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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Charge Greenville County Deputy involved in Off-Duty Domestic Altercation

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has arrested a deputy from Greenville County following an investigation into a domestic confrontation that took place on the evening of Saturday, June 17, 2017, at approximately 8:30pm.

The incident which occurred at 111 Mauldin Rd in Easley stemmed from a verbal altercation that turned physical after the off-duty deputy and his girlfriend responded to his sister's residence where the deputy's ex-wife was visiting.

Pursuant to a verbal dispute between the deputy's girlfriend and the deputy's sister, a physical fight occurred that escalated to allegations that the off-duty deputy physically grabbed his ex-wife and forced her to the ground.

Statements from witnesses and the victim allege that he proceeded to choke his ex-wife with his hands to the extent that her vision became impaired. A second adult male that was present during the incident pulled the deputy away from the victim.

The victim sustained an injury to her neck that appeared to show signs of swelling on Sunday when viewed by a Pickens County deputy.

The victim and her ex-husband share a ten year old child that was at the residence and also witnessed the assault.

Responding units from Pickens County arrived on the scene within 7 minutes but the Greenville deputy and his girlfriend left the residence just after calls were placed to 911.

The investigation into the incident was concluded late yesterday afternoon following interviews with the parties present during the incident to include an interview with the Greenville deputy.

The facts and results of the investigation were presented to a Pickens County Magistrate who reviewed the case and issued a warrant this morning following the Judge's decision that sufficient probable cause exists for the below offense.

Herman William McDonald (32yoa) was arrested at his residence just after 8:00am this morning without incident and is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention Center where he will be arraigned later this afternoon on the following charge:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
Domestic Violence 1 st Degree	2017A3910100723	TBD	06-20-17

Copies of the Arrest Warrant and a mug shot have been attached to this Media Release.

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