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GREENVILLE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH MAKING THREATS AGAINST POLICE CHIEF

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Fountain Inn man accused of making threats against the life of Fountain Inn Police Chief A. Keith Morton.

Richard Tippin Lambert, 59, of 208 Quail Run Circle, Fountain Inn, S.C., is charged with **Threatening the Life, Person or Family of a Public Official and Unlawful Use of Telephone.**

According to arrest warrants, Lambert called the Fountain Inn Police Department and used vulgar language to threaten the life of Chief Morton and his wife.

The phone call, which was recorded, was made to the department's emergency dispatch center.

Lambert allegedly left a threatening message against Chief Morton and his wife with one of the dispatchers.

Investigators say there is surveillance of Lambert using a phone at the time of the alleged crime from a Bi-Lo Shopping Center in Fountain Inn.

Threatening the Life, Person or Family of a Public Official is a misdemeanor punishable up to thirty (30) days in jail and/or fines.

Unlawful Use of Telephone is a misdemeanor punishable up to thirty (30) days in jail and/or fines.

For a booking photograph of Lambert, please call the Greenville County Detention Center at (864) 467-2457.

