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SLED CHARGES FORMER CONVENIENCE STORE EMPLOYEE WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Ethan Cole Barbare, 19, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Monday, November 17, 2025. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Barbare was booked into the Anderson County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0410102117

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

THE STATE

2025-07373

against

Ethan Cole Barbare

Address:

Anderson, SC 29624-4954

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: _____ Height: 6 Weight: 255DL State: SC DL #: _____
DOB: 2005 Agency ORI #: _____Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice ServicesProsecuting Officer: Ronald P Raines - S01718Offense: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.Offense Code: 2900Code/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 Ethan Barbare
on 11/17/25SA Curtis Rana
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 South Main Street
Po Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ronald P Raines whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Ethan Cole Barbaredid within this county and state on or about 10/9/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 October 9, 2025, through October 12, 2025, the defendant, Ethan C. Barbare, did with intent to defraud, unlawfully pass a quantity of South Carolina Education lottery (SCEL) scratch off tickets, at Stop-A-Minit Store #11, located at 3002 N Main St., Anderson, SC 29625. The defendant did redeem the tickets and received cash payouts. The defendant was observed removing the tickets from the SCEL ticket dispenser and cashing the tickets on video at Stop-A-Minit Store #11 without paying for them, while he was employed at the store. The defendant was identified by Stop-A-Minit Store #11 management. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same. Probable cause based upon police investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 10/9/2025defendant Ethan Cole Barbare

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Anderson

) 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 meon 11/12/2025

(L.S.)

Jill S. McDonald

Judge Code: 7543Judge's Address Anderson Central CourtAnderson, SC 29622-Judge's Telephone (864)260-4156Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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