



# South Carolina

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Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES FORMER DARLINGTON COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged William Kenneth Sumner, 63, with Misconduct in Office and three counts of Embezzlement of Public Funds – Value Less Than \$10,000 on Monday, August 24, 2026. The Darlington County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Sumner was booked into the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center in Darlington County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2026A1610400577

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE

2026-0947

against

William Kenneth Sumner

Address:

Florence, SC 29501-1918

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 8 Weight: 370DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasanceOffense Code: 0819Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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

on

William Sumner  
8/24/26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
110 North Main Street  
Darlington, SC 29532

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Kenneth Sumnerdid within this county and state on or about 1/28/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 May 2025 and June 2026, William Kenneth Sumner committed the offense of Misconduct in Office to wit: Sumner was employed as a deputy sheriff in charge of the Sex offender Registry (SOR) for the Darlington County Sheriffs Office. In that role, Sumner was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of public funds. On three occasions during January 2026 and February, 2026, Sumner embezzled funds collected in cash as a payment of South Carolina Sex Offender Registry fees. A total of \$450.00 of SOR funds were converted by Sumner to his own use. The affiant's belief is based upon financial records and a admission by Sumner. This was done in violation of his oath of office and violation of the Common Laws of the State of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 1/28/2026defendant William Kenneth Sumner

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 8/20/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Craig Landen La Cross

Judge Code: 7342

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 404 South Fourth StreetHartsville, SC 29551-1765Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit



## ARREST WARRANT

2026A1610400578

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE

2026-04947

against

William Kenneth Sumner

Address:

Florence, SC 29501-1918

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 8 Weight: 370

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1963

Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787

Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds,  
value less than \$10,000

Offense Code: 3460

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0210(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:

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Kenneth Sumner

did within this county and state on or about 1/28/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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:

On January 28, 2026, William Kenneth Sumner did commit the offense of Embezzlement of Public Funds in Darlington County, to wit: Between May 2025 and June 2026, William Kenneth Sumner was employed as a deputy sheriff in charge of the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) for the Darlington County Sheriffs Office. In that role, Sumner was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of public funds. Sumner collected a \$150 cash payment of SOR fees. He then converted the funds to his own personal use. The affiant's belief is based upon financial records and a admission by Sumner. This was done in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 16-13-210 (A), Embezzlement of Public Funds, value less than \$10,000..

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

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 1/28/2026

defendant William Kenneth Sumner

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 8/20/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Craig Landon La Cross

Judge Code: 7342

Judge's Address 404 South Fourth Street

Hartsville, SC 29551-1765

Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit



## ARREST WARRANT

2026A1610400579

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE

2026-09947

against

William Kenneth Sumner

Address:

Florence, SC 29501-1918

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 8 Weight: 370DL State: SC DL #:DOB: 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds,  
value less than \$10,000Offense Code: 3460Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0210(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:

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on 8/24/26

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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## AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Kenneth Sumnerdid within this county and state on or about 1/30/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000I 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:

On January 30, 2026, William Kenneth Sumner did commit the offense of Embezzlement of Public Funds in Darlington County, to wit: Between May 2025 and June 2026, William Kenneth Sumner was employed as a deputy sheriff in charge of the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) for the Darlington County Sheriffs Office. In that role, Sumner was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of public funds. Sumner collected a \$150 cash payment of SOR fees. He then converted the funds to his own personal use. The affiant's belief is based upon financial records and a admission by Sumner. This was done in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 16-13-210 (A), Embezzlement of Public Funds, value less than \$10,000..

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 1/30/2026 defendant William Kenneth Sumner

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington ) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 8/20/2026Signature of Issuing Judge  
Craig Landen La CrossJudge Code: 7342Judge's Address 404 South Fourth StreetHartsville, SC 29551-1765Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2026A1610400580

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

2026-09947

against

William Kenneth Sumner

Address:

Florence, SC 29501-1918

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 8 Weight: 370DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds,  
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## AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Kenneth Sumnerdid within this county and state on or about 2/12/2026 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000I 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:

On February 12, 2026, William Kenneth Sumner did commit the offense of Embezzlement of Public Funds in Darlington County, to wit: Between May 2025 and June 2026, Sumner was employed as a deputy sheriff in charge of the Sex offender Registry (SOR) for the Darlington County Sheriff's Office. In that role, Sumner was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of public funds. Sumner collected a \$150 cash payment of SOR fees. He then converted those funds to his own personal use. The affiant's belief is based upon financial records and a admission by Sumner. This was done in violation of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 16-13-210 (A), Embezzlement of Public Funds, value less than \$10,000..

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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## 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 2/12/2026 defendant William Kenneth Sumner

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington ) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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