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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 9, 2022

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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CHARGED WITH PRESENTING FALSE CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE PAYMENTS AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division arrested former North Charleston Police Officer Armani Ellison and former Police Recruit Tariq Ramkalup on Tuesday and charged both with Misconduct in Office and Presenting False Claims for Insurance Payments.

The request for the SLED investigation was made by the North Charleston Police Department.

Ellison and Ramkalup were both booked into the Berkeley County Detention Center on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A0810400001

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE 56-21-0537

against

Armani Christopher Ellison

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John K Tyner - S00333

Offense: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3510

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

[] County/ [] Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant ARMANI C. ELLISON on 02-08-2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
300 B California Avenue
PO Box 219
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

Personally appeared before me the affiant John K Tyner who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Armani Christopher Ellison

did within this county and state on or about 10/21/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

*****SEE ATTACHED*****

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/21/2021 defendant Armani Christopher Ellison

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 2/3/2022

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122

(L.S.) Moncks Corner, SC 29461-

Judge's Telephone (843)719-4873

Signature of Issuing Judge Whilden V. Baggett (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7238 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Armani C. Ellison

AKA'S OF SUSPECT: _____

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: B SEX: M HGT: 5-8 EYES: 172 HAIR: BLN CMPL: Lght

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS : Multiple L and R OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO: _____

Arms

DOB: [REDACTED] 1996

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL #: [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 38-55-0170 (1) OFFENSE: Presenting False Claim for Payment \$10,000 or More

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

Personally appeared before me, the affiant John K. Tyner who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Armani C. Ellison did within this county and state on or about October 21, 2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 38-55-170 (1) Presenting false claims for payment over \$10,000

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about October 21, 2021, in the County of Berkeley, South Carolina, the defendant Armani C. Ellison did knowingly and willingly present a false claim to Traveler's Insurance concerning a vehicle collision. Ellison claimed to Traveler's Insurance that on or about October 16, 2021, he was driving his 2018 Nissan Armada SUV and came to an abrupt stop on the I-26 West 199B exit ramp which caused a 2017 Mercedes, driven by Tariq Ramkalup, to swerve off the left side of the exit ramp and strike a ditch and several bushes. Ellison claimed that he did not know the other driver. Further investigation by SLED determined that Ellison's claim was false and that he was in fact the driver of the 2017 Mercedes involved in a single-vehicle collision which actually occurred on or about October 10, 2021. Additionally, it was determined that Ellison and Ramkalup were coworkers at the North Charleston Police Department and roommates at the time of the collision. Ellison admitted to SLED agents that he provided

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false statements to Traveler's Insurance in an attempt to secure payment to fix Ramkalup's vehicle. Ellison estimated the damage repair costs to be at least \$15,000.


Special Agent

Special Agent: John K Tyner

Office Address: PO Box 21398 Columbia,
SC 29221

Telephone: 

Date of Request: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
3 day of 2, 2022


Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2022A0810400002

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE 56-21-0537 against

Armani Christopher Ellison

Address: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John K Tyner - S00333

Offense: COMMON LAW/Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

Offense Code: 9004

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [] County/ [] Municipality of

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [REDACTED]

RETURN

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[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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General Sessions 300 B California Avenue PO Box 219 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: COMMON LAW/Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

*****SEE ATTACHED*****

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/21/2021 defendant Armani Christopher Ellison

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: COMMON LAW/Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 2/3/2022

[Signature] Signature of Issuing Judge

Whilden V. Baggett (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7238

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-

Judge's Telephone (843)719-4873

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Armani C. Ellison

AKA'S OF SUSPECT: _____

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]
CITY, STATE, ZIP: [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: B SEX: M HGT: 5-8 EYES: HAZ HAIR: BLN CMPL: Lght

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS : Multiple L and R OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO: _____

Arms

DOB: [REDACTED] 996

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: Common Law OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance,
Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

Personally appeared before me, the affiant John K. Tyner who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Armani C. Ellison did within this county and state on or about October 21, 2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:


