



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 16, 2023

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER LEXINGTON POLICE OFFICER WITH OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT, 2 COUNTS OF OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETENSES**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged James Edward Chambers Jr., 30, of Lexington, SC, on March 15, 2023, with Official Misconduct and 2 counts of Obtaining Goods Under False Pretenses.

Chambers was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

SLED was requested by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD) to investigate.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

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2023A3210200826

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE  
against

James Edward Chambers, Jr

Address: [Redacted]

Lexington, SC 29073-8721

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]  
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted]/1992 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S01903

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 James Chambers on 3/15/2023

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center  
205 East Main Street  
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

County/  Municipality of )

Lexington )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey N Michlovitz

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Edward Chambers, Jr did within this county and state on or about 3/18/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Lexington 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 that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

From the dates of March 18, 2021 through September 10, 2021, while acting in his official capacity as a Town of Lexington Police Department (LPD) officer, Officer (Ofc.) James Chambers Jr., did knowingly, willfully and without proper authorization obtain seven firearm suppressors for his own personal use from businesses federally licensed to sell firearms. Because Ofc. Chambers purported to have been acting on behalf of law enforcement agency, he was able to acquire the suppressors without obtaining the required federal tax stamp for each suppressor and without having to comply with other federal regulations pertaining to individual purchasing and possessing firearm suppressors.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

County/  Municipality of )

Lexington )

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 3/18/2021 defendant James Edward Chambers, Jr

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / 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/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 3/14/2023 )

*[Signature]* )  
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) )

Arthur L Myers (Magistrate) )

Judge Code: 7252 )

Judge's Address 139 East Main St

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

AFFIDAVIT

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3210200827

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

James Edward Chambers, Jr

Address:

Lexington, SC 29073-8721

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 210

State: SC DL #: [ ]

DOB: 1992 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S01903

Offense: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than

Offense Code: 3470

Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0240

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

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

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

Copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant

James Chambers Jr 3/15/2023

S/A Collier Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center 205 East Main Street Lexington, SC 29072

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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 affidavit

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

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

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

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 3/14/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge Brian Norman Buck (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7322

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

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

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518

AFFIDAVIT

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

**SUSPECT INFORMATION**

NAME OF SUSPECT: James Edward Chambers Jr.

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Lexington, SC 29073

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

RACE: W      SEX: M      HGT: 5'11      EYES: GRN      HAIR: BRO      CMPL: FAIR

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS :

OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1992

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL # [REDACTED]

**VIOLATION**

STATUTE: 16-13-0240

OFFENSE: CDR: 3470 - Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**

State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Special Agent Jeffrey Michlovitz who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Edward Chambers Jr. did within this county and state on or about March 18, 2021 and August 11, 2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$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:

From the dates of March 18, 2021 and August 11, 2021 in Lexington County, while acting in his official capacity as a Town of Lexington Police Department (LPD) officer, Officer (Ofc.) James Chambers Jr., did knowingly and willfully obtain four firearm suppressors for his personal use from Kilo Charlie Weaponry, LLC (KCW) of 146 Litton Drive, Lexington, SC by falsely representing to KCW via a fictitious letterhead that he was conducting these transactions on behalf of, and with the authorization of LPD. To wit: On March 18, 2021, Ofc. Chambers submitted a fictitious LPD letterhead to purchase a Deadair Sandman K suppressor from KCW. On August 11, 2021, Ofc. Chambers completed another transaction with KCW based on the fictitious letterhead and purchased three additional firearms suppressors, two Yankee Hill Co. Inc. Turbo K's and a Larue Tactical AKA Austin Precision Prod. M308, all four of these suppressors purchased from KCW were purportedly obtained for the use of LPD. Ofc. Chambers did not have authorization from LPD to conduct any of the transactions for the four firearm suppressors he obtained from KCW. Because Ofc. Chambers purported to have been acting on

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

behalf of a law enforcement agency, he was able to acquire the suppressors without obtaining the required federal tax stamp for each suppressor and without having to comply with other federal regulations pertaining to individuals purchasing and possessing firearm suppressors. The total value of the firearm suppressors obtained by Ofc. Chambers from KCW was \$1,990. Ofc. Chambers also represented this transaction as being for a police agency, and avoided paying for four, \$200 tax stamps, a total value of \$800. A total value of \$2,790 in property was obtained by Ofc. Chambers from these fraudulent transactions.

  
Special Agent

Special Agent: Jeffrey Michlovitz	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221	12/14 day of March 20 23
Telephone: [REDACTED]	
Date of Request: 3/14/23	Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2023A3210200828

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

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Lexington, SC 29073-8721

SSN: [REDACTED]

M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 210

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

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Defendant: James Edward Chambers Jr 3/15/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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General Sessions Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center 205 East Main Street Lexington, SC 29072

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[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey N Michlovitz who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Edward Chambers, Jr did within this county and state on or about 7/21/2021

violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington )

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

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[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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

on or about 7/21/2021 defendant James Edward Chambers, Jr

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

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

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 3/14/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Brian Norman Buck (Magistrate) Judge Code: 7222 7277

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

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

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**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**

State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Special Agent Jeffrey Michlovitz who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Edward Chambers Jr. did within this county and state on or about July 21, 2021 through September 10, 2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$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:

From the dates of July 25, 2021, and September 10, 2021, in Lexington County, while acting in his official capacity as a Town of Lexington Police Department (LPD) officer, Officer (Ofc.) James Chambers Jr. did knowingly and willfully obtain three firearms suppressors, as well as accessories for these suppressors, from Rugged Design, Inc. (RD), by falsely representing to RD via a fictitious letterhead that he was conducting these transactions on behalf of, and with the authorization of LPD. To wit: On July 25, 2021, Ofc. Chambers submitted a fictitious letter to RD located at 1 Tungsten Trail in Travelers Rest, SC, requesting firearms suppressors on behalf of the LPD's SWAT unit for testing. RD complied with this request and on September 10, 2021, shipped three firearm suppressors, a Rugged Micro76, a Rugged Surge 762, and a Rugged Obsidian 9 along with accessories for these suppressors (pistons and two flash hiders) to LPD at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington SC. Ofc. Chambers did not have authorization from LPD to conduct any of the transactions for the three firearm suppressors and the associated accessories he obtained from RD. The total value of the firearm suppressors and accessories obtained by Ofc.

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

Chambers from RD was \$2,436. Ofc. Chambers also represented this transaction as being for a police agency, and avoided paying for three \$200 tax stamps, a total value of \$600. A total value of \$3,036 in property was obtained by Chambers from this fraudulent transaction.

  
Special Agent

Special Agent: Jeffrey Michlovitz	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221	day of           , 20
Telephone: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>	
Date of Request: 3/14/2023	Issuing Magistrate