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SLED CHARGES UNION COUNTY SCRAPYARD OPERATOR WITH NOT PROVIDING REQUIRED LEGAL RECORDS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Robert Fred Small, 72, with five counts of not Keeping Records of Abandoned Vehicles and Parts on Thursday, September 4, 2025. The Union County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Small was booked into the Union County Detention Center.

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2025A4410100380

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

THE STATE
against

Robert Fred Small

Address:

Union, SC 29379-9793

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] /1952 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S00488

Offense: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of
abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of

Offense Code: 3391

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-5670

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 Robert Small

on 9/14/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Union Magistrate
210 West Main Street
Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin G Ellis

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Fred Small

did within this county and state on or about 8/10/2025

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or
more, 1st offenseI 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 August 10, 2025, in the county of Union, Robert Small, of Small World Recycling, purchased a Buick sedan from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The year, model, and vehicle identification number are unknown. Small failed to keep an accurate record of the vehicle
purchased in the course of business as required by South Carolina Code of Law 56-5-5670. Small failed to verify with the South
Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles whether the vehicle had been reported stolen and also failed to report the vehicle to the
National Motor Vehicle Title Information System as required. This warrant is based upon SLED investigation 2025-05453

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

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 8/10/2025

defendant Robert Fred Small

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs
or more, 1st offenseHaving 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 9/3/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Robert McHope Jr.

Judge Code: 7478

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Union County Courthouse

Union, SC 29379-

Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

2025A4410100381

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

THE STATE
against

Robert Fred Small

Address:

Union, SC 29379-9793

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1952 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S00488

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Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-5670

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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on 9/14/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin G Ellis who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Fred Small
did within this county and state on or about 8/11/2025 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union)
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or
more, 1st offenseI 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 dates of August 11, 2025, and August 27, 2025, in the county of Union, Robert Small, of Small World Recycling,
purchased a 2002 Ford Ranger VIN # [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Small failed to keep an accurate record of the
vehicle purchased in the course of business as required by South Carolina Code of Law 56-5-5670. Small failed to verify with the
South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles whether the vehicle had been reported stolen and also failed to report the vehicle to
the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System as required. The vehicle was reported stolen August 27, 2025. This warrant is
based upon SLED investigation 2025-05453.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

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 8/11/2025 defendant Robert Fred Small

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs
or more, 1st offense.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 9/3/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Robert M. Hope Jr.

Judge Code: 7478

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379-

Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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2025A4410100383

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

THE STATE
against

Robert Fred Small

Address: [REDACTED]

Union, SC 29379-9793

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S00488

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Offense Code: 3391

Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-5670

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☐ 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 Robert Small

on 9/4/25

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Union Magistrate
210 West Main Street
Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Fred Small

did within this county and state on or about 8/2/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or more, 1st offense

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 August 2, 2025, in the county of Union, Robert Small purchased a Jeep Commander VIN # [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Small failed to keep an accurate record of the vehicle purchased in the course of business as required by South Carolina Code of Law 56-5-5670. Small failed to verify with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles whether the vehicle had been reported stolen and also failed to report the vehicle to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System as required. This warrant is based upon SLED investigation 2025-05453.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

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 8/2/2025 defendant Robert Fred Small

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or more, 1st offense

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 9/3/2025

[Signature]

Robert M. Hope Jr.

Judge Code: 7478

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Union County Courthouse

Union, SC 29379-

Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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2025A4410100384

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE
against

Robert Fred Small

Address: [REDACTED]

Union, SC 29379-9793

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] /1952 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S00488

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Code/Ordinance Sec: 56-05-5670

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☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
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dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Robert Small

on 9/4/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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210 West Main Street
Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379

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did within this county and state on or about 8/20/2025

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

Union

violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or
more, 1st offenseI 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 August 20, 2025, in the county of Union, Robert Small of Small World Recycling, purchased a 2002 Chevrolet Impala VIN
[REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Small failed to keep an accurate record of the vehicle purchased in the course of
business as required by South Carolina Code of Law 56-5-5670. Small failed to verify with the South Carolina Department of
Motor Vehicles whether the vehicle had been reported stolen and also failed to report the vehicle to the National Motor Vehicle Title
Information System as required. The vehicle was taken without the owner, Mitchell Golden's, permission. This warrant is based
upon SLED investigation 2025-05453.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

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 8/20/2025

defendant Robert Fred Small

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs
or more, 1st offense.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 9/3/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

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

2025A4410100385

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

THE STATE

against

Robert Fred Small

Address:

Union, SC 29379-9793

Phone: SSN Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 240DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1952 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Kevin G Ellis - S00488Offense: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of
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is to be arrested and brought before me to be
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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Robert Smallon 9/8/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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210 West Main Street
Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin G Ellis who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Fred Small
did within this county and state on or about 3/1/2025 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union)
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs or
more, 1st offenseI 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 dates of March 1, 2025, and March 19, 2025, in the county of Union, Robert Small purchased a 2005 Dodge
Durango VIN # from Small failed to keep an accurate record of the vehicle purchased in the
course of business as required by South Carolina Code of Law 56-5-5670. Small failed to verify with the South Carolina
Department of Motor Vehicles whether the vehicle had been reported stolen and also failed to report the vehicle to the National
Motor Vehicle Title Information System as required. This warrant is based upon SLED investigation 2025-05453.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

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 3/1/2025 defendant Robert Fred Small
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Union) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Metals / Demolisher shall keep records of abandoned vehicles and parts with a total weight of 25 lbs
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soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before meon 9/3/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Robert M. Hope Jr.

Judge Code: 7478

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Union County Courthouse
Union, SC 29379-Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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