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SLED CHARGES LANCASTER COUNTY MAN WITH FORGERY AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTION FRAUD

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Steven Emerson Boate, 64, with Forgery and Financial Transaction Fraud on Thursday, March 14, 2024. SLED was requested by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SC DMV).

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Boate was booked at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2910100518

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

56-23-0619

against

Steven Emerson Boate

Address:

Indian Land, SC 29707-6468

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 265

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1959 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin Grant Ellis - M00254

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

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 Steven Boate

on 3-14-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
104 N. Main St.
P O Box 1809
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin Grant Ellis

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Steven Emerson Boate

did within this county and state on or about 10/ 6/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, 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:That on October 6, 2023, in the county of Lancaster, one Steven Boate did commit the crime of forgery in that he forged his
signature as the seller on the title to a 2018 Chev Malibu VIN # Steven
Boate transferred the title to his name and sold the vehicle to CarMax. This warrant is based upon a SLED investigation
56-23-0619.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

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

Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

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/ 6/2023

defendant Steven Emerson Boate

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, 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 3/ 7/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Fredrick Asgill Thomas

Judge Code: 7180

Judge's Address 761 Highway 521 Lancaster Bypass East
Lancaster, SC 29721-1809

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Offense: FinanTC / Financial Transaction Card fraud value more than \$500 in six month period

Offense Code: 2349

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-14-0060(a)(1-5)

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: FinanTC / Financial Transaction Card fraud value more than \$500 in six month period

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:

That on September 25, 2023, in the county of Lancaster, one Steven Boate did commit the crime of financial transaction card fraud in that he used [REDACTED]'s banking card to withdraw \$800.00 from [REDACTED]'s Wells Fargo account. Wells Fargo camera footage confirmed that Steven Boate was the individual at the ATM making the withdrawals. This warrant is based upon a SLED investigation 56-23-0619.

Signature of Affiant

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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 9/25/2023 defendant Steven Emerson Boate

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

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

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