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STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 16, 2026

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES CHESTER COUNTY MAN WITH DOGFIGHTING AND OTHER CRIMES

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Justin Elazer King, 31, with three counts of Ill Treatment of Animals, four counts of Animal Fighting or Baiting, Criminal Conspiracy, Illegal Sale of a Controlled Substance, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana - 1st offense - on Friday, January 9, 2026. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office assisted in the arrest.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

King was booked into the Chester County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

King was previously arrested for Ill Treatment of Animals on December 12, 2025. The additional charges above are in connection with SLED's ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information regarding dogfighting in South Carolina can share tips with SLED by emailing tips@sled.sc.gov and/or calling (866) 472-8477.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100925

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

Offense Code: 2804

Code/Ordinance Sec: 47-01-0040(B)

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☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: _____

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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General Sessions
PO Drawer 580
140 Main Street
Chester, SC 29706

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

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Ill treatment of animals in general, torture

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:

On 12/12/25, the Defendant, Justin Elazer KING, knowingly committed the offense of Ill Treatment of Animals, torture at his residence, [REDACTED] Chester in Chester County, SC. On that date, SLED executed a search warrant at the location & seized a tan, female pit bull-type dog (Dog 3). The scene, as well as Dog 3 were evaluated by a veterinarian, leading to the determination that Dog 3 had been subjected to unnecessary pain & suffering through inadequate shelter, deprivation of clean water, lack of enrichment, constant tethering by a heavy chain, untreated medical conditions including a fever & presence of an oral ulcer, & scarring consistent with dogfighting, among other noted issues. KING was distinctly placed at Dog 3's small living area on 12/3/25, via electronic monitoring data. Thus, KING would have had knowledge of Dog 3's presence & suffering, & by acts of commission or omission, failed to provide the dog with adequate care, violating S.C. Code of Laws, 47-1-0040(B).

Signature of Affiant

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone _____

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 12/29/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge James Gill Knox IV (L.S.)

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Judge Code: 7555

Judge's Address 2740 Dawson Drive

Chester, SC 29706-

Judge's Telephone (803)581-5136

Issuing Court ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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THE STATE

2025-07840

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Chester

THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

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Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100929

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030

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Date:

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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:

On December 12, 2025, Justin Elazer KING, knowingly committed the offense of Animal Fighting/Baiting at his residence, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chester in Chester County, SC. On that date, SLED executed a search warrant at the location and seized a brown
and black, male pit bull-type dog (Dog 1). The scene, as well as Dog 1 were evaluated by a veterinarian, leading to the determination
that Dog 1 had been kept in a manner consistent with dogfighting operations, and exhibited scarring consistent with dogfighting
injuries on his muzzle, face, both front legs, chin, neck, shoulder, and head. Through electronic monitoring data & cellular
communications showing KING coordinating dogfights, it was determined that KING owned Dog 1 for no reason other than
fighting or baiting, violating S.C. Code of Laws, 16-27-0030.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100930

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030

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On December 12, 2025, Justin Elazer KING, knowingly committed the offense of Animal Fighting/Baiting at his residence, [REDACTED] Chester in Chester County, SC. On that date, SLED executed a search warrant at the location and seized a white, female pit bull-type dog (Dog 2). The scene, as well as Dog 2 were evaluated by a veterinarian, leading to the determination that Dog 2 had been kept in a manner consistent with dogfighting operations, and exhibited scarring consistent with dogfighting injuries on her face, both front legs, both back legs, both ears, and eye area. Through electronic monitoring data & cellular communications showing KING coordinating dogfights, it was determined that KING owned Dog 2 for no reason other than fighting or baiting, violating S.C. Code of Laws, 16-27-0030.

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Phone:

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

AFFIDAVIT

ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100933

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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 Justin King on 1/9/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
PO Drawer 580
140 Main Street
Chester, SC 29706

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Chester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Sammantha D Tyson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Justin Elazer King

did within this county and state on or about 7/19/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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:

On July 19, 2025, the Defendant, Justin Elazer KING, knowingly committed the offense of Criminal Conspiracy at his residence, Chester in Chester County, SC. Through investigation into the data found in his co-conspirator's issued cellphone, the Defendant was found to have entered into agreement with another party to accomplish the unlawful act of animal fighting or baiting. The Defendant was recorded in electronic communications as having conspired, on that date, to fight a 36 pound male dog he owned, having stated, "Call 85 tell em bring that male back so I can put em on my male," "He 36," "Or anybody that's gone hit that mf." The memorialized agreement is in addition to a large amount of physical and digital evidence seized by SLED. All of the above is believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED & violates S.C. Code of Laws section 16-17-410.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

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 7/19/2025 defendant Justin Elazer King

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chester) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 12/29/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge James Gill Knox IV

Judge Code: 7555

Judge's Address 2740 Dawson Drive
Chester, SC 29706-

Judge's Telephone (803)581-5136

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1210100924

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Chester

THE STATE

2025-07840

against

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisions of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive

Offense Code: 0027

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0420

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The accused

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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did within this county and state on or about 8/14/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisions of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive offense)

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:

On August 14th, 2025, the Defendant, Justin Elazer KING, knowingly committed the offense of Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law at his residence, Chester in Chester County, SC. Through investigation into the data found in his co-conspirator's issued cellphone seized by SLED, the Defendant was found to have entered into agreement with another party to accomplish the unlawful act of illegal distribution, possession, and / or sale of a controlled substance. The Defendant's communications showed he conspired, on that date, to coordinate the purchase of a "quarter" of a substance he referred to as, "gas." The term gas is widely recognized as slang for Marijuana, a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance. KING ordered the "gas" stating, "Kuh I get the same thing every time." Communications also referenced buying "smoke," as well as a dispute over grams & scale accuracy. These facts are believed to be true based on SLED's investigation, & violate S.C. Code of Laws, 44-53-0420.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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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 8/14/2025 defendant Justin Elazer King

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Chester) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisions of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive offense)

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 12/29/2025

James Gill Knox IV (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 7555

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Chester

THE STATE
against

2025-07840

Justin Elazer King

Address:

Chester, SC 29706-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sammantha D Tyson - S00832

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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1/9/26

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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:

On 12/12/25, the Defendant, Justin E KING, knowingly committed the offense of PWID Marijuana at his residence, Chester in Chester County, SC. On that date, SLED executed a search warrant at the location, resulting in the seizure of a tied-off plastic baggy of green, plant-like material, which emitted an odor readily apparent as, what investigators know, from training & experience, to be Marijuana, along with a digital scale. The baggy & scale were found concealed in an outdoor grill in the carport. The baggy & contents were determined to weigh approximately 37.4 grams. This seizure was considered in combination with electronic communications documenting KING's transactional conversations consistent with the sale/purchase of illegal substances; multiple conversations naming outside KING'S house as location for substance transactions. These facts are believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED, & are in violation of S.C. Code of Laws, 44-53-0370(b)(2).

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