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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SLED CHARGES GREENVILLE COUNTY MAN WITH KIDNAPPING, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, AND POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kobe Maleek Bailey, 20, with Kidnapping, Trafficking in Persons, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Bailey was served at the Greenville County Detention Center, where he remains detained on unrelated charges.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

SLED was assisted by the Greenville Police Department.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330204548

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

against

Kobe Maleek Bailey

Address:

Taylors, SC 29687-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 130

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 2006 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Caitlin D Branch - S02981

Offense: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

Offense Code: 0095

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0910

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 KOBE MALEEK BAILEY
on 5/8/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Caitlin D Branch whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kobe Maleek Baileydid within this county and state on or about 5/8/2026State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville)

violate the criminal laws of the

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

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:Between March 29, 2026, and April 1, 2026, the defendant, Kobe Maleek Bailey, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of
Kidnapping in the County of Greenville and the State of South Carolina in the area of [REDACTED] Greenville SC. The
defendant did unlawfully seize the victim under the threat of physical bodily injury during the commission of sex trafficking. All the
above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Branch of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is
against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws, section 16-03-0910.

Signature of Affiant

Caitlin Branch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road
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 5/8/2026 defendant Kobe Maleek Bailey

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

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 5/8/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Ernest Michael Patrick O'Brien Sr.

Judge Code: 7185

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 20 McGee Street
Greenville, SC 29601-2210Judge's Telephone (864)467-2402Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ARREST WARRANT

2026A2330204546

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

against

Kobe Maleek Bailey

Address:

Taylors, SC 29687-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 130DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] 2006 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Caitlin D Branch - S02981

Offense: Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, recruiting,
enticing, soliciting, harboring, transporting, or

Offense Code: 3677

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-2020(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

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on 5/8/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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Greenville

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, recruiting, enticing, soliciting, harboring, transporting, or attempts
- 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:Between March 29, 2026, and April 1, 2026, the defendant, Kobe Maleek Bailey, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of
Trafficking in Persons in the County of Greenville and the State of South Carolina in the area of [REDACTED] Greenville, SC
29607. The defendant did recruit, entice, solicit, isolate, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, a victim, knowing that the victim would
be subjected to, or for the purpose of sex trafficking. Agents learned the Defendant did knowingly threaten the victim with physical
harm to force [REDACTED] into commercial sex acts where he would monetarily profit. All the above is believed to be true based upon the
investigation of S/A Branch of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State
of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws, section 16-03-2020

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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on or about 5/ 8/2026 defendant Kobe Maleek Bailey

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

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) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, recruiting, enticing, soliciting, harboring, transporting, or
attempts - 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
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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 5/ 8/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Ernest Michael Patrick O'Brien Sr.

Judge Code: 7185Judge's Address 20 McGee StreetGreenville, SC 29601-2210Judge's Telephone (864)467-2402Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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THE STATE

against

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Address:

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Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: B

Height: 5

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Weight: 130

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB: /2006

Agency ORI #:

SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer:

Caitlin D Branch - S02981

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code:

0549

Code/Ordinance Sec:

16-23-0490

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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:

Between March 29, 2026 and April 1, 2026, the defendant, Kobe Maleek Bailey, did knowingly and willfully commit the offense of Possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime in the County of Greenville and the State of South Carolina in the area of Greenville SC. The defendant did possess a firearm and use the firearm to physically assault the victim during the commission of human trafficking which is defined in S.C Code of law 16-01-60 as a violent crime. All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Branch of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws, section 16-23-0490

Signature of Affiant

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