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September 26, 2025

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SLED CHARGES FIVE FOREIGN NATIONALS WITH IDENTITY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Francisco Ramirez Santiago, 43, Pablo Ramirez Santiago, 46, Arelio Saul Galicia De Leon, 53, Erick Alfons Clauel Gonzalez 28, and Jose Moreno Romero, 56, with Identity Fraud on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

All five were booked into the Beaufort County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710300361

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE 2025-03410

against

Francisco Ramirez Santiago

Address:

Bluffton, SC 29910-

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 8 Weight: 150

DL State: MX DL#: Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

DOB: 1981

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

Offense Code: 3208

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0510 (C)

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:

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A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant FRANCISCO RAMIREZ SANTIAGO on 9-25-2025 0800

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions PO Box 1128 102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208 Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

Personally appeared before me the affiant [redacted] who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Francisco Ramirez Santiago violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina and state on or about 1/1/2025

in the following particulars: County/ Municipality of Beaufort

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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:

Between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Defendant, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Forgery; Identity Fraud by means of false or fraudulent pretenses using another U.S. citizens Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of obtaining employment at O'HARA OUTDOOR SC, 190 May River Road, Bluffton, in the County of Beaufort and the State of South Carolina. The SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce notified your affiant the Defendant worked 559 hrs and earned \$11,453.40 in taxable wages. The affiant confirmed the person identified as the Defendant is an unlawfully present Alien (foreign national) collecting wages associated with SSN ending in 7893 which is not a real SSN according to the Social Security Administration. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws section 16-13-510.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

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 1/1/2025 defendant Francisco Ramirez Santiago did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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 9/4/2025)

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.))

Erin Gentry Vaux)

Judge Code: 7279)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840 Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge's Telephone (843)-25-5-56 x 10

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA518

ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710300363

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Municipality of
Beaufort

THE STATE 2025-03410
against

Pablo Ramirez Santiago

Address:
Bluffton, SC 29910-

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 5 Weight: 150

DL State: MX DL #:
DOB: 1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid
detection by law enforcement

Offense Code: 3208
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0510 (C)

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 Pablo Ramirez Santiago
on 9/25/2025

Signature of Affiant

RETURN WARRANT TO:
Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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County/ Municipality of
Beaufort

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Pablo Ramirez Santiago
did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2025
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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:

Between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Defendant, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Forgery; Identity
Fraud by means of false or fraudulent pretenses using another U.S. citizens Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of
obtaining employment at O'HARA OUTDOOR SC, 190 May River Road, Bluffton, in the County of Beaufort and the State of SC.
The SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce notified your affiant the Defendant worked 567 hrs and earned \$14,594.14 in taxable
wages. The affiant confirmed the person identified as the Defendant is an unlawfully present Alien (foreign national) collecting
wages associated with SSN ending in 0411 assigned by the Social Security Administration to a U.S. citizen residing in Los Angeles,
CA. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the South Carolina Law Enforcement
Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of SC. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Law 16-13-0510.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Municipality of
Beaufort

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 1/1/2025 defendant Pablo Ramirez Santiago
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
County/ Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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

Signature of Issuing Judge
Erin Gentry Vaux
Judge Code: 7279

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840
Bluffton, SC 29910-
Judge's Telephone (843)-25-5-56 x 10
Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710300364

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE

2025-03410

against

Arelio Saul Galicia De Leon

Address:

Hardeeville, SC 29927-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1972 Agency ORI # SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

Offense Code: 3208

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0510 (C)

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 Arelio Saul Galicia De Leon

on 9/25/25

Agent Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

Personally appeared before me the affiant

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Arelio Saul Galicia De Leon

did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2025

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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:

Between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Defendant, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Forgery; Identity Fraud by means of false or fraudulent pretenses using another U.S. citizens Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of obtaining employment at O'HARA OUTDOOR SC, 190 May River Road, Bluffton, in the County of Beaufort and the State of South Carolina. The SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce notified your affiant the Defendant worked 544 hrs and earned \$10,021.50 in taxable wages. The affiant confirmed the person identified as the Defendant is an unlawfully present Alien (foreign national) collecting wages associated with SSN ending in 6404 which is not a real SSN according to the Social Security Administration. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws section 16-13-510.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

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 1/1/2025 defendant Arelio Saul Galicia De Leon

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

County/ Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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 9/4/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Erin Gentry Vaux

Judge Code: 7279

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840

Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge's Telephone (843)-25-5-56 x 10

Issuing Court: Magistrate

Municipal

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710300366

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE

2025-03410

against

Erick Alfons Clavel Gonzalez

Address: [Redacted]

Hardeeville, SC 29927-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 9 Weight: 160

DL State: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: [Redacted]

Offense: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

Offense Code: 3208

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0510 (C)

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: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant ERICK A. CLAVEL-GONZALEZ

on 9-25-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Beaufort

Personally appeared before me the affiant [Redacted] who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Erick Alfons Clavel Gonzalez did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2025

violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Beaufort) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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:

Between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Defendant, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Forgery; Identity Fraud by means of false or fraudulent pretenses using another U.S. citizens Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of obtaining employment at O'HARA OUTDOOR SC, 190 May River Road, Bluffton, in the County of Beaufort and the State of South Carolina. The SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce notified your affiant the Defendant worked 566 hrs and earned \$11,051.09 in taxable wages. The affiant confirmed the person identified as the Defendant is an unlawfully present Alien (foreign national) collecting wages associated with SSN ending in 9659 assigned by the Social Security Administration to a deceased U.S. citizen. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws section 16-13-510

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Beaufort

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 1/1/2025 defendant Erick Alfons Clavel Gonzalez

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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 9/4/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Erin Gentry Vaux

Judge Code: 7279

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840

Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge's Telephone (843)-25-5-56 x 10

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710300382

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE 2025-03410 against

Jose Moreno Romero

Address: Bluffton, SC 29910-

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 9 Weight: 170

DL State: DL #: DOB: 1969 Agency ORI#: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

Offense Code: 3208 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0510 (C)

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 Jose Moreno Romero on 9/25/2025

Agent Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions PO Box 1128 102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208 Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jose Moreno Romero who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jose Moreno Romero did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Beaufort) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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:

Between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Defendant, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Forgery; Identity Fraud by means of false or fraudulent pretenses using another U.S. citizens Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of obtaining employment at O'HARA OUTDOOR SC, 190 May River Road, Bluffton, in the County of Beaufort and the State of SC. The SC Dept. of Employment and Workforce notified your affiant the Defendant worked 560 hrs and earned \$11,286.17 in taxable wages. The affiant confirmed the person identified as the Defendant is an unlawfully present Alien (foreign national) collecting wages associated with SSN ending in 4602 assigned by the Social Security Administration to a U.S. citizen residing in Alexandria, VA. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Harding of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of SC. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws section

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

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 1/1/2025 defendant Jose Moreno Romero

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

County/ Municipality of Beaufort) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ID / Identity fraud to obtain employment or avoid detection by law enforcement

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 9/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge Erin Gentry Vaux

Judge Code: 7279

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 840 Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge's Telephone (843)-25-5-56 x 10

Issuing Court County/ Municipality of Beaufort

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