



# South Carolina

## STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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October 31, 2025

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Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN WITH UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATIONS, INTIMIDATION, AND STALKING**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Robert Dean Upchurch, 52, with Unlawful Communications, Intimidation Due to Political Opinions and Exercise of Civil Rights, and Stalking on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Upchurch was booked into the Cherokee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2025A1110100726

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

THE STATE

against

Robert Dean Upchurch

Address

Gaffney, SC 29341-4741

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 180DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_DOB: 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Michael J Prodan - S00911Offense: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)Offense Code: 2553Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0430(A)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 Robert Upchurchon 10-28-25Larry B. Bishop  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd  
Gaffney, SC 29342

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michael J Prodan whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Dean Upchurch  
did within this county and state on or about 8/14/2025 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Cherokee)  
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)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 or about August 14, 2025 in the county of Cherokee, one Robert Dean Upchurch who resides in Cherokee County sent 3  
emails to the victim, who resides in Orangeburg County, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ stating "Death to \_\_\_\_\_" "Death to \_\_\_\_\_" and "\_\_\_\_\_ and the rest of  
a mixed up fuck ups. Upchurch has admitted to sending the emails. Upchurch therefore unlawfully, knowingly and willingly  
threatened in an electronic communication and unlawful act with the intent to coerce, intimidate or harass another person, in  
violation of Sec. 16-17-430(A)(2) SC code of laws. Affiant has documentation to prove same. Warrant is based on investigation by  
SLED case # 2025-05192.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

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

Affiant's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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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 8/14/2025 defendant Robert Dean Upchurch

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Cherokee ) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Telephone / Unlawful communication (after 07/20/01)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 10/14/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Robert Howell

Judge Code: 5882

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Cherokee Magistrate's CourtGaffney, SC 29342Judge's Telephone (864)487-2533Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2025A1110100727

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

THE STATE  
against

Robert Dean Upchurch

Address

Gaffney, SC 29341-4741

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael J Prodan - S00911

Offense: Civil / Assault or intimidation due to political  
opinions or exercise of civil rights

Offense Code: 0252

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0560

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Larry Bishop

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Civil / Assault or intimidation due to political opinions or exercise of civil rights

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 or between the dates of August 14 and August 21, 2025, in the county of Cherokee, one Robert Dean Upchurch who resides  
in Cherokee County, unlawfully, knowingly and willingly engaged in a pattern of words, sending emails to the victim, who resides  
in Orangeburg County, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and a voicemail from  
[REDACTED] including phrases, "Death to [REDACTED]" "Death to [REDACTED]" "...death to [REDACTED]" and the  
rest of u mixed up fuck ups." "... you started a war" and "... I haven't issued the 1st threat although u felt threatened.. I'm going to  
bring you down to the lowest u have ever been, bet on it all the while ill remain behind the scenes or become famous." Thus  
intimidating the victim on account of his political opinion and exercise of civil rights. Upchurch has admitted to sending the  
emails. Affiant has documentation to prove same. Warrant is based on investigation by SLED case # 2025-05192.

Signature of Affiant

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

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

## ARREST WARRANT

2025A1110100728

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Cherokee

THE STATE  
against

Robert Dean Upchurch

Address:

Gaffney, SC 29341-4741

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stalking / Stalking in that he did unlawfully, knowingly and willingly engaged in a pattern of words, sending 4 emails to the victim,  
who resides in Orangeburg Co., \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and  
voicemail from \_\_\_\_\_ showing no legitimate purpose. The included phrases stating "Death to \_\_\_\_\_ Death  
to \_\_\_\_\_ and "...death to \_\_\_\_\_ and the rest of u mixed up fuck ups "you started a war." and "... I haven't issued  
the 1st threat although u felt threatened...I'm going to bring you down tot he lowest u have ever been, bet on it, all the while ill  
remain behind the scenes or become famous." Causing the victim to fear death, assault or bodily injury. Upchurch has admitted to  
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