



South Carolina Department of Corrections

July 7, 2026
For immediate release
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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for an employee in SCDC’s vehicle maintenance department.

Taylor Weston Earp, 31, of Pelion, was charged with breach of trust, obtaining goods under false pretenses and forgery. The charges involve using a state-issued credit card to pay for gasoline to fuel his personal vehicle and another non-state vehicle from January-June. He was fired.

The S.C. Department of Corrections reminds members of the public that after an arrest, the burden of proof is on the state to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt within a court of law.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.



ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210800074

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE
against

Taylor Weston Earp

Address

Phone

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 155

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: Trevor W Sherbert - S02826

Offense: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false
pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than

Offense Code: 3470

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

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Trevor W Sherbert

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Taylor Weston Earp

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

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but 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:Between Jan. 01, 2026, to on or about June 5, 2026, the defendant, Taylor Earp was an employee of the South Carolina Department
of Corrections (SCDC) and was entrusted with a State of South Carolina fuel card which had been issued for the operation of an
assigned SCDC vehicle. Earp made multiple fuel purchases on the fuel card which were inconsistent with SCDC policy and
inconsistent with the fuel requirements of his assigned State vehicle totaling \$2,029. These transactions occurred at multiple gas
stations in Lexington County, SC to include Circle K and QuikTrip locations with security video/photos of some of these incidents.
Earp knowingly and willfully obtained goods, specifically fuel paid for with State funds, by means of false statements,
representations and pretenses regarding the intended use of the State-issued fuel card when he obtained the fuel for his personal
vehicle and someone else's. OIG 05-2026-014.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

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 1/1/2026

defendant Taylor Weston Earp

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value more than \$2,000 but less than
\$10,000Having 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 practicableSworn to and subscribed before me
on 1/29/2026

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite B

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT



South Carolina Department of Corrections Office of Inspector General

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT

I, Special Agent Trevor Sherbert, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

I am a certified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of South Carolina. I am currently a Special Agent for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), assigned to the OIG Major Crimes & Public Corruption Unit. I am authorized to conduct complex criminal investigations, searches/seizures, and arrests.

Based on information set forth within this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe the following offense(s) have been committed: Obtaining Goods by False Pretenses, more than \$2k but less than \$10k / 16-13-0240 / CDR: 3470

Defendant: Taylor Weston Earp [REDACTED]

PROBABLE CAUSE:

That from on or about January 01, 2026, to on or about June 05, 2026, in Lexington County, South Carolina, TAYLOR EARP, while employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did knowingly and willfully obtain goods, specifically fuel paid for with State funds, by means of false statements, representations, and pretenses regarding the intended use of the State-issued fuel card.

To wit: EARP represented, through the use of the State fuel card, that fuel purchases were for authorized SCDC use. However, the investigation revealed that fuel was repeatedly dispensed into EARP's personally owned vehicle, and on multiple occasions into a second privately owned pickup truck operated by an unknown subject, as captured on surveillance video. Further, EARP purchased unauthorized fuel grades inconsistent with SCDC fleet requirements, and mileage logs required for oversight were not maintained.

These acts constitute the obtaining of goods by means of false pretenses with intent to cheat and defraud the State of South Carolina, all in violation of Section 16-13-240 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, such conduct arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption, and such conduct not having been authorized by law, against

the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

Probable Cause based upon OIG Police Investigation conducted by the OIG Major Crimes & Public Corruption Unit with assistance from the Lexington County Sheriff's Office, Evidence Obtained, Fuel Card Records, Video Surveillance, and Statements.

Case 05-2026-014.

S/A K2 S 6/29/26
Signature of Affiant Date

[Signature] 062926
Signature of Judge Date

ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210800073

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE
against

Taylor Weston Earp

Address

Phone

Sex M Race W Height 5 10 Weight 155DL State SC DL # DOB Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency SCDC Office Of The Inspector GeneralProsecuting Officer Trevor W Sherbert - S02826Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value less than \$10,000Offense Code 3436Code/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

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defendant Taylor Earpon July 1, 2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, 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:

Between Jan. 01, 2026, to on or about June 5, 2026, the defendant, Taylor Earp was an employee of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) and was entrusted with a State of South Carolina fuel card which had been issued for the operation of an assigned SCDC vehicle. Earp made multiple fuel purchases on the fuel card which were inconsistent with SCDC policy and inconsistent with the fuel requirements of his assigned State vehicle totaling \$2,029. These transactions occurred at multiple gas stations in Lexington County, SC to include Circle K and QuikTrip locations with security video/photos of some of these incidents. Earp did unlawfully and with the intent to defraud the State of South Carolina falsely make, forge, or utter writing and electronic financial instruments when he represented the vehicle this fuel was for belonged to SCDC when in fact it was his personal vehicle and someone else's. OIG 05-2026-014.

Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone

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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 1/1/2026defendant Taylor Weston Earp

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, 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 6/29/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite BLexington, SC 29072-Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Based on information set forth within this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe the following offense(s) have been committed: Forgery <\$10k / 16-13-0010 (A) / CDR: 3436

Defendant: Taylor Weston Earp [REDACTED]

PROBABLE CAUSE:

That from on or about January 01, 2026, to on or about June 05, 2026, in Lexington County, South Carolina, TAYLOR EARP, while an employee of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did unlawfully and with intent to defraud the State of South Carolina falsely make, forge, or utter writings and electronic financial instruments to wit: fuel-card transactions representing that fuel was being purchased for the operation of an SCDC vehicle, when in fact fuel was used for personal vehicles and for vehicles operated by unknown third parties.

Specifically, transaction records show the repeated purchase of fuel in quantities exceeding the tank capacity of the assigned SCDC vehicle and the repeated purchase of premium-grade gasoline not authorized under State Fleet Policy. Video evidence from Circle K and QuikTrip depicts EARP fueling his personally owned vehicle with the State card and enabling another vehicle to fuel after his activation of the pump, thereby generating electronic records falsely representing legitimate State business.

These acts constitute the making or uttering of forged writings or instruments with intent to defraud, all in violation of Section 16-13-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption,

and such conduct not having been authorized by law, against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

Probable Cause based upon OIG Police Investigation conducted by the OIG Major Crimes & Public Corruption Unit alongside the Lexington County Sheriff's Office, Evidence Obtained, Fuel Card Records, Video Surveillance, and Statements.

Case 05-2026-014

S/A T. Smith 4/29/26
Signature of Affiant Date

[Signature] 06/29/26
Signature of Judge Date

ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210800072

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE
against

Taylor Weston Earp

Address

Phone

Sex. M Race W Height 5 10 Weight 155

DL State SC DL #

DOB Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer Trevor W Sherbert - S02826

Offense Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

Offense Code 3423

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-13-0230(A)

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inconsistent with the fuel requirements of his assigned State vehicle totaling \$2,029. These transactions occurred at multiple gas
stations in Lexington County, SC to include Circle K and QuikTrip locations. There are security video/photos of some of these
incidents showing the defendant making these transactions. Earp did knowingly, willingly, and unlawfully breach the trust of the
victim by making these fraudulent transactions. OIG 05-2026-014

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Based on information set forth within this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe the following offense(s) have been committed: **Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent more than \$2k less than \$10k, 16-13-0230(A) / CDR: 3423**

Defendant: **Taylor Weston Earp** [REDACTED]

PROBABLE CAUSE:

That from on or about January 01, 2026, to on or about June 05, 2026, in Lexington County, South Carolina, TAYLOR EARP, while an employee of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), having been entrusted with a State of South Carolina fuel card issued for the operation and maintenance of an assigned SCDC vehicle, did knowingly, willfully, and fraudulently convert State funds and fuel purchased with said card to his own use and the use of others without authorization.

To wit: During the above-listed period, EARP conducted multiple fuel purchases of unleaded mid-grade and premium gasoline inconsistent with SCDC Fleet policy and inconsistent with the fuel requirements of his assigned State vehicle, a 2008 Ford Ranger with a 19.5-gallon tank capacity. Video surveillance obtained from multiple fuel stations, including Circle K and QuikTrip locations in Lexington County, depicts what appears to be EARP's personally owned 2016 Chevrolet Silverado being fueled during transactions recorded to the State-issued fuel card. Additional video evidence indicates that, after EARP activated the fuel pump with the State card, another vehicle, identified as a silver birch metallic pickup truck, was permitted to fuel while the pump remained active.

These acts constitute the fraudulent appropriation and conversion of property entrusted to EARP as an employee of SCDC, all in violation of Section 16-13-230 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, such conduct arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption, and such conduct not having been authorized by law, against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

Probable Cause based upon OIG Police Investigation conducted by the OIG Major Crimes & Public Corruption Unit with assistance from Lexington County Sheriff's Office, Evidence Obtained, Fuel Card Records, Video Surveillance, and Statements.

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S/A JD
Signature of Affiant

6/29/26
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

06/29/26
Date