SLED File # 2024-03590
Charles Lawson Wright, Jr., (Sheriff)
Section 8-1-80 Misconduct of Public Officer
Section 8-13-700 Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain
Section 4-53-40 Obtaining Certain Drugs, Devices, Preparations, or Compounds
By Fraud or Deceit
Section 16-13-230 Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent

Amos Durham
Section 16-13-230 Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent
County: Spartanburg
Transferred to Solicitor Micah E. Black – 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office

Dear Solicitors Barnette and Solicitor Black:

This office is in receipt of the request from Solicitor Barnette to transfer the prosecutorial responsibilities out from his office due to the close working relationship he and his entire staff had with the subjects while Chuck Wright was the Sheriff. To avoid any future appearance issues due to the prior personal and professional relationships with former Sheriff Wright, this office reached out to Solicitor Micah Black of the Tenth Judicial Circuit who has agreed to review the matters and make appropriate prosecutorial decisions.

I am authorizing the transfer of the prosecutorial responsibility in this matter to the Tenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office pursuant to S.C. Constitution Art.V, Section 24 and S.C. Code §§ 1-7-320, 1-7-350.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson
Attorney General

cc: Chief Deputy Attorney General W. Jeffrey Young
Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka
Captain Keff Kindley, SLED
Special Agent Austin Mills, SLED