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SLED CHARGES FORMER CONVENIENCE STORE EMPLOYEE WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Tristan Blane Culberson, 19, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Friday, November 14, 2025. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Culberson 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

2025A0410102126

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

THE STATE

2025-07456

against

Tristan Blane Culberson

Address:

Anderson, SC 29624-4622

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 147

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2006 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald P Raines - S01718

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

on

Tristan B. Culberson

R.P. Raines

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

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tristan Blane Culberson

did within this county and state on or about 10/17/2025

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 17, 2025, through October 20, 2025, the defendant, Tristan B. Culberson, did with intent to defraud, unlawfully pass a quantity of South Carolina Education lottery (SCEL) scratch off tickets, at Stop-A-Minit Store #23, located at 3300 Abbeville Hwy, Anderson, SC, 29624. 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 #23 without paying for them, while he was employed at the store. The defendant was identified by Stop-A-Minit Store #23 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 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 10/17/2025

defendant Tristan Blane Culberson

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 me

on 11/14/2025

Jill S. McDonald (L.S.)

Judge Code: 7543

Judge's Address Anderson Central Court

Anderson, SC 29622-

Judge's Telephone (864)260-4156

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 515

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