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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 19, 2026

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES TWO MEN FOLLOWING SHOOTING IN SALUDA

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes, 21, with Discharging Firearms into a Dwelling, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and Assault & Battery of a High & Aggravated Nature on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

SLED also charged Celso Romero-Lezama, 27, with Accessory After the Fact and Criminal Conspiracy on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

The Saluda Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Both Reyes and Romero-Lezama were booked into the Saluda County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Tobias Daniels, 34, was charged with Assault & Battery of a High & Aggravated Nature on Thursday, March 5, 2026, in connection with this investigation.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4110100014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

202602969

against

Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

Address:

Saluda, SC 29138-9628

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 7 Weight: 136

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 2004 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00446

Offense: Weapons / Discharging firearms into a dwelling

Offense Code: 0052

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0440(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 Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

on 3/11/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Saluda Magistrate
108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

did within this county and state on or about 5/2/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Discharging firearms into a dwelling

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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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 5/2/2025 defendant Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Discharging firearms into a dwelling

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 2/23/2026

Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph Street

Saluda, SC 29138-

Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500 x 2236

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

Joyce Buffington Shults

Judge Code: 5801

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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AFFIDAVIT

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Lopez Reyes, Angel Antonio

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Saluda, SC, 29138

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: White SEX: Male HGT: 5'07" EYES: HAIR: CMPL:

DOB: [REDACTED] 2004 SSN: SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-23-440

OFFENSE: Discharging a Firearm into a Dwelling

CDR Code: 0052

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent, W. R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, **Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes**, did within this county and state on May 2, 2025, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Discharging a Firearm into a Dwelling

On May 2, 2025, at approximately 11:50 p.m., officers with the Saluda Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunfire in the area of [REDACTED] Avenue in the Town and County of Saluda, South Carolina. Officers observed and documented multiple residences and vehicles that had been struck by gunfire.

At [REDACTED] officers observed two projectile defects in the front door of the residence, one projectile defect in a vehicle parked in the yard, and three projectile defects in an outdoor storage building.

At [REDACTED], officers observed two projectile defects in the rear window of a vehicle.

At [REDACTED], officers observed a projectile that traveled through a window, through a wall, and into an interior wall of the residence.

Officers recovered thirteen (13) spent shell casings from the roadway across from [REDACTED] Avenue. The casings were determined to be from two different calibers: 9mm and .40 caliber firearms.

The investigation revealed that [REDACTED], along with Angel Lopez Reyes and others, arrived at [REDACTED] Avenue in a brown van driven by Celso Romero-Lezama for the purpose of conducting a

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

marijuana transaction with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided a recorded statement in which he advised that [REDACTED] exited the vehicle armed with an AR-style rifle, and that two rear-seat passengers, one of whom he identified as Reyes, exited the vehicle armed with handguns. [REDACTED] described being surrounded by the armed individuals.

[REDACTED] further stated that Tobias Daniels approached the scene armed with a handgun, at which time an exchange of gunfire ensued involving [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels. [REDACTED] reported that gunfire continued as he and Daniels fled the area. Shots were fired in the direction of residences and occupied structures within the neighborhood. [REDACTED] later admitted to [REDACTED] that they shot at him approximately 80 times.

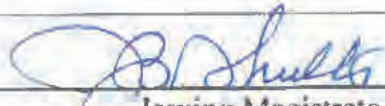
In a recorded and Mirandized interview conducted in the presence of counsel, [REDACTED] admitted that he traveled to [REDACTED] Avenue to sell marijuana, that Reyes was present with him, and that both he and his accomplices were armed. [REDACTED] admitted that when gunfire began, he, Reyes, and another individual returned fire and continued firing while leaving the area in the van driven by Romero-Lezama.

Physical evidence collected at the scene corroborates that multiple firearms were discharged in a residential neighborhood and that projectiles struck occupied dwellings and vehicles. Based upon witness statements, admissions, and physical evidence, there exists probable cause to believe that [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels were armed actively participated in the discharge of firearms during this incident.

Reyes did unlawfully and willfully discharge a firearm into one or more dwellings and occupied structures.

