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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 19, 2025

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES FORMER WAGENER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF AND FORMER TOWN EMPLOYEE WITH BREACH OF TRUST

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joseph Mark Redd, 66, with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent - Value Greater Than \$2,000 but Less Than \$10,000 and Misconduct in Office on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

SLED also charged David Mark Watson, 52, with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent - Value \$10,000 or More on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Details for both can be found in the attached warrants.

Redd and Watson were booked into the Aiken County Detention Center.

Both cases will be prosecuted by the 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0210700208

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE
against

Joseph Mark Redd

Address:

Wagener, SC 29164-9615

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 320

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1958 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

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 Joseph Redd
on 8/19/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
P O Box 583
109 Park Avenue
Aiken, SC 29802

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeffrey N Michlovitz who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joseph Mark Redd
did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2007 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken)
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:On, about, or between September 17, 2007 and January 7, 2016 in the Town of Wagener, Aiken County, SC, Joseph Mark Redd,
while acting in his official capacity as the Fire Chief of the Wagener Fire Department, did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully
utilize a Town of Wagener Security Federal Bank account for his own personal and financial gain. Specifically, Redd wrote checks
to himself and family members, which he identified as "loans," that totaled approximately \$6,200. Further, Redd wrote additional
checks to himself which totaled approximately \$750 and attempted to conceal the true purpose of the expenses. Redd also admitted
to using Town of Wagener funds to purchase firearm components, unrelated to the Town of Wagener or any of his official duties, in
the amount of approximately \$419.94. This being in violation of section 16-13-0230(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

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 9/17/2007 defendant Joseph Mark Redd

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken) 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 8/18/2025 (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge
Patricia Yvonne Arthur Rushton

Judge Code: 7372

Judge's Address

Langley, SC 29834-

Judge's Telephone (803)593-5171

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE

against

Joseph Mark Redd

Address:

Wagener, SC 29164-9615

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 320

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1958 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey N Michlovitz - S00935

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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The accused

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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on

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8/19/25
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State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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, about, or between September 17, 2007 and January 7, 2016 in the Town of Wagener, Aiken County, SC, Joseph Mark Redd, while acting in his official capacity as the Fire Chief of the Wagener Fire Department, did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully utilize a Town of Wagener Security Federal Bank account for his own personal and financial gain. Specifically, Redd wrote checks to himself and family members, purchased firearm components unrelated to the Town of Wagener or any of Redd's official duties, and attempted to conceal the true purpose of the expenses using Town of Wagener funds totalling approximately \$7,369.94. This being in violation of section 17-25-0030 of the South Carolina code of laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0210700206

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Aiken

THE STATE
against

David Mark Watson

Address:

Neeses, SC 29107-9265

Phone: (803)652-7482

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 168

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1973 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard J Cullop - S01088

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3424

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

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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on 8/19/25

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard J Cullop whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant David Mark Watsondid within this county and state on or about 6/20/2022

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

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:Upon information and belief between June 30, 2022 through October 4, 2023, the defendant David Watson, who was employed by
the Town of Wagener as the maintenance supervisor, did fraudulently claim overtime as hours worked totaling \$42,298.56. Watson
submitted an overtime justification form averaging approximately 26 hrs or overtime weekly. This taking place at Wagener Town
Hall, 285 Park St., NE, Wagener, South Carolina, County of Aiken. This being in violation of section 16-13-0230(A) of the South
Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 6/20/2022defendant David Mark Watson

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Aiken) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

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