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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 17, 2026

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES LOW COUNTRY MAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jason Thomas Wingate, 38, with Forgery – Value \$10,000 or More, Breach of Trust - Obtaining Property Under False Tokens – Value \$10,000 or More, and Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses – Value \$10,000 or More on Monday, September 14, 2026. Wingate was booked into the Dorchester County Detention Center on these charges.

Wingate was then transported and booked into the Charleston County Detention Center for the charge of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent – Value \$10,000 or More on Monday, September 14, 2026.

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st and 9th Circuit Solicitor's Offices, respectively.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1810200720

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE
against

2025-07439

Jason Thomas Wingate

Address:

Summerville, SC 29483-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCL0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Alex E Gray - S00497

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(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

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Jason Wingate
on 9-14-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Alex E Gray who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Thomas Wingate

did within this county and state on or about 4/22/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

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 April 22, 2025, while at the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) St. George branch, located at 5315 E Jim Bilton Blvd. which is in Dorchester County, the defendant knowingly and willfully presented a fraudulent bill of sale for a 2003 International 4000 with a vehicle identification number (VIN) [REDACTED] to SCDMV. The document was fraudulently created by the defendant to unlawfully obtain a South Carolina Title in his name. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$25,000. This information is based on the investigation of Senior Special Agent A. Gray and others who are witnesses to prove the same. All this done against the form of the statute and the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina.

SLED investigation 2025-07439

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 4/22/2025 defendant Jason Thomas Wingate

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

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 9/3/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Tera Suzette Richardson

Judge Code: 5007

Judge's Address Troy Knight Judicial Complex
Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone ((843)-832-x 0370)

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCA 518

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1810200721

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

2025-07439

against

Jason Thomas Wingate

Address:

Summerville, SC 29483-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Alex E Gray - S00497

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3474

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0260

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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defendant

on

Jason Wingate
9-14-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Alex E Gray

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Jason Thomas Wingate

did within this county and state on or about

4/22/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

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 April 22, 2025, while at the St. George branch of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV), located at 5315 E Jim Bilton Blvd. which is in Dorchester County, the defendant knowingly and willfully presented a fraudulent bill of sale for a 2003 International 4000 with a vehicle identification number (VIN) [REDACTED] to SCDMV. The document was fraudulently created by the defendant to unlawfully obtain a South Carolina Title in his name. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$25,000. This information is based on the investigation of Senior Special Agent A. Gray and others who are witnesses to prove the same. All this done against the form of the statute and the law, peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina.

SLED investigation 2025-07439

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 4/22/2025

defendant Jason Thomas Wingate

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

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 9/3/2026

Judge's Address Troy Knight Judicial Complex

Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone ((843) 832- x 0370

Signature of Issuing Judge
Tera Suzette Richardson

Judge Code: 5007

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1810200722

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

2025-07439

against

Jason Thomas Wingate

Address:

Summerville, SC 29483-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Alex E Gray - S00497

Offense: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3471

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0240

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

Jason Wingate
9-14-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

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St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Alex E Gray

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Jason Thomas Wingate

did within this county and state on or about

5/16/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

In the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more

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 May 16, 2025, while in close proximity to 1622 Central Ave. which is in Dorchester County, the defendant knowingly and willfully sold a 2003 International 4000 with a vehicle identification number (VIN) [REDACTED] that he knew was not lawfully his to sell. The defendant presented a bill of sale and a South Carolina title he had fraudulently received from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles as proof of ownership. The defendant received \$22,000 in United States Currency for the sale of the vehicle. This information is based on the investigation of Senior Special Agent A: Gray and others who are witnesses to prove the same. All this done against the form of the statute and the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. **SLED investigation 2025-07439**

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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:

If appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 5/16/2025

defendant Jason Thomas Wingate

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more

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 9/3/2026

(L.S.)

Tera Suzette Richardson

Judge Code: 5007

Judge's Address

Troy Knight Judicial Complex

Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone

(843)-832-x 0370

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010205641

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE
against

Jason Thomas Wingate

Address: [REDACTED]

Ladson, SC 29456-5531

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 125DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Alex E Gray - S00789Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or moreOffense Code: 3424Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(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

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Jason Wingate
on 9-14-26

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 Alex E Gray whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Thomas Wingatedid within this county and state on or about 9/ 5/2024 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or moreI 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 P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-Affiant's Telephone (803)603-8594

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 9/ 5/2024 defendant Jason Thomas Wingate

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: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or moreHaving 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 meon 8/ 7/2026Signature of Issuing Judge
(L.S.)

Amanda Haselden

Judge Code: 7412Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200North Charleston, SC 29405-Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Jason Thomas Wingate

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Summerville, SC 29483

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: W SEX: M HEIGHT: 509 WEIGHT: 125 EYES: BLU HAIR: BRN

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS: _____ OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO: _____

DOB: [REDACTED] 1988

SSN: [REDACTED]

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-13-230

OFFENSE: Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

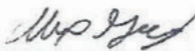
Personally appeared before me, the affiant Alex Gray who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant, Jason Thomas Wingate did within this county and state on or about September 5, 2024, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent

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:

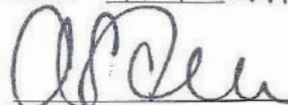
That on September 5, 2024, while at the Leeds Ave. Branch of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) which is located at 3790 Leeds Ave in Charleston County, the defendant did commit the crime of breach of trust with fraudulent intent. In that the defendant, who had been entrusted to run day to day operations of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did unlawfully convert ownership of a 2016 Ford F-450 bearing vehicle identification number (VIN) [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to "Ashley's Towing and Recovery LLC" and Jason Wingate. This action was done without the permission or knowledge of the owner of [REDACTED]. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$10,000.

This information is based on the investigation of Special Agent A. Gray and others who are witnesses to prove the same. All this done against the form of the statute and the law, peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina. **SLED investigation 2025-04715**


Special Agent

Special Agent: Alex Gray
Office Address: 4400 Broad River Rd
Columbia, SC 29100
Telephone: 803.603.8594

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
7 day of August 2026
Time: 10:12 am


Issuing Magistrate