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SLED CHARGES FOUR PEOPLE WITH LOTTERY FRAUD DURING ANNUAL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged the following individuals with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets: Terry Xavier Myers, 30, on July 2, 2024, Ayesha Monique Watts, 50, on July 9, 2024, Barbara M. Kreis, 30, on September 18, 2024, and Ishrat Ahmad Syed, 57, on October 9, 2024,

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

All subjects were booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

SLED Lottery Agents are primarily involved in the enforcement of SC Code of Laws 59-150-260A as it pertains to the South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL). The Agents work in conjunction with the Director of Security at the SCEL and answer complaints throughout South Carolina. The cases focus on the theft of and attempted redemption of tickets including the attempted cashing of altered tickets. These complaints come to SLED through the South Carolina Education Lottery.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500240

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE against

Barbara M Kreis

Address: [Redacted]

Bishopville, SC 29010-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 3 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Randall W Duncan - S01633

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 Barbara M. Kreis on 9-18-24

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
[X] County/ [] Municipality of
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Randall W Duncan who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Barbara M Kreis

did within this county and state on or about 9/11/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

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:

On September 6, 2024, the defendant, Barbara M. Kreis, did pass a South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) compliance ticket (ticket # [Redacted]) at the SCEL Columbia Claims Center (CCC) located at 1309 Assembly St. in Columbia (Richland County), South Carolina. The ticket was acquired by the defendant through fraud/deception on September 4, 2024, at Young's #3615, located at 431 N Main St in Bishopville (Lee County) South Carolina. The defendant was employed by the store at that time and received a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) undercover agent during a SLED retailer compliance check. The ticket was valued at one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and the undercover agent was not paid for the ticket as Kreis kept the ticket and informed the agent it was not a winner. The theft and attempted redemption of the ticket were both video recorded. Kreis was identified from her SCEL claim form and SC driver's license that she provided at the CCC. The affiant and others are witness to

Signature of Affiant

Will Duncan

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
[X] County/ [] Municipality of
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 9/11/2024 defendant Barbara M Kreis

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) 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 9/11/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge
Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District
Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

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

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500199

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 54-24-6012 against

Terry Xavier Myers

Address: Columbia, SC 29203-5008

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 325 DL State: SC DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey M Williams - S01058

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 on

Terry X. Myers 07/10/2024

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey M Williams who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Terry Xavier Myers did within this county and state on or about 6/27/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate 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:

On June 27, 2024 at approximately 4:10 pm, the defendant, Terry X. Myers, did pass a South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) compliance ticket (ticket # [redacted]) at the SCEL Columbia Claims Center (CCC) located at 1309 Assembly St. in Columbia (Richland County), SC. The ticket was acquired by the defendant through fraud/deception on 6/26/24 at Gaz Bah #005, located at 6201 Farrow Rd. in Columbia, SC. The defendant was employed by the store at the time and received a SLED confidential informant (CI) during a SLED retailer compliance check. The ticket was valued at \$1,000.00 and the CI was not paid for the ticket as Myers kept the ticket. The theft and attempted redemption of the ticket were both video recorded. Myers was identified from his SCEL claim for and SCDL that he provided at the CCC. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone (803)767-2002

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 6/27/2024 defendant Terry Xavier Myers

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) 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 7/1/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District Columbia, SC 29210- Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500265

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 2024-02012 against

Ishrat Ahmad Syed

Address: Columbia, SC 29229-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: U Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1967 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey M Williams - S01058

Offense: Lottery / Attempt to influence game by coercion, tampering, deception, etc.

Offense Code: 2901

Code/Ordinance Sec: 59-150-0260(B)

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 Ishrat Ahmad Syed on October 9th, 2024

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey M Williams who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Ishrat Ahmad Syed

did within this county and state on or about 6/26/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Attempt to influence game by coercion, tampering, deception, 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:

On June 26, 2024, the DEF, Ishrat Ahmad Syed, did obtain a South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) compliance ticket (ticket #) at Easy Spot, located at 3213 Farrow Rd. in Columbia (Richland County), SC, through fraud/deception. The DEF was employed by the store at the time and received a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) confidential informant (CI) during a SLED retailer compliance check. The ticket was valued at \$1,000.00 and Syed paid the CI only \$5.00 for the ticket. Syed stated in an interview with S/A Williams that he later gave the ticket to who was unaware that Syed had obtained the ticket through illicit means. At Syed's request attempted to cash the ticket at the SCEL Columbia Claims Center (CCC) located at 1309 Assembly St. in Columbia (Richland County), South Carolina, on August 6, 2024. The theft and attempted redemption of the ticket were both video recorded. The affiant and others are witness to prove the

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 6/26/2024 defendant Ishrat Ahmad Syed

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Attempt to influence game by coercion, tampering, deception, 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 10/3/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500200

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

20240092

against

Ayeisha Monique Watts

Address:

St. Matthews, SC 29135-7922

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 120

DL State:

DL #:

DOB: 1974

Agency ORI #:

SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Andrew D Jackson - S02344

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

on 7/9/24 at 1024 hrs.

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Andrew D Jackson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Ayeisha Monique Watts

who

did within this county and state on or about

7/1/2024

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

violate the criminal laws of the

in the following particulars:

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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:

On July 1, 2024, at approximately 10:45 am, the defendant, Ayeisha M. Watts, did pass a South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) compliance ticket (ticket # [redacted]) at the SCEL Columbia Claims Center (CCC) located at 1309 Assembly St. in Columbia (Richland County), South Carolina. The ticket was acquired by the defendant through fraud/deception on June 28, 2024, at Exxon #5, located at 388 Caw Caw Hwy. in Saint Matthews (Calhoun County), South Carolina. The defendant was employed by the store at that time and received a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) confidential informant (CI) during a SLED retailer compliance check. The ticket was valued at one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and the CI was not paid for the ticket as Watts kept the ticket. The theft and attempted redemption of the ticket were both video recorded. Watts was identified from her SCEL claim form and SC driver's license that she provided at the CCC. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

Signature of Andrew D Jackson

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 7/1/2024

defendant

Ayeisha Monique Watts

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

County/

Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) 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 7/5/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

(L.S.)

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

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