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SLED CHARGES CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN WITH ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT TO MURDER

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Reginald Louis Barnes Sr., 59, with Accessory After the Fact to Murder on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The Gaffney Police Department requested SLED assist in the investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Barnes Sr. was booked into the Cherokee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1110100574

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

THE STATE

against

Reginald Louis Barnes, Sr

Address:

Gaffney, SC 29340-4441

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 152

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1967 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Thomas S Peay, Jr - S01001

Offense: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A, B, C or Murder

Offense Code: 2413

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-01-0055

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 Barnes Sr., Reginald
on 9-8-2026J. LEWIS / SLED
Signature of Constable / Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

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Cherokee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Thomas S Peay, Jr who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Reginald Louis Barnes, Sr

did within this county and state on or about 8/12/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A, B, C or Murder

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 August 12, 2026, the defendant, Reginald Louis Barnes Sr. did commit the offense of Accessory After the Fact of Murder by transporting his son, Reginald Louis Barnes Jr. to a location to hide from law enforcement following the murder of the victim, Jomilton Fair. The defendant further lied to law enforcement when questioned about his son's involvement in the murder, his son's location, and offered an alibi that was known to be false. The offence of murder occurred at West Rutledge Ave., Gaffney, South Carolina, 29340. This offence being in violation of South Carolina code of laws 1976 as amended. Warrant is based on investigation by the SLED and case # 2026-05007.

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

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 8/12/2026 defendant Reginald Louis Barnes, Sr

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: Accessory / Accessory after the fact to Felony A, B, C or Murder

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 9/ 8/2026

Leslie Childers Teague
Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 7571

Judge's Address Post Office Box 336

Gaffney, SC 29342-

Judge's Telephone (864)487-2533

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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