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SLED CHARGES FORMER CONVENIENCE STORE EMPLOYEE WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Charles Ray Seawright, 47, with two counts of Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Saturday, October 4, 2025. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Seawright was booked into the Pickens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3910100607

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE

against

Charles Ray Seawright

Address:

Pickens, SC 29671-7813

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 300

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1977 Agency ORI #: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald P Raines - S01552

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 Charles Seawright

on 10-4-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

214 E Main St / P O Box 215

Pickens, SC 29671

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Ronald P Raines

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Charles Ray Seawright

did within this county and state on or about 7/26/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

That on July 26, 2025, the defendant, Charles R. Seawright, did with intent to defraud, unlawfully pass a quantity of stolen South Carolina Education lottery (SCEL) scratch off tickets at Hot Spot #4004, located at 2801 Gentry Memorial Hwy. Pickens, SC. Surveillance footage confirmed the defendant gave the clerk tickets to scan at the terminal located at the Hot Spot #4004. The defendant unlawfully obtained the tickets while employed at Stop-A-Minit #19 in Pickens County, SC. Probable cause based upon:

1. SLED Case: 2025-05667 2. Video Surveillance Footage

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

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 7/26/2025

defendant Charles Ray Seawright

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens

) 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 9/4/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Benjamin Alexander Dow

Judge Code: 7275

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 310 West Main Street

Liberty, SC 29657-

Judge's Telephone (864)898-5551

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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That on July 21, 2025, through July 30, 2025, the defendant, Charles R. Seawright, did with intent to defraud, unlawfully pass a quantity of South Carolina Education lottery (SCEL) scratch off tickets, at Stop-A-Minit Store #19, located 105 Spark Lane, Pickens, SC, 29671. The defendant did redeem the tickets and receive cash payouts. The defendant was observed removing the tickets and cashing the tickets on video at Stop-A-Minit Store #19 without paying for them, while he was employed at the store. The defendant was identified by Stop-A-Minit Store #19 management. Probable cause based upon: 1. SLED Case: 2025-05667 2. Video Surveillance Footage

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