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SLED CHARGES BARNWELL COUNTY MAN WITH ARSON AND INSURANCE FRAUD

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Rusty Dale Peeples, 46, of Barnwell, SC, on February 24, 2023, with Arson and Presenting a False Claim for an Insurance Payment.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Peeples was booked at the Bamberg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2023A0510100045

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Bamberg

THE STATE against

Rusty Dale Peeples

Address: [Redacted] Barnwell, SC 29812-5406

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 350 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] 1976 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Jomar B Albayalde - S00346

Offense: Arson / Burning personal property to defraud insurer

Offense Code: 0267 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0130

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [] County/ [] Municipality of [Redacted] 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 Rusty Peeples on February 24, 2023

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Bamberg Magistrate 1234 North Street Post Office Box 187 Bamberg, SC 29003

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Bamberg)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jomar B Albayalde who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Rusty Dale Peeples did within this county and state on or about 12/28/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Bamberg)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Burning personal property to defraud insurer

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)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Bamberg)

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 12/28/2020 defendant Rusty Dale Peeples

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Bamberg) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Burning personal property to defraud insurer

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 2/23/2023

[Signature] (L.S.)

Richard Craig Threatt

Judge Code: 7035

Judge's Address 2873 Main Highway

Bamberg, SC 29003

Judge's Telephone (803)245-3016

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BAMBERG

SLED Case # 61-21-0047

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one, Senior Special Agent (SS/A) Jomar Albayalde, of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

RUSTY DALES PEEPLES
W/M DOB: [REDACTED] 1976

did within this County and State on or about the 28th day of December, 2020, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
BURNING PERSONAL PROPERTY to DEFRAUD INSURER
16-11-130

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on December 28th, 2020, while at his residence of [REDACTED] Olar, in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, Rusty Peoples, did commit the offense in violation of section 16-11-130 of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **Burning Personal Property to Defraud Insurer**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously defrauded an insurer by setting fire to his own personal property in this State in the following manner:


That on December 28, 2020, the defendant reported to the Bamberg County Sheriff's Office that his vehicle (a black 2010 Nissan Rogue Sport Utility Vehicle, SC Tag [REDACTED] VN# [REDACTED]) was stolen from his residence. On the same date, the vehicle was located in Olar, SC, and found to be on fire. On January 6, 2021, following a South Carolina Farm Bureau interview with Investigator Margaret Fleming, the defendant admitted to setting his own vehicle on fire due to mechanical issue and withdrew his Farm Bureau insurance claim (Number [REDACTED]). On April 26, 2022, SLED SS/A Greg Antley conducted a follow-up interview with the defendant, who reaffirmed and confessed to setting his own vehicle on fire.

The above information was revealed through the investigation conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, all to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 23rd day of February, 2023

Signature of Judge

7035 R.C. THREATT, JUDGE


Senior Special Agent
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
843-782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

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THE STATE against

Rusty Dale Peoples

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Jomar B Albayalde - S00346 Offense: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but less than Offense Code: 3511 Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but 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:

See Attached Affidavit

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) [X] County/ [] Municipality of Bamberg)

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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RUSTY DALES PEEPLES
W/M DOB: [REDACTED] 1976

did within this County and State on or about the 28th day of December, 2020, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
PRESENTING FALSE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
38-55-170 (2)

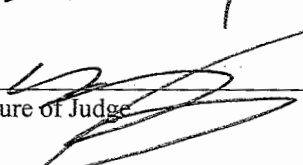
The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on December 28th, 2020, while at his residence of [REDACTED] Olar, in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, Rusty Peebles, did commit the offense in violation of section 38-55-170 (2) of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **Presenting False Claims for Payment**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously presented a false claim for payment to an insurer transacting business in this State in the following manner:


That on December 28, 2020, the defendant reported to the Bamberg County Sheriff's Office that his vehicle (a black 2010 Nissan Rogue Sport Utility Vehicle, SC Tag [REDACTED], VN# [REDACTED]) was stolen from his residence. On the same date, the vehicle was located in Olar, SC, and found to be on fire. On January 6, 2021, following a South Carolina Farm Bureau interview with Investigator Margaret Fleming, the defendant admitted to setting his own vehicle on fire due to mechanical issue and withdrew his Farm Bureau insurance claim (Number [REDACTED]). On April 26, 2022, SLED SS/A Greg Antley conducted a follow-up interview with the defendant, who reaffirmed and confessed to setting his own vehicle on fire.

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