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Former CCSO detention deputy charged with Assault and Battery

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – A former detention deputy with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has been charged with one count of Assault and Battery in the Second Degree and one count of Misconduct in the Office after an investigation into his conduct while employed at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2025, a Use of Force incident was reported at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. Upon further review, it was discovered Alan Genest, 34, used inappropriate force when taking an inmate to the ground and while securing the same inmate into an Emergency Restraint Chair.

Genest was immediately put on administrative leave with pay. On Friday, March 21, 2025, he was terminated and taken into custody. He had been employed with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office since 2017.

"I pledge to run a safe and secure Detention Center and want the community to know behavior like this will not be tolerated," said Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie. "When something like this happens, we investigate and take swift action."

Genest was booked at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>.

The CCSO Office of Professional Standards and the Criminal Investigations Division will continue their investigations.

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