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SLED CHARGES FORMER CONVENIENCE STORE EMPLOYEE WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kelis Cordasha Haynes, 19, with three counts of Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. The South Carolina Education Lottery requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Haynes was booked into the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center in Charleston County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010202398

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Charleston

THE STATE
against

Kelis Cordasha Haynes

Address:

North Charleston, SC 29405-

Phone: SSN:
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 1 Weight: 110

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2007 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Zachary J Thompson - S02276

Offense: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

Offense Code: 2900

Code/Ordinance Sec: 59-150-0260(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 Kelis Haynes
on 8/18/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
100 Broad Street, Suite 106
Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Zachary J Thompson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes

did within this county and state on or about 2/16/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29210-

Affiant's Telephone (803)587-3236

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 2/16/2026 defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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 4/2/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Haselden

Judge Code: 7412

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200

North Charleston, SC 29405-

Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Kelis Cordasha Haynes

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: North Charleston, SC 29405

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: Black SEX: Female HGT: 5'01 EYES: BRO HAIR: Black CMPL:

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS :

OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED] 2007

SSN:

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 59-150-260 (A)

OFFENSE: Lottery Fraud

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Zachary Thompson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes did within this county and state on or about February 16, 2026, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: A person who, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, passes, or counterfeits a state lottery game ticket is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On February 16, 2026, the defendant, Kelis Cordasha Haynes, did pass multiple stolen South Carolina Education Lottery Tickets at Circle K #2705121, located at 1811 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard in Charleston, SC. Haynes did receive cash payouts for the tickets. The tickets were stolen by Haynes from Circle K #2705121, where Haynes was employed at the time of the theft. Haynes was identified by store management and recorded on video surveillance stealing and cashing the tickets. The defendant's actions led to a loss in funds for the victim, the South Carolina Education Lottery. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

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4/2/2026

ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010202399

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE

against

Kelis Cordasha Haynes

Address:

North Charleston, SC 29405-

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 1 Weight: 110

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2007 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Zachary J Thompson - S02276

Offense: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

Offense Code: 2900

Code/Ordinance Sec: 59-150-0260(A)

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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 on

Kelis Haynes
8/18/2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
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Charleston, SC 29401

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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Signature of Affiant

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Columbia, SC 29210-

Affiant's Telephone (803)587-3236

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 2/25/2026 defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

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 4/2/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Haselden

Judge Code: 7412

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200
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Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Kelis Cordasha Haynes

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: North Charleston, SC 29405

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: Black SEX: Female HGT: 5'01 EYES: BRO HAIR: Black CMPL:

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS :

OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED] 2007

SSN:

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 59-150-260 (A) OFFENSE: Lottery Fraud

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Zachary Thompson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes did within this county and state on or about February 24, 2026, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: A person who, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, passes, or counterfeits a state lottery game ticket is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On February 24, 2026, the defendant, Kelis Cordasha Haynes, did pass multiple stolen South Carolina Education Lottery Tickets at Circle K #2705121, located at 1811 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard in Charleston, SC. Haynes did receive cash payouts for the tickets. The tickets were stolen by Haynes from Circle K #2705121, where Haynes was employed at the time of the theft. Haynes was identified by store management and recorded on video surveillance stealing and cashing the tickets. The defendant's actions led to a loss in funds for the victim, the South Carolina Education Lottery. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

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4/2/2026

ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010202400

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☒ County/☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

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Address:

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Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 1 Weight: 110

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2007

Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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

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OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED]/2007

SSN:

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 59-150-260 (A)

OFFENSE: Lottery Fraud

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Zachary Thompson, who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kelis Cordasha Haynes did within this county and state on or about February 25, 2026, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: A person who, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, passes, or counterfeits a state lottery game ticket is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On February 25, 2026, the defendant, Kelis Cordasha Haynes, did pass multiple stolen South Carolina Education Lottery Tickets at Circle K #2705121, located at 1811 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard in Charleston, SC. Haynes did receive cash payouts for the tickets. The tickets were stolen by Haynes from Circle K #2705121, where Haynes was employed at the time of the theft. Haynes was identified by store management and recorded on video surveillance stealing and cashing the tickets. The defendant's actions led to a loss in funds for the victim, the South Carolina Education Lottery. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

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4/2/2026