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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SLED CHARGES SUMTER COUNTY MAN WITH INSURANCE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Thomas Poole, 33, with False Statements, or Misrepresentations, of Economic Benefit less than \$1,000 – 1st offense enhanced felony charge for history of two or more prior convictions, and Presenting False Claim for Insurance Payment, value \$10,000 or more on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The SLED investigation was requested by South Carolina Department of Insurance.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Poole was booked into the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2110201035

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

SLED # 61-24-0038

against

Joshua Thomas Poole

Address:

Dalzell, SC 29040-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 305

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1990 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Joseph E Neff - S00113

Offense: Insurance / False statements, or misrepresentations,
if economic benefit less than \$1000; 1st offense

Offense Code: 3639

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-38-0720

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 Joshua Poole

on 10-9-24

Mick B. Simpson

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Joseph E Neff

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Thomas Poole

did within this county and state on or about 2/1/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / False statements, or misrepresentations, if economic benefit less than \$1000; 1st offense
(Enhancement per 16-1-57)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 February 1, 2024, thru April 4, 2024, in Florence County, S.C. the defendant, Joshua Thomas Poole made statements to Sentry Insurance that were false, material and made with his knowledge of the falsity of the statement and were made with the intent of obtaining or causing to obtain or attempting to obtain an undeserved economic advantage or benefit. Poole impersonated on recorded statements to by using her name and date of birth to add and remove vehicles to an insurance policy in her name in order to obtain a more favorable insurance premium had no financial interest in the vehicles nor were they registered to her and Poole was not a listed driver on the policy. Poole has been convicted of an offense where the term of imprisonment is contingent upon the value of the property three or more times making this eligible for charging under S.C. 61-1-0057, enhancement

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Florence

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)622-4220

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 2/1/2024 defendant Joshua Thomas Poole

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Florence) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / False statements, or misrepresentations, if economic benefit less than \$1000; 1st offense
(Enhancement per 16-1-57)

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 7/9/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Jerry F. Rivers 12:15pm

Judge Code: 7339

Judge's Address 180 North Irby Street (MSC-W)

Florence, SC 29501-

Judge's Telephone (843)665-0031

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

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

Offense Code: 3510

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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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:On February 10, 2024, in Florence County S.C, the defendant, Joshua Thomas Poole knowingly assisted, solicited and/or conspired
in the filing of a False Claim for Payment to Progressive Insurance for claim [REDACTED] Poole reported a hit and run to
Progressive Insurance claiming that their insured had sideswiped his vehicle and fled the scene. An investigation completed by
Progressive Insurance, Ed Livesay and Associates, an accident reconstruction firm, and SLED determined that the collision between
the vehicles never occurred. Poole claimed injuries for a collision that did not occur. Poole attempted to gain an undeserved
economic advantage from Progressive in the amount of \$25,000.00 in settlement payments. The claim was denied.

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