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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 24, 2025

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTIONS COMMISSION FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Howard Matthew Knapp, 40, and Margaret Paige Salonich, 41, on Friday, October 24, 2025.

SLED charged former Executive Director Knapp with Accessory After the Fact, Misconduct in Office, Embezzlement of Public Funds, Value Less Than \$10,000, and 8 counts of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain.

SLED charged former Deputy Director Salonich with Wiretapping.

The SLED investigation was requested by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Knapp and Salonich were booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900210

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 2025-06131 against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address:

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

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 on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate 2500 Decker Blvd Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

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:

That on or about 9/17/25 through 9/18/25 within Richland County in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp did commit the crime of Accessory after the fact, Statute Number 16-1-55. It is believed that the def committed the crime because after being terminated as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC did willfully & unlawfully commit the crime in that Knapp & Paige Salonich were both banned from the SCEC office following an SCEC Commissioners meeting to terminate Knapp. Prior to the SCEC Commissioners meeting, Salonich placed a personal recorder in the SCEC Commissioners meeting room to record the meeting. Later that evening & the following day, Knapp phoned SCEC employees in attempt to remove personal recorder placed in SCEC meeting room by Salonich, w/ the intent to prevent any discovery of Salonich's crime & to prevent necessary evidence for Salonich's arrest & prosecution. SLED CASE#2025-06131

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 9/17/2025 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) 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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900218

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6' Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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 10-22-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 6/1/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 or about 06/01/23-01/31/24 within Richland County while in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp while employed as the Executive Director of South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC did commit the crime of Misconduct in Office. It is believed that Knapp misappropriated state property and state funds, to include the use of two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized personal use. Knapp used public funds in the form of a purchasing card to purchase fuel for the two State Fleet vehicles he used for unauthorized personal use. Knapp was in position of trust as the Executive Director of the SCEC and failed to properly & faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law. SCLED CASE# 59-24-0006

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 6/1/2023

defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900212

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE

59-24*0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address:

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6' Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

Offense Code: 3460

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0210(A)

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 Howard Knapp on 10-24-15

P. M. Limer
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Bld
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 6/6/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value 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:

That on or about 6/6/23-01/22/24 within Richland County in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC, did commit the crime of Embezzlement of Public Funds, value less than \$10,000. It is believed that the def committed the crime because the def willfully & unlawfully embezzled \$5,482.74 of public funds by purchasing fuel for personal use w/ two State Fleet vehicles by way of unlawfully purchasing card expenditures. The state vehicles in question were utilized by Knapp & his spouse for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business or recreation, which is in direct violation of state law. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of SCEC, and failed to properly & faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law. SLED CASE#59-24-0006

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 6/6/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, 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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate

Municipal

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900217

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006
against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL#: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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 Howard Knapp on 10-24-25

P. M. Thomas
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 6/ 6/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars: DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 or about 06/06/23-06/30/23 while in Richland County in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp did commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain. It is believed that the def while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC, did willfully & unlawfully commit the crime in that Knapp obtained an economic interest himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$542.11 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in questions. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission. SLED CASE#59-24-0006

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Richland / Pontiac)

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 6/ 6/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900214

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE

59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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 Howard Knapp

10-24-25

P. H. [Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp
did within this county and state on or about 7/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 or about 7/1/23-7/31/23 while in Richland County in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp did commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain. It is believed that the def while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC, did willfully & unlawfully commit the crime in that Knapp obtained an economic interest himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$758.76 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in questions. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission. SLED CASE#59-24-0006

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 7/1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900208

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial

Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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 Howard Knapp

on 10-24-25

P. M. Turner
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 9/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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:

Howard Matthew Knapp did within this County and State on or about 9/1/23 - 9/30/23, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: On or about 9/1/23 - 9/30/23, Howard Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain, in that Knapp obtained an economic interest for himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$694.17 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in question. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 9/1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900209

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006 against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted] Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190 DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579 Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

Offense Code: 0673 Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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] 10-24-23

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate 2500 Decker Blvd Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp did within this county and state on or about 10/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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:

Howard Matthew Knapp did within County and State on or about October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: On or about October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, Howard Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, Located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain, in that Knapp obtained an economic interest for himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$763.93 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in questions. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 10/1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2023

[Signature] Signature of Issuing Judge Kela Evans Thomas Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT

ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900211

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL#: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] /1985 Agency ORI#: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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 Howard Knapp on 10-29-25

[Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer]

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 11/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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:

Howard Matthew Knapp did within this County and State on or about November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: On or about November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023, Howard Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia SC, did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain, in that Knapp obtained an economic interest for himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$641.91 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in question. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 11/1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900213

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6' Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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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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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate 2500 Decker Blvd Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp did within this county and state on or about 12/ 1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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:

Howard Matthew Knapp did within this County and State on or about December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: On or about December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, Howard Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain, in that Knapp obtained an economic interest for himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$575.34 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in question. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 12/ 1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: County/ Municipal/ Circuit

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900215

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006

against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address:

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6' Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORT#: SCLED0000

DOB: 1985

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial

Gain

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0310

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

Howard Knapp

10-29-25

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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:

Howard Matthew Knapp did within this County and State on or about January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: On or about January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024, Howard Knapp, while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC, did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain, in that Knapp obtained an economic interest for himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$453.26 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in question. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 1/1/2024 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900216

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 59-24-0006 against

Howard Matthew Knapp

Address: [Redacted]

Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6'6" Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Use

Offense Code: 0673

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0700

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: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Howard Knapp on 10-24-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate 2500 Decker Blvd Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

did within this county and state on or about 8/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Use

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 or about 08/1/23-08/31/23 while in Richland County in the state of South Carolina, one Howard Matthew Knapp did commit the crime of Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Gain. It is believed that the def while employed as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady St Columbia, SC, did willfully & unlawfully commit the crime in that Knapp obtained an economic interest himself and/or his family by using two State Fleet vehicles for unauthorized and off-duty personal use, business, or recreation, which is in direct violation of state policy. Knapp unlawfully used his state purchasing card to purchase \$1,053.26 in fuel for the unauthorized personal use of the vehicles in questions. Knapp was in a position of trust as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission. SLED CASE#59-24-0006

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 8/1/2023 defendant Howard Matthew Knapp

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Use of Official Position or Office for Financial Use

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010900207

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 2025-06131
against

Margaret Paige Salonich

Address: [Redacted]

Cayle, SC 29033

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5'9 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John R Bancroft - S04579

Offense: Wiretapping / Intentional interception, use, or disclosure of any wire, oral, or electronic

Offense Code: 3378

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-30-0020(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

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 Margaret P. Salonich on 10-24-25

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate
2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant John R Bancroft who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Margaret Paige Salonich

did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Wiretapping / Intentional interception, use, or disclosure of any wire, oral, or electronic communication

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:

Margaret Paige Salonich did within this County and State on 9/17/25, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars, on 9/17/25 Margaret Paige Salonich, while employed as the Deputy Director of the SC Election Commission, located at 1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC did willfully and unlawfully commit the crime of Wiretapping/Intentional Interception, Use, or Disclosure of any Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communication, in that Salonich placed a personal recording device in the SCEC Commissioners meeting room in an attempt to intentionally intercept, or attempt to intercept confidential communications without consent, between SCEC Commissioners.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

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 9/17/2025 defendant Margaret Paige Salonich

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Wiretapping / Intentional interception, use, or disclosure of any wire, oral, or electronic communication

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 10/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

[Signature]
Kela Evans Thomas

Judge Code: 7402

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road
Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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