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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 21, 2026

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SLED CHARGES SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN WITH FORGERY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Cory William Smith, 38, with two counts of Forgery – Value \$10,000 or More on Monday, October 19, 2026. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Smith was booked into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

This case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

SLED previously charged Smith with Forgery – Value \$10,000 or More on Monday, June 29, 2026.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A4210500084

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE
against

Cory William Smith

Address:

Spartanburg, SC 29302-3677

Phone: SSN:
 Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 205
 DL State: SC DL #:
 DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Haneef J Tull - S02943

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

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
 180 Magnolia Street
 P O Box 3483
 Spartanburg, SC 29304

AUDIT COPY

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

did within this county and state on or about 5/14/2026

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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:

On or about May 14, 2026, in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, the defendant, Cory William Smith, knowingly presented as true a forged Certificate of Insurance (COI) purportedly issued by (PIA), with intent to defraud. Smith, acting on behalf of his company, CWS Civil Group LLC, submitted the COI dated December 15, 2025, to LLC, in support of a heavy equipment rental agreement. The COI falsely represented \$1,000,000 in Commercial General Liability coverage as well as other coverages. with PIA, confirmed her agency never insured CWS Civil Group LLC and that most of the policy numbers listed on the COI previously belonged to LLC, Smith's former employer. Williams further confirmed the last valid COI issued for was in February 2025. Warrant based on police investigation. cb

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 5/14/2026

defendant Cory William Smith

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

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) as set forth below:

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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 10/15/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Claire Psilinakis Bourland

Judge Code: 7520

Judge's Address

5854 Reidville Road, Suite C

Moore,, SC 29369-8309

Judge's Telephone

(864)274-6257

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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