That on or about October 21, 2021, in the County of Berkeley, while employed as an officer at the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD), located in the City of North Charleston, County of Charleston, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Armani C. Ellison, did commit the offense of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance, a violation of Common Law of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 as amended. In that Armani C. Ellison, a public officer, knowingly committed acts and omissions constituting official misconduct, fraud, corruption, or habitual negligence; to wit, while employed as a Police Officer at the NCPD, Ellison did knowingly and willingly present a false claim to Traveler's Insurance concerning a vehicle collision near the Town of Summerville, in the County of Berkeley, in the State of South Carolina. Ellison claimed to Traveler's Insurance that on or about October 16, 2021, he was driving his 2018 Nissan Armada SUV and came to an abrupt stop on the I-26 West 199B exit ramp which caused a 2017 Mercedes, driven by Tariq Ramkalup, to

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swerve off the left side of the exit ramp and strike a ditch and several bushes. Ellison claimed that he did not know the other driver. Further investigation by SLED determined that Ellison's claim was false and that he was in fact the driver of the 2017 Mercedes involved in a single-vehicle collision which actually occurred on or about October 10, 2021. Ellison also included a photocopy of his NCPD issued identification card in an attempt to unduly influence the outcome of the insurance claim. The NCPD identification card was used without the approval of the NCPD. Additionally, it was determined that Ellison and Ramkalup were coworkers at the NCPD and roommates at the time of the collision. Ellison admitted to SLED agents that he provided false statements to Traveler's Insurance in an attempt to secure payment to fix Ramkalup's vehicle.


Special Agent

Special Agent: John K Tyner
Office Address: PO Box 21398 Columbia,
SC 29221
Telephone 
Date of Request: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
3 day of 2, 2022



Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2022A0810400003

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE 56-21-0537 against

Tariq Rishi Jeremy Ramkalup

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: A Height: 5 9 Weight: 152

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John K Tyner - S00333

Offense: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3510

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [] County/ [] Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [REDACTED]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant TARIQ R. J. RAMKALUP on 02-08-2022

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 300 B California Avenue PO Box 219 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Berkeley)

Personally appeared before me the affiant John K Tyner who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tariq Rishi Jeremy Ramkalup did within this county and state on or about 10/22/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

*****SEE ATTACHED*****

Signature of Affiant

[Signature of John K. Tyner]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) [X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley)

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/22/2021 defendant Tariq Rishi Jeremy Ramkalup did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Berkeley) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 2/3/2022 [Signature] (L.S.) Paula Fechine McElvogue Judge Code: 5089 7238

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122 Moncks Corner, SC 29461- Judge's Telephone ((843) 719- x 4050

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Tariq R. J. Ramkalup

AKA'S OF SUSPECT: _____

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: A SEX: M HGT: 5-9 EYES: BRO HAIR: BLK CMPL: Lght

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS : _____ OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO: _____

DOB: [REDACTED] 1996 SSN: [REDACTED] DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 38-55-0170 (1) OFFENSE: Presenting False Claim for Payment \$10,000 or More

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

Personally appeared before me, the affiant John K. Tyner who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tariq R. J. Ramkalup did within this county and state on or about October 22, 2021, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 38-55-170 (1) Presenting false claims for payment over \$10,000 OR MORE

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

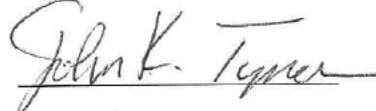
That on or about October 22, 2021, in the County of Berkeley, South Carolina, the defendant Tariq R. J. Ramkalup did knowingly and willingly present a false claim to Traveler's Insurance concerning a vehicle collision. Ramkalup claimed to Traveler's Insurance that on or about October 16, 2021, he was driving his 2017 Mercedes Coupe on the I-26 West 199B.exit ramp and a 2018 Nissan Armada SUV came to an abrupt stop on the exit ramp causing him to swerve off the left side of the exit ramp striking a ditch and several bushes. Ramkalup stated the driver of the Nissan Armada was Armani C. Ellison. Ramkalup claimed to Traveler's Insurance that he did not know Ellison. Further investigation by SLED determined that Ramkalup's claim was false and that he was not the driver of the 2017 Mercedes. It was determined that Ellison was driver of the Mercedes, and he was involved in a single-vehicle collision which actually occurred on or about October 10, 2021. Additionally, it was determined that Ellison and Ramkalup were coworkers at the North Charleston Police Department and roommates at the time of the collision. Ramkalup admitted to SLED agents that he and Ellison provided false



