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SLED CHARGES ANDERSON COUNTY MAN WITH OPERATING A GAMING HOUSE AND OPERATING A SLOT, VIDEO, OR GAMBLING DEVICES

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Eric Peoples, 55, with Operating a Gaming House and Operating a Slot, Video, or Gambling Devices on Monday, October 27, 2025. This is a joint investigation with SLED and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Peoples was booked into the Anderson County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0410102003

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Anderson

THE STATE

against

2025-06269

Eric Peoples

Address:

Anderson, SC 29621-7562

Phone:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1969 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew W Walker - S01950

Offense: Gambling / Keeping Gaming House

Offense Code: 2412

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-19-0040

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 Eric Peoples on 10/27/25

SA C R M
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 South Main Street
Po Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Matthew W Walker

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Eric Peoples

did within this county and state on or about 9/24/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

Anderson)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Gambling / Keeping Gaming House

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 September 24, 2025, in the county of Anderson, one Eric Peoples was found to be operating a gaming house. On said date SLED agents assisted ACSO with a search warrant to Anderson. After the search was completed, 10 Pot-O-Gold illegal gaming machines utilized for the purpose of illegal gambling were seized. On 10/13/25, SA Walker & Lt. Billingsley interviewed Peoples at this home at said address. The defendant confirmed to be the property owner and admitted to agents he was operating the gambling house in his back yard. Peoples informed agents he had been operating the gambling house for about 1 1/2 years. The Operation of a Gambling House is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of SC. in violation of SC Code 16-19-40

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd
Columbia, SC 29210-

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 9/24/2025 defendant Eric Peoples

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Gambling / Keeping Gaming House

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Anne Johnston Thayer

Judge Code: 7540

Judge's Address 2404 North Main Street

Anderson, SC 29621-3275

Judge's Telephone (864)260-4156

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Offense: Gambling / Unlawful possession/operation of slot,
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Offense Code: 2722

Code/Ordinance Sec: 12-21-2710

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