This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Avenue, Saluda, SC within the County of Saluda. This is in violation of Section 16-23-440 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).


Senior Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 4400 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	23 day of Feb, 2026
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request:	Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4110100015

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

202502969

against

Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

Address:

Saluda, SC 29138-9628

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 7 Weight: 136

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 2004 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00446

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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 Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

on 3/11/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Saluda Magistrate
108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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 5/2/2025 defendant Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 2/23/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Joyce Buffington Shults

Judge Code: 5801

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph Street

Saluda, SC 29138-

Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500 x 2236

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2009
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**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Lopez Reyes, Angel Antonio

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Saluda, SC, 29138

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: White SEX: Male HGT: 5'07" EYES: HAIR: CMPL:

DOB: [REDACTED]/2004 SSN: SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-23-490

OFFENSE: **Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime**

CDR Code: 0549

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent, W. R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, **Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes**, did within this county and state on May 2, 2025, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime

On May 2, 2025, at approximately 11:50 p.m., officers with the Saluda Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunfire in the area of [REDACTED] Avenue in the Town and County of Saluda, South Carolina. Officers observed and documented multiple residences and vehicles that had been struck by gunfire.

At [REDACTED], officers observed two projectile defects in the front door of the residence, one projectile defect in a vehicle parked in the yard, and three projectile defects in an outdoor storage building.

At [REDACTED], officers observed two projectile defects in the rear window of a vehicle.

At [REDACTED] officers observed a projectile that traveled through a window, through a wall, and into an interior wall of the residence.

Officers recovered thirteen (13) spent shell casings from the roadway across from [REDACTED] Avenue. The casings were determined to be from two different calibers: 9mm and .40 caliber firearms.

The investigation revealed that [REDACTED], along with Angel Lopez Reyes and others, arrived at [REDACTED] Avenue in a brown van driven by Celso Romero-Lezama for the purpose of conducting a

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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

marijuana transaction with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] provided a recorded statement in which he advised that [REDACTED] exited the vehicle armed with an AR-style rifle, and that two rear-seat passengers, one of whom he identified as Reyes, exited the vehicle armed with handguns. [REDACTED] described being surrounded by the armed individuals.

[REDACTED] further stated that Tobias Daniels approached the scene armed with a handgun, at which time an exchange of gunfire ensued involving [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels. [REDACTED] reported that gunfire continued as he and Daniels fled the area. Shots were fired in the direction of residences and occupied structures within the neighborhood. [REDACTED] later admitted to [REDACTED] that they shot at him approximately 80 times.

In a recorded and Mirandized interview conducted in the presence of counsel, [REDACTED] admitted that he traveled to [REDACTED] Avenue to sell marijuana, that Reyes was present with him, and that both he and his accomplices were armed. [REDACTED] admitted that when gunfire began, he, Reyes, and another individual returned fire and continued firing while leaving the area in the van driven by Romero-Lezama.

Physical evidence collected at the scene corroborates that multiple firearms were discharged in a residential neighborhood and that projectiles struck occupied dwellings and vehicles. Based upon witness statements, admissions, and physical evidence, there exists probable cause to believe that [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels were armed actively participated in the discharge of firearms during this incident.

Reyes did unlawfully and willfully possess and used a firearm during the commission of a violent crime; and committed assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature by discharging a handgun multiple times in the direction of other individuals in a residential neighborhood, thereby creating substantial risk of death or great bodily injury.

This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Avenue, Saluda, SC within the County of Saluda. This is in violation of Section 16-23-490 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).