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statements to Traveler's Insurance in an attempt to secure payment to fix Ramkalup's 2017 Mercedes Coupe. Ramkalup estimated the damage repair costs to be at least \$15,000.


Special Agent

Special Agent: John K Tyner

Office Address: PO Box 21398 Columbia,

SC 29221

Telephone: 

Date of Request: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

3 day of 2, 2022



Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2022A0810400004

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE 56-21-0537

against

Tariq Rishi Jeremy Ramkalup

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: A Height: 5 9 Weight: 152

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John K Tyner - S00333

Offense: COMMON LAW / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

Offense Code: 9004

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [] County/ [] Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: _____

RETURN

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Berkeley)

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone _____

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on 2/3/2022)

[Signature])

Signature of Issuing Judge)

Whilden V. Baggett (Magistrate))

Judge Code: 7238)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-

Judge's Telephone (843)719-4873

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Tariq R. J. Ramkalup

AKA'S OF SUSPECT: _____

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: [REDACTED]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: A SEX: M HGT: 5-9 EYES: BRO HAIR: BLK CMPL: Lght

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS : _____ OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO: _____

DOB: [REDACTED] 996 SSN: [REDACTED] DL #: [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: Common Law OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about October 22, 2021, in the County of Berkeley, South Carolina, while employed as a Police Recruit at the North Charleston Police Department (NCPD), located in the City of North Charleston, County of Charleston, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Tariq R. J. Ramkalup, did commit the offense of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, or Nonfeasance, a violation of Common Law of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 as amended. In that Tariq R. J. Ramkalup, a public officer, knowingly committed acts and omissions constituting official misconduct, fraud, corruption, or habitual negligence; to wit, while employed as a Police Recruit at the NCPD, Ramkalup did knowingly and willingly present a false claim to Traveler's Insurance concerning a vehicle collision near the Town of Summerville, in the County of Berkeley, in the State of South Carolina. That on or about October 22, 2021, in the County of Berkeley, South Carolina, the defendant Tariq R. J. Ramkalup, did knowingly and willingly present a false claim to Traveler's Insurance concerning a vehicle collision. Ramkalup claimed to Traveler's Insurance that on or about October 16, 2021, he was driving his 2017 Mercedes Coupe on the I-26 West 199B exit ramp and a 2018 Nissan



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Armada SUV came to an abrupt stop on the exit ramp causing him to swerve off the left side of the exit ramp and strike a ditch and several bushes. Ramkalup stated the driver of the Nissan Armada was Armani C. Ellison. Ramkalup claimed to Traveler's Insurance that he did not know Ellison. Further investigation by SLED determined that Ramkalup's claim was false and that he was not the driver of the 2017 Mercedes. It was determined that Ellison was the driver of the Mercedes, and he was involved in a single-vehicle collision which actually occurred on or about October 10, 2021. Additionally, it was determined that Ellison and Ramkalup were coworkers at the North Charleston Police Department and roommates at the time of the collision. Ramkalup admitted to SLED agents that he and Ellison provided false statements to Traveler's Insurance in an attempt to secure payment to fix Ramkalup's 2017 Mercedes Coupe. Ramkalup estimated the damage repair costs to be at least \$15,000.


Special Agent

Special Agent: John K Tyner

Office Address: PO Box 21398 Columbia,

SC 29221

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Date of Request: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

3 day of 2, 2022



Issuing Magistrate