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SLED CHARGES HORRY COUNTY MAN WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, COUNTERFEIT GAME TICKETS

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Stephen Morris Taylor, 53, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Taylor was booked at the Horry County Detention Center.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2610200632

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Horry

THE STATE

against

Stephen Morris Taylor

Address: [Redacted] Conway, SC 29526-4980

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 175 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Randall W. Duncan - S00805

Offense: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

Offense Code: 2900 Code/Ordinance Sec: 59-150-0260(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 Stephen Taylor Morris on 3-14-24

L/Cpl G. Vedegeff P398 HCSO Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions PO Box 677 1301 2nd Avenue Conway, SC 29528

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Randall W. Duncan who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Stephen Morris Taylor did within this county and state on or about 3/6/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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 March 6, 2024, the defendant, Stephen Morris Taylor, with intent to defraud the South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) did without paying for, conceal and take SCEL ticket pack 1545-47931 from the counter of Shankara Enterprises {251159}, which is located at 2697 Oak ST, Conway section, (Horry County) South Carolina. Taylor, also on March 6, 2024, scanned the tickets attempting to determine their value, at Main St. Express {249894}; which is located at 1112 Main St, Conway (Horry County) South Carolina. The defendant then discarded the tickets in the trash can at the scanning location, where S/A Duncan later recovered them. Both the theft and scanning were captured on surveillance video. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same. r/o SLED W. Duncan; C#54-24-6005

Signature of Affiant

[Signature of Will Duncan]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry

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 3/6/2024 defendant Stephen Morris Taylor did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Horry) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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 3/15/2024 [Signature] (L.S.)

Judge Code: _____

Judge's Address Judge's Telephone

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