



# South Carolina

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July 21, 2025

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Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES TWO MEXICAN FOREIGN NATIONALS WITH GUN POSSESSION AND FORGERY**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano, 48, with Possession of a Firearm by an Unlawful Alien and Forgery – no dollar amount on Friday, July 18, 2025. SLED also charged Maria Teresa Fajardo Noriega, 46, with Forgery - no dollar amount on July 18, 2025. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Severiano and Noriega were booked into the Jasper County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitors Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2710300022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Jasper

THE STATE

2025-04569

against

Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

Address:

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 9 Weight: 190

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1976 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Daniel L Harding - S00815

Offense: Firearms / Possession, purchase, sale, or transport by an unlawful alien

Offense Code: 3336

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0530(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 Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

on July 18, 2025

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
265 Russell Street
Po Box 248
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Daniel L Harding who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

did within this county and state on or about 7/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper )

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Firearms / Possession, purchase, sale, or transport by an unlawful alien

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 or about July 18, 2025, the defendant, Luis Manuel Chavez, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Possession of a Firearm by an Unlawful Alien, in the County of Jasper and the State of SC at the residence of [redacted] Ridgeland, SC 29936. During the execution of a Search and Seizure Warrant issued by Judge Jennifer Carter, Jasper County Magistrate, of Chavez Serveriano's residence, your affiant seized one (1) black and white in color, .45 Taurus pistol model PT 1911, [redacted] from a shelf containing Chavez Serveriano's personal items which included identifications. DHS confirmed him as Luis Manuel Chavez Serviano, a Mexican foreign national who was unlawfully present after illegally re-entering the United States. The affiant did confirm the defendant's correct name through investigation and photo identification. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the SLED. This violates the SC Code of Laws section 16-23-530(a) as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Jasper

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 7/18/2025 defendant Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

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

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Firearms / Possession, purchase, sale, or transport by an unlawful alien

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 7/18/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Jennifer A. Carter

Judge Code: 7468

Judge's Address: Post Office Box 639

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone: (843)726-7737

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

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2710300023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Jasper

THE STATE

2025-04569

against

Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

Address:

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 9 Weight: 190

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1976

Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Daniel L Harding - S00815

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

Offense Code: 0488

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(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 Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

on July 18th, 2025

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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265 Russell Street
Po Box 248
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano
did within this county and state on or about 7/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

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 or about July 18, 2025, the defendant, Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of
forgery, in the County of Jasper and the State of SC at the residence of [redacted] Ridgeland, SC 29936. During the
execution of a Search and Seizure Warrant issued by Judge Jennifer Carter, Jasper County Magistrate, of Chavez Severiano's name
and date of birth. The back of the Permanent Resident Card expiring 11/2020 was removed to replace the older photograph. Your
affiant also seized a passport sized individual photo of [redacted] consistent with creating forged identifications. DHS
confirmed him as Chavez Severiano, was unlawfully present in the US and the Permanent Resident cards were forgeries. The affiant
did confirm the defendant's correct name through investigations and photo identification all the above is believed to be true based
upon the investigation of S/A Harding of SLED. This violates the SC Code of Laws, 16-13-10, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Jasper

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 7/18/2025 defendant Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano

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

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

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 7/18/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Jennifer A. Carter

Judge Code: 7468

Judge's Address Post Office Box 639

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843)726-7737

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

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2710300024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Jasper

THE STATE 2025-04569 against

Maria Teresa Fajardo Noriega

Address: [redacted] Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted] Sex: F Race: H Height: [redacted] Weight: [redacted] DL State: SC DL #: [redacted] DOB: [redacted] 1978 Agency ORI #: [redacted]

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services Prosecuting Officer: Daniel L Harding - S00815

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

Offense Code: 0488 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [ ] County/ [ ] Municipality of [redacted] The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant MARIA TERESA FAJARDO NORIEGA on JULY 18th 2025

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 265 Russell Street Po Box 248 Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Daniel L Harding who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Maria Teresa Fajardo Noriega did within this county and state on or about 7/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

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 or about July 18, 2025, the defendant, Maria Teresa Fajardo Noriega, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of forgery, in the County of Jasper in the State of SC at the residence of [redacted] Ridgeland, SC 29936. During the execution of a Search and Seizure Warrant issued by Judge Jennifer Carter, Jasper County Magistrate, of Fajardo Noriega's residence, your affiant seized two Social Security cards bearing her name and another person's name, and one US Permanent Resident Card bearing Fajardo Noriega's name. DHS confirmed she was unlawfully present in the US and the Permanent Resident card was a forgery. The affiant also seized three passport sized photos of Fajardo Noriega consistent with creating forged identifications. S/A Harding did confirm the defendant's correct name through investigations and photo identification. All the above is believed to be true. This violates the SC Code of Laws, 16-13-10, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29210- Affiant's Telephone [redacted]

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 7/18/2025 defendant Maria Teresa Fajardo Noriega did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Jasper) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, no dollar amount involved

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 7/18/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Jennifer A. Carter Judge Code: 7468

Judge's Address Post Office Box 639 Ridgeland, SC 29936- Judge's Telephone (843)726-7737

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

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