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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 17, 2025

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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN WITH IDENTITY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Arias Armaine Johnson, 34, with Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses - Value \$10,000 or More and Identity Fraud on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Johnson was booked into Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Johnson was arrested earlier this year and charged with Identity Fraud on Saturday, June 7, 2025. On Monday, June 9, 2025, Johnson was served with an additional charge of Identity Fraud, along with Possession of a Vehicle with an Altered VIN, and a Chop Shop Violation of Altering or Destroying a Vehicle ID Number.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010206391

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

against

Arias Armaine Johnson

Address:

Gaston, SC 29053-9245

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 265

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3474

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0260

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

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Richland Bond Court

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Arias Armaine Johnson

did within this county and state on or about

12/16/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

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 December 16, 2025, in the County of Richland, one Arias Armaine Johnson did commit the crime of Identity Fraud, in that he did knowingly attempt to pick-up and sign for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 under the name [REDACTED] VIN [REDACTED] Johnson advised he did not know who [REDACTED] was. The victim in [REDACTED] confirmed [REDACTED] did not attempt to purchase a vehicle, nor authorize such purchase by anyone else using [REDACTED] information. The vehicle was valued at \$72,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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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 12/16/2025

defendant Arias Armaine Johnson

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

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Richland Bond Court

) as set forth below:

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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 12/16/2025

(L.S.)

Signature of Court Judge

Christina M. Thompson

Judge Code: 7473

Judge's Address

201 John Mark Dial Drive L

Columbia, SC 29209-

Judge's Telephone

(803) 576-2341

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Offense: FinanTC / Financial identity fraud or identity fraud

Offense Code: 2813

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

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