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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY WITH TWO COUNTS OF BREACH OF TRUST**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Craig Thomas Caldwell, 42, with two counts of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, value \$10,000.00 or more on Friday, July 12, 2024. SLED was requested to investigate by the Lexington County Republican Party.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Caldwell was booked into the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210201786

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE against

Craig Thomas Caldwell

Address: [Redacted] Lexington, SC 29072-7898

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 205 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: William R Padgett, Jr - S00920 Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more Offense Code: 3424 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the [ ] County/ [ ] Municipality of [Redacted]. The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Craig Thomas Caldwell on 7-12-2024

[Signature] 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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Padgett, Jr who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Craig Thomas Caldwell did within this county and state on or about 5/16/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, 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 Craig Thomas Caldwell did in Lexington County, South Carolina, between the dates of May 16, 2023, and March 23, 2024, willfully and unlawfully take \$52,300.00 in funds from the Lexington Rotary Club Foundation. Caldwell wrote eleven checks to himself from the foundation account while he was the Treasurer of the Lexington Rotary Club Foundation. Caldwell attempted to hide the withdrawals from other board members by not putting the checks into their accounting software (QuickBooks). This incident occurred within the County of Lexington. This is in violation of Section 16-13-0230 (A) South Carolina Code of Laws (1976, as amended).

Signature of Affiant

[Signature of Affiant]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- Affiant's Telephone [Redacted]

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 5/16/2023 defendant Craig Thomas Caldwell did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, 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 7/11/2024

[Signature] (L.S.) Gary W. Reinhart Judge Code: 5059

Judge's Address Lexington County Judicial Center Lexington, SC 29072- Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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