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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Thursday arrested the former Director of Public Works for the Town of Blacksburg for embezzling approximately \$4,300 of public funds from April 2013 to January 2020.

Michael Grover Smiley, 44, was charged with embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Blacksburg Police Department.

Smiley was booked at the Cherokee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the S.C. Attorney General's Office.

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Warrant Attached
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ARREST WARRANT
2021A1110100290

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Cherokee

THE STATE
 against
 Michael Grover Smiley

Address: [Redacted]
 Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
 Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 200
 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
 DOB: [Redacted] 1976 Agency ORI #: SCLD00000
 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
 Prosecuting Officer: Adam L Slizewski - S00173

Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds,
 value less than \$10,000
 Offense Code: 3460
 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0210(A)

This warrant is **CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE** in the
 County/ Municipality of
 is to be arrested and brought before me to be
 dealt with according to the law.
 Signature of Judge
 Date: _____ (L.S.)

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
 defendant Michael Grover Smiley
 on March 11, 2021
 Signature of Court/Judge
RETURN WARRANT TO:
 General Sessions
 125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd
 Gaffney, SC 29342
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Cherokee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Adam L Slizewski
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael Grover Smiley
 did within this county and state on or about 4/11/2013
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Cherokee)
 in the following particulars:
 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 between the approximate dates of April 11, 2013, to January 7, 2020, in the county of Cherokee, one Michael Grover Smiley
 while employed as the Director of Public Works for the Town of Blacksburg and charged with the safekeeping, transfer, and
 disbursement of public funds, did commit the crime of embezzlement of public funds. To wit: Smiley received a total of
 approximately \$4,300 from the sale of Town of Blacksburg materials to a scrap metal company. Smiley embezzled these funds by
 depositing them in his personal bank account and/or spending the money on personal use thus depriving the Town of Blacksburg of
 these funds. Affiant's belief is based upon records from the C & C Scrap Metal company, First Piedmont Bank records, statements
 from Smiley admitting to the spending public funds on personal use, and SLED Investigation (case number 34-20-0140).

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 Signature of Affiant
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
 Cherokee

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 4/11/2013
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Cherokee)
 defendant Michael Grover Smiley
 as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 3/11/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge [Signature] (L.S.)
 Robert Howell
 Judge Code: 5882
 Judge's Address Cherokee Magistrate's Court
Gaffney, SC 29342
 Judge's Telephone (864)487-2533
 Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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