



South Carolina

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 23, 2024

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SLED CHARGES ORANGEBURG COUNTY MAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Rakeem Lamonte Brown, 31, with two counts of Receiving, Possessing, Concealing, Selling, or Disposing of a Stolen Vehicle, two counts of Falsifying a Vehicle Identification Number, and Operating a Chop Shop on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Brown was booked into the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2024A3810701071

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

against

Rakeem Lamonte Brown

Address:

Orangeburg, SC 29118-8853

Phone: SSN: Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 212

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1993 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S01151

Offense: Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3468

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0080

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 on 12-13-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
151 Docket Street
P. O. Box 9000
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Shawn M Ludwig who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Rakeem Lamonte Brown did within this county and state on or about 4/12/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Orangeburg) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, 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 or around April 12, 2024, in the County of Orangeburg, one Rakeem Lamonte Brown did commit the crime of possession of a stolen vehicle, in that he did knowingly possess a black Ford F-350, registered as an F-250, VIN [REDACTED] The vehicle was reported stolen from Kernersville, NC on March 9, 2024. The vehicle was valued at \$54,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02820.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

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:

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on or about 4/12/2024 defendant Rakeem Lamonte Brown

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Orangeburg) as set forth below:

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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 12/12/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge
Dennis Gary Doremus II

Judge Code: 7436

Judge's Address Post Office Box 9000
Orangeburg, SC 29116-

Judge's Telephone (803)247-2011

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3810701070

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

against

Rakeem Lamonte Brown

Address:

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Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 212

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S01151

Offense: Vehicle / Remove, falsifying VIN intending to conceal identity

Offense Code: 0536

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0040(A)(2)

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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:

That between the dates of July 15, 2024, and November 8, 2024 in the County of Orangeburg, one Rakeem Lamonte Brown, did commit the crime of possession of a vehicle with an altered VIN, in that he did knowingly possess a black 2019 Ford F-450 knowing the VIN # displayed on the vehicle was falsified with the intent to conceal the true VIN. The vehicle was reported stolen from Polk County, GA on July 19, 2024. The vehicle was valued at \$60,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02820.

Signature of Affiant

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2024A3810701069

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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THE STATE

against

Rakeem Lamonte Brown

Address:

Orangeburg, SC 29118-8853

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 212

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

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Signature of Judge

Date:

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12-13-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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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:

That between the dates of July 15, 2024, and November 8, 2024, while in the County of Orangeburg, one Rakeem Lamonte Brown did commit the crime of possession of a stolen vehicle, in that he did knowingly possess a 2019 black Ford F-350, registered as an F-450, VIN . The vehicle was reported stolen from Polk County, FL on July 19, 2024. The vehicle was valued at \$60,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02820.

Signature of Affiant

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

against

Rakeem Lamonte Brown

Address:

Orangeburg, SC 29118-8853

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 212

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1993 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S01151

Offense: RSG / Chop Shop, buy, disp. sell, etc. vehicle or part with tampered id. number

Offense Code: 0572

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-29-0030(B)

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: RSG / Chop Shop, buy, disp. sell, etc. vehicle or part with tampered id. number

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 or before October 15, 2024, in the County of Orangeburg, one Rakeem Lamonte Brown did commit the crime of violation of chop shop, in that he did knowingly operate a shop at 2106 Old Edisto Dr. Orangeburg, SC. The address was being used to house stolen vehicles, and parts belonging to stolen vehicles. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02820.

Signature of Affiant

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on 12-13-24

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