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March 3, 2025

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SLED CHARGES SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Christopher Rex Howard, 52, with Title Fraud and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000 on February 21, 2025. SLED was requested to investigate by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV).

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Howard was booked into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4210100269

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

2025-00456

against

Christopher Rex Howard

Address:

Lyman, SC 29365-9118

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 215

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 972 Agency ORI #: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency: Veh & Lic Crime Unit/Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S01386

Offense: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert.

of title, reg. card, or license plate

Offense Code: 0535

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0010(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 Christopher Howard

on 2/21/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin G Ellis who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher Rex Howard

did within this county and state on or about 9/16/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert. of title, reg. card, or license plate

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 September 16, 2024, in the county of Spartanburg, one Christopher Rex Howard did commit the crime of Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert. of title, reg. card, or license plate in that he did use a counterfeit title to sell a 1994 Toyota VIN# [REDACTED] that had been reported stolen. Warrant based on police investigation. eds

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd

Columbia, SC 29210-

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 9/16/2024 defendant Christopher Rex Howard

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert. of title, reg. card, or license plate

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 2/19/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

David James Turner

Judge Code: 5079

Judge's Address Spartanburg County Judicial Center

Spartanburg, SC 29306-2335

Judge's Telephone (864)596-2564

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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