Senior Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 4400 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	23 day of Feb, 20 26
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request:	Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4110100016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

202502969

against

Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

Address:

Saluda, SC 29138-9628

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: H Height: 5 7 Weight: 136

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 2004 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00446

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery of a High &
Aggravated Nature

Offense Code: 3411

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(B)(1)

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

Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes
3/11/26
Signature of Certifying Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Saluda Magistrate
108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

did within this county and state on or about 5/2/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery of a High & Aggravated Nature

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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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 5/2/2025 defendant Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Saluda

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery of a High & Aggravated Nature

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 2/23/2026

Joyce Buffington Shults

Judge Code: 5801

Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138-

Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500 x 2236

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 23, 2003
SCCA 519

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Lopez Reyes, Angel Antonio

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Saluda, SC, 29138

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: White SEX: Male HGT: 5'07" EYES: HAIR: CMPL:

DOB: [REDACTED]/2004

SSN: [REDACTED]

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-3-600

OFFENSE: Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature

CDR Code: 3411

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent, W. R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, **Angel Antonio Lopez Reyes**, did within this county and state on May 2, 2025, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature

On May 2, 2025, at approximately 11:50 p.m., officers with the Saluda Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunfire in the area of [REDACTED] Avenue in the Town and County of Saluda, South Carolina. Officers observed and documented multiple residences and vehicles that had been struck by gunfire.

At [REDACTED], officers observed two projectile defects in the front door of the residence, one projectile defect in a vehicle parked in the yard, and three projectile defects in an outdoor storage building.

At [REDACTED], officers observed two projectile defects in the rear window of a vehicle.

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The investigation revealed that [REDACTED], along with Angel Lopez Reyes and others, arrived at [REDACTED] Avenue in a brown van driven by Celso Romero-Lezama for the purpose of conducting a

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

marijuana transaction with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided a recorded statement in which he advised that [REDACTED] exited the vehicle armed with an AR-style rifle, and that two rear-seat passengers, one of whom he identified as Reyes, exited the vehicle armed with handguns. [REDACTED] described being surrounded by the armed individuals.

[REDACTED] further stated that Tobias Daniels approached the scene armed with a handgun, at which time an exchange of gunfire ensued involving [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels. [REDACTED] reported that gunfire continued as he and Daniels fled the area in different directions. Shots were fired in the direction of residences and occupied structures within the neighborhood. [REDACTED] later admitted to [REDACTED] that they shot at [REDACTED] approximately 80 times.

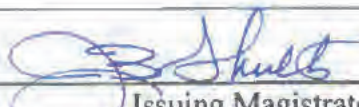
In a recorded and Mirandized interview conducted in the presence of counsel, [REDACTED] admitted that he traveled to [REDACTED] Avenue to sell marijuana, that Reyes was present with him, and that both he and his accomplices were armed. [REDACTED] admitted that when gunfire began, he, Reyes, and another individual returned fire and continued firing while leaving the area in the van driven by Romero-Lezama.

Physical evidence collected at the scene corroborates that multiple firearms were discharged in a residential neighborhood and that projectiles struck occupied dwellings and vehicles. Based upon witness statements, admissions, and physical evidence, there exists probable cause to believe that [REDACTED], Reyes, and Daniels were armed and actively participated in the discharge of firearms during this incident.

Reyes did unlawfully and willfully discharge a firearm into one or more dwellings and occupied structures; possessed and used a firearm during the commission of a violent crime; and committed assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature by discharging a handgun multiple times in the direction of other individuals in a residential neighborhood, thereby creating substantial risk of death or great bodily injury.

This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Avenue, Saluda, SC within the County of Saluda. This is in violation of Section 16-3-600 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).


Senior Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 4400 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	23 day of Feb, 2026
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request:	Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4110100017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

202502969

against

Celso Romero-Lezama

Address:

Gilbert, SC 29054-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: H

Height:

Weight:

DL State:

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency:

State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

William R Padgett, Jr - S00446

Offense: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A,
B, C or Murder

Offense Code: 2413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-01-0055

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 CELSE ROMERO-LEZAMA
on MARCH 12, 2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer:

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Saluda Magistrate
108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Celso Romero-Lezamadid within this county and state on or about 5/2/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A, B, C or Murder

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:

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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 5/2/2025defendant Celso Romero-Lezama

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A, B, C or Murder

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 2/23/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Joyce Buffington Shults

Judge Code: 5801

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph StreetSaluda, SC 29138-Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500 x 2236Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Romero-Lezama, Celso

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Gilbert, SC 29054

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: White	SEX: Male	HGT: 5'06"	EYES:	HAIR:	CMPL:
DOB: [REDACTED] 1998		SSN:		SCDL #	

