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April 24, 2026

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SLED CHARGES DORCHESTER COUNTY WOMAN WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Mae Chanity Thomas, 22, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Thomas was booked into the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center in Charleston County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010202747

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE
against

Mae Chanity Thomas

Address:

Summerville, SC 29403-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 128

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2003 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Will Duncan - 0390

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 4/21/26

Mae Thomas

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Haselden

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
100 Broad Street, Suite 106
Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Charleston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Will Duncan who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mae Chanity Thomas

did within this county and state on or about 10/11/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 11, 2026, the defendant, Mae Chanity Thomas, did with intent to defraud the South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL), pass nine (9) scratch-off lottery tickets on her SCEL Players Club app and later gave four (4) tickets to an unwitting third party, to redeem at various locations. Thomas previously stole the tickets from her employer, Circle K #1521, which is located at 588 E. Bay Street in Charleston, South Carolina. Thomas did these acts while in the Eastside Projects of Charleston, South Carolina near Johnson Street. was also captured on video redeeming the stolen tickets. These facts are based on post Miranda statements provided by Thomas along with video obtained by SLED Special Agent Duncan. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

Will Duncan

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

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 10/11/2026 defendant Mae Chanity Thomas

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) 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 4/16/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Haselden

Judge Code: 7412

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200

North Charleston, SC 29405-

Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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