Facts News Group copy: yellow = charges, bail, court dates.
Facts News Group copy: black boxes = permanent removal of the alleged victim's name (the man arrested in 2025). Verbatim transcription otherwise.

Pamlico County Sheriff's Office press release (Oct. 27, 2026)

Verbatim transcription of the PCSO release as published by The County Compass: https://compassnews360.com/pamlico-county-investigator-facing-assault-charge-stemming-from-incident-during-a-2025-arrest/ (the indictment itself was not obtained; NC court records are not free to download in bulk).

On October 27, 2026, a Pamlico County grand jury returned a true bill of indictment charging Investigator S. Hardison with one count of misdemeanor simple assault. This true bill stems from the arrest of [redacted] on March 19, 2025, almost 19 months after the initial incident.

[redacted] was arrested after an investigation by the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, where video showed [redacted] repeatedly hitting a child in the face. [redacted] was charged with one count of assault on a child. [redacted] was arrested after being located hiding inside the child's mother's residence. A use-of-force incident occurred during the arrest. A complaint concerning that incident was subsequently referred to the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys for review. [redacted] was also charged with Assaulting a Government Official during the arrest and was found guilty in Pamlico County District Court. [redacted] has appealed this decision.

Sheriff Chris Davis' statement:
"Arresting those responsible for committing heinous acts against children in our communities is often a challenging task, particularly when they do everything possible to evade apprehension.

Let me be clear: If you spit, attempt to spit, or make any gesture suggesting you intend to spit on us during your arrest, you must understand that we are going to use the reasonable and necessary force permitted by law to make sure that doesn't happen."

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office will issue no further statements regarding this matter. All questions should be directed to District Attorney Jeff Cruden, North Carolina's 1st Prosecutorial District.