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July 9, 2024

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SLED CHARGES RICHLAND COUNTY MAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Keifer Dewarren Branch, 26, with 3 counts of Fraudulent Application or Misrepresentation of Facts in Registering a Vehicle on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Branch was booked at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Anyone with information regarding vehicle fraud in South Carolina should send tips to SLED at tips@sled.sc.gov.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500174

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

56-24-0038

against

Keifer Dewarren Branch

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-3610

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1997 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Bridgette L Lott - S01229

Offense: Traffic / Fraudulent application or
misrepresentation of facts in registering motor

Offense Code: 2071

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-03-0390

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☐ 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
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on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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(VIN [REDACTED]) when he filled out the SCDMV Application to Issue or Replace 45-Day Temporary Plate (Form 45-A). SCDMV
issued Branch tag [REDACTED]. At the time of registration, the vehicle was for sale at Sanford Imports in North Carolina. Affiant's
belief is based upon SLED Case 56-24-0038.

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-4781

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 6/21/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

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Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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