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SLED CHARGES GREENVILLE COUNTY MAN WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged John Franklin Koon Jr., 47, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Koon Jr. was booked into the Greenville County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2310100042

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

2026-04673

against

John Franklin Koon, Jr

Address:

PIEDMONT, SC 29673-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: Race: W Height: Weight:

DL State: SC DL #

DOB: 1979 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald P Raines - S02447

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 John F. Koon Jr 8-26-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 296012120

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ronald P Raines

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Franklin Koon, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 7/ 1/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 July 1, 2026, the defendant, John Franklin Koon Jr., did with intent to defraud, unlawfully pass a quantity of stolen South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL) scratch off tickets without rendering payment at Stop-A-Minit Store #16, located at 1001 West Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC, 29680 (Greenville County.) The defendant was an employee of Stop A Minit #16 at the time of the incident. Koon was observed on video surveillance and positively identified by Stop-A-Minit #16 staff. Probable cause is based on police investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd

Columbia, SC 29210-

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/ 1/2026

defendant John Franklin Koon, Jr

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville

) 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 7/28/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Harold Dean Campbell Jr.

Judge Code: 7578

(L.S.)

Judge's Address West Greenville Summary Court

Greenville, SC 29601-

Judge's Telephone (864)467-4640

Issuing Court ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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