



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 23, 2022

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER SCDMV CLERK WITH ACCEPTING BRIBES**

On Wednesday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Andre Purnell Garner, 23, with 4 counts of a Public Official accepting Bribes to Influence the Action of a Public Employee.

Details of the investigation are in the warrant attached.

SLED was requested to investigate by The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Garner was booked at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A4010500147

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 56-21-0150

against

Andre Purnell Garner

Address: Columbia, SC 29223-

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Johnson - S01616

Offense: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

Offense Code: 0409
Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0705

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 Andre P. Garner on 5/18/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Johnson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Andre Purnell Garner did within this county and state on or about 2/25/2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 or about February 25, 2021, while at SCDMV O'Neil Court, 228 O'Neil Court, Columbia, SC 29223, in Richland County, SCDMV clerk Andre Purnell Garner did knowingly and willfully personally accept approximately \$100 from customer in return for being influenced to collude in/allowing/making opportunity for fraud on the SCDMV by passing on a road test and issuing a Driver's License (DL). According to the SCDMV, did not take/complete/pass the Road Test; therefore, making ineligible for the license.

Signature of Affiant

C.S. Johnson

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

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 2/25/2021 defendant Andre Purnell Garner did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 5/6/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District Columbia, SC 29210-
Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A4010500148

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 56-21-0150
against

Andre Purnell Garner

Address:
Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone:
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight:
DL State: SC DL #:
DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Johnson - S01616

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(L.S.)

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Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Johnson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Andre Purnell Garner

did within this county and state on or about 3/1/2021 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 or about March 1, 2021, while at SCDMV O'Neil Court, 228 O'Neil Court, Columbia SC 29223, in Richland County,
SCDMV clerk Andre Purnell Garner did knowingly and willfully personally accept approximately \$60 from customer
in return for being influenced to collude in/allowing/making the opportunity for fraud on the SCDMV by passing on tests and
issuing a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Beginner's Permit. According to the SCDMV, did not take/complete/pass
the CDL Combination Vehicle, Air Brakes nor the Knowledge Test; therefore, making ineligible for the license.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250 x 0

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 3/1/2021 defendant Andre Purnell Garner

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 5/6/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Michael David Scott
Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District
Columbia, SC 29210-
Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: County/ Municipality/ Circuit

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A4010500149

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 56-21-0155 against

Andre Purnell Garner

Address: Columbia, SC 29223-

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Johnson - S01616

Offense: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

Offense Code: 0409 Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0705

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Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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

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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:

That on or about March 25, 2021, while at SCDMV O'Neil Court 228 O'Neil Court, Columbia, SC 29223, in Richland County, SCDMV clerk did knowingly and willfully personally accept approximately \$150 from customer in return for being influenced in the discharge of his official responsibilities by passing on a road test and issuing a Driver's License (DL). According to the SCDMV, did not take/complete/pass the Road Test; therefore, making ineligible for the license.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5/6/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott (L.S.)

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District Columbia, SC 29210- Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 56-21-0155 against

Andre Purnell Garner

Address: Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1998 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Johnson - S01616

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Johnson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Andre Purnell Garner did within this county and state on or about 3/26/2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 or about March 26, 2021, while at the SCDMV O'Neil Court, 228 O'Neil Court, Columbia, SC 29223, in Richland County, SCDMV clerk Andre Purnell Garner did knowingly and willfully personally accept approximately \$150 from customer in return for being influenced in the discharge of his official responsibilities by passing her on a road test and issuing her a Driver's License (DL). According to the SCDMV did not take/complete/pass the Road Test; therefore, making ineligible for the license.

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on or about 3/26/2021 defendant Andre Purnell Garner did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 5/6/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Michael David Scott Judge Code: 7397

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