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-1-55

OFFENSE: Accessory After the Fact

CDR Code: 2413

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent, W. R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, **Celso Romero-Lezama**, did within this county and state on May 2, 2025, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Accessory After the Fact

On May 2, 2025, officers with the Saluda Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunfire in the area of [REDACTED] Avenue in Saluda County, South Carolina. The investigation determined that [REDACTED] and others discharged firearms in a residential neighborhood, striking occupied dwellings and vehicles. [REDACTED] later admitted in a recorded and Mirandized interview that he traveled to [REDACTED] Avenue in a brown van driven by Celso Romero-Lezama, to sell marijuana and that he and others returned fire during the incident.

Investigators obtained Facebook records reflecting communications on May 3, 2025, between [REDACTED] and Romero-Lezama. These communications included discussion of obtaining replacement windows and a tarp to cover a vehicle that had sustained apparent bullet damage. Photographs exchanged in the conversation depicted what appeared to be projectile defects in the van used during the commission of the offenses.

Romero-Lezama was aware that violent felonies had been committed and thereafter engaged in conduct intended to assist [REDACTED] in avoiding detection and apprehension, including addressing damage to the vehicle used during the incident and discussing measures to conceal that damage.

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

There exists probable cause to believe that on or about May 2, 2025, in Saluda County, South Carolina, Romero-Lezama, having knowledge that [REDACTED] had committed felony offenses, did knowingly and willfully assist, harbor, or aid [REDACTED] for the purpose of enabling him to avoid detection, arrest, or prosecution.

This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Avenue, Saluda, SC within the County of Saluda. This is in violation of Section 16-1-55 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).


Senior Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 4400 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	23 day of Feb, 20 26
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request:	Issuing Magistrate

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4110100018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

202502969

against

Celso Romero-Lezama

Address:

Gilbert, SC 29054-

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: H Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: _____ Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00446Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy definedOffense Code: 0049Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410This 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 Celso Romero-Lezama
March 12, 2024
W. R. Padgett, Jr.

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Saluda Magistrate
108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Celso Romero-Lezamadid within this county and state on or about 5/2/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

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

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

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 5/2/2025 defendant Celso Romero-Lezama

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Saluda) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy definedHaving 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 2/23/2025

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Joyce Buffington Shults

Judge Code: 5801Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph StreetSaluda, SC 29138-Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500 x 2236Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2001
SCCA 518

AFFIDAVIT

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Romero-Lezama, Celso

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Gilbert, SC 29054

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: White	SEX: Male	HGT: 5'06"	EYES:	HAIR:	CMPL:
DOB: [REDACTED]/1998		SSN:		SCDL #	

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-17-410 OFFENSE: Criminal Conspiracy

CDR Code: 0049

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent, W. R. Padgett, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, **Celso Romero-Lezama**, did within this county and state on May 2, 2025, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

Criminal Conspiracy

On May 2, 2025, at approximately 11:50 p.m., officers with the Saluda Police Department responded to multiple reports of gunfire in the area of [REDACTED] Avenue in the Town and County of Saluda, South Carolina. Subsequent investigation determined that [REDACTED] arranged to sell marijuana to [REDACTED] at that location.

[REDACTED] traveled to [REDACTED] Avenue in a brown van driven by Celso Romero-Lezama. [REDACTED] admitted during a recorded and Mirandized interview that Romero-Lezama was operating the vehicle and transported him and two other individuals to the location for the purpose of conducting the marijuana transaction.

During the course of the investigation, agents obtained Facebook records reflecting communications between [REDACTED] and Romero-Lezama the day after the incident discussing obtaining replacement vehicle windows and a tarp to cover the vehicle. Photographs exchanged in the conversation depicted what appeared to be bullet damage to the van used during the incident.

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

There exists probable cause to believe that Romero-Lezama did knowingly conspired with [REDACTED] and others for the purpose of committing unlawful acts, including the distribution of marijuana.

This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Avenue, Saluda, SC within the County of Saluda. This is in violation of Section 16-17-410 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).



Senior Special Agent

Special Agent: William R. Padgett	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
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