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April 18, 2025

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SLED CHARGES FORMER DARLINGTON POLICE SERGEANT WITH BREACH OF TRUST AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Mark Anthony Hayes, Jr., 39, with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent - value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000 and Misconduct in Office on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Darlington Police Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Hayes was booked into the Darlington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A1610400418

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE
against

Mark Anthony Hayes, Jr

Address:

Darlington, SC 29532-3120

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 270

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

Offense Code: 3423

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 Mark Hayes
on 4/17/25N. Montgomery
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
110 North Main Street
Darlington, SC 29532

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mark Anthony Hayes, Jr
did within this county and state on or about 12/ 4/2024 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, 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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (803)722-0313

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/ 4/2024 defendant Mark Anthony Hayes, Jr
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value more than \$2,000 but 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 4/17/2025Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Craig Landon La Cross
Judge Code: 7342Judge's Address 404 South Fourth Street
Hartsville, SC 29551-1765
Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) 2025A1610400418
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON) ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: Mark Anthony Hayes Jr.

ALIAS:

DOB: [REDACTED] RACE: White SEX: Male
HAIR: Brown EYES: Blue HEIGHT: 5' 7" WEIGHT: 270
SSN: [REDACTED] DL STATE: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Darlington, South Carolina 29532

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Special Agent Ashley Anderson who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Mark Anthony Hayes Jr.
did within this county and state on or about December 4, 2024 violate the criminal laws
of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach of Trust, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000- §C/L 16-13-0230 - (CDR CODE 3423)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

*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:*

On December 4, 2024, Mark Hayes, did, within the county of Darlington, commit the offense of Breach of Trust, to wit: On October 13, 2024, Mark Hayes, who was employed by the Darlington Police Department (DPD) as a certified law enforcement officer, executed a search warrant at the Blue Island Smoke Shop in Darlington. Hayes photographed and seized approximately 788 cartridges of suspected THC vape pens which included brands from "Tyson" and "Fyrd Extracts." On December 4, 2024, Hayes took a documented DPD Confidential Informant (CI) to repair the water heater at Hayes' residence. After the repair was completed, Hayes drove the CI to the DPD and took the CI into the Narcotics Office at approximately 10:14 p.m. According to the CI, Hayes gave the CI one case of seized "Tyson" vape pens and two cases of "Fryd Extracts" vape pens in exchange for the repair work. The retail value of the vape pens provided to the CI exceeded \$2,000. There were no cases of "Tyson" or "Fryd Extract" vape pens that matched the photographs from the seizure located in the DPD evidence room. This Affiant's beliefs are based upon recorded statements from Hayes and the CI, and information gleaned during the SLED investigation.

SLED Case Number: 2025-02023

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the
17th day of APRIL, 2025

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Affiant
Special Agent Ashley Anderson
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
4400 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29221
(t) 803-896-7000

ARREST WARRANT

2025A1610400419

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THE STATE

against

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Address:

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DL State: SC DL #:

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

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Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 4/17/25

Mark Hayes

N. Montgomery

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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in the following particulars:

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It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

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

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Judge's Telephone

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Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

Judge Code: 7342

Craig Landon LaCross

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Misconduct/Misconduct in Office - §C/L 17-25-0030 - (CDR CODE 0819)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:*

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executed a search warrant at the Blue Island Smoke Shop in Darlington. Hayes photographed and seized approximately 788 cartridges of
suspected THC vape pens which included brands from "Tyson" and "Fyrd Extracts." On December 4, 2024, Hayes took a documented DPD
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