

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
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vs.)
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VINCENT J. RICE)
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Defendant.)
_____)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
Indictment #: 2026GS4000447, 2025GS4001065

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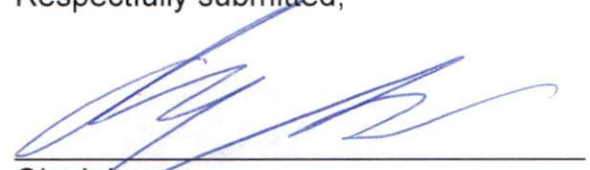
RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence.

The undersigned attorney consulted with the client and after consultation the client requested that an appeal be filed.

The undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'" (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967))).

Respectfully submitted,



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Richland County, South Carolina
January 21, 2026

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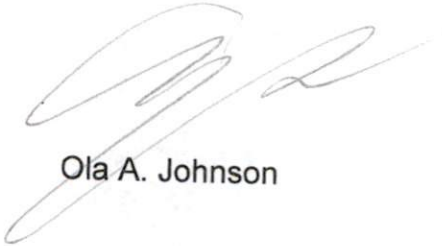
RICHLAND STREET
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

RE: APPEAL

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I have enclosed a copy of the appeal with attached documents and Rule 203 explanation that I filed related to your case. You have 20 days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The mailing address for the court is listed below.

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Columbia, SC 29211


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WITNESSES

Columbia Police Department

Matthew C. Seitz - Columbia Police Department

Law Enforcement Case #: 250014245

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2025A4021602316

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2026GS4000447

The State of South Carolina

County of Richland

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

THE STATE

vs.

Vincent Jermaine Rice

Indictment For

Shoplifting, Enhanced

SC Code: §16-13-110(A)(1), 16-13-110
(B)(1), 16-1-57

CDR Code: 2877

After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive presentment to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

I hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness
C.C.C. PLS. and G.S

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

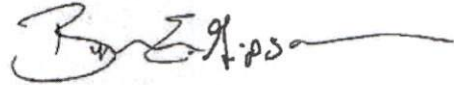
INDICTMENT FOR
2026GS4000447
Shoplifting, Enhanced
§16-13-110(A)(1), 16-13-110(B)(1), 16-1-57

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on , the Grand Jurors of Richland County present upon their oath:

Shoplifting, Enhanced

That in Richland County, South Carolina, on or about June 27, 2025, the Defendant, Vincent Jermaine Rice, did take possession of, carry away, transfer from one person to another or from one area of a store or other retail mercantile establishment to another area, or cause to be carried away or transferred, merchandise displayed, held, stored, or offered for sale by a store or other retail mercantile establishment with the intention of depriving the merchant of the possession, use, or benefit of the merchandise without having paid the full retail value and the value of the shoplifted merchandise was two thousand dollars or less, to wit: a mini bottle of liquor and Vincent Jermaine Rice was previously convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, two or more violations under this section, all in violation of Section 16-13-110(A)(1), 16-13-110(B)(1), 16-1-57, of the S.C Code of Laws.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.



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WITNESSES

Ernest T. Reynolds

Columbia Police Department

Law Enforcement Case #: 240014574

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2024A4021602445

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

TRUE BILL

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

MAR 25 2025

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2025GS4001065

The State of South Carolina

County of Richland

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

MARCH TERM 2025

THE STATE

vs.

Vincent Jermaine Rice

Indictment For

Shoplifting / Value \$2,000 or less
(Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

SC Code: §16-13-0110(A)

CDR Code: 2877

After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive presentment to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

I hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness

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RICHLAND COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

INDICTMENT FOR
2025GS4001065
Shoplifting / Value \$2,000 or less
(Enhancement per 16-01-0057)
§16-13-0110(A)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on March 25, 2025, the Grand Jurors of Richland County present upon their oath:

Shoplifting / Value \$2,000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

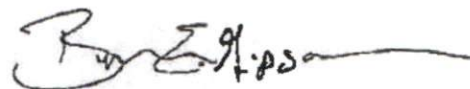
That in Richland County, South Carolina, on or about July 2, 2024, the Defendant, Vincent Jermaine Rice, did take possession of, carry away, transfer from one person to another or from one area of a store or other retail mercantile establishment to another area, or cause to be carried away or transferred any merchandise displayed, held, stored, or offered for sale by any store or other retail mercantile establishment with the intention of depriving the merchant of the possession, use, or benefit of the merchandise without paying the full retail value, and the value of the shoplifted merchandise was two-thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or less, and the Defendant was previously convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, two or more violations under this section, in violation of Section 16-13-0110(A)(1), of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

ARREST WARRANT

2024A4021602445

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

City of Columbia

THE STATE 240014574 against

Vincent Jermaine Rice

Address: Wilson Mccoy Rd Columbia, SC -

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 150

DL State: DL #: DOB: 82 Agency ORI #: SC0400100

Prosecuting Agency: Columbia Police Department

Prosecuting Officer: Ernest T Reynolds - S00786

Offense: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

Offense Code: 2877

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0110(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 Vincent Rice on 7/31/24

Signature of Constabulary Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Columbia Municipal Court 811 Washington Street Columbia, SC 29201

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of City of Columbia

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ernest T Reynolds who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Vincent Jermaine Rice did within this county and state on or about 7/2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of City of Columbia in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

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 July 2, 2024 while at 1001 Harden St. in the City of Columbia, County of Richland, defendant Vincent Rice did steal property described as 2 bottles of Heineken Beer, valued at \$12.00, from the Food Lion Store located at 1001 Harden St. passing all points of sale without rendering payment with the intent to deprive the business of its use. The incident was witnessed by loss prevention officer EJ Lipscomb. Defendant was identified by police and jail records. Defendant has two prior convictions of larceny dated 02/08/2012 and 03/31/2022.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of City of Columbia

Affiant's Address #1 Justice Square Columbia, SC 29201- Affiant's Telephone (803)545-3500

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 7/2/2024 defendant Vincent Jermaine Rice did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of City of Columbia) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

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 7/2/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge Brandi N. White (Columbia) Judge Code: 8540

Judge's Address Post Office Box 644 Columbia, SC 29202- Judge's Telephone (803)545-3041

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

City of Columbia

THE STATE 250014245 against

Vincent Jermaine Rice

Address: Wilson Mccoy Rd Columbia, SC -

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 150 DL State: DL #: DOB: 82 Agency ORI #: SC0400100

Prosecuting Agency: Columbia Police Department Prosecuting Officer: Matthew C Seitz - S03703 Offense: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

Offense Code: 2877 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0110(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 Vincent Rice on 6/27/25 Homex Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Columbia Municipal Court 811 Washington Street Columbia, SC 29201

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of City of Columbia

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew C Seitz who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Vincent Jermaine Rice did within this county and state on or about 6/27/2025

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of City of Columbia in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

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 June 27, 2025, at 5424 Forest Dr. Suite 108 Columbia, SC 29206 (Rico's Liquor Store), city limits of Columbia and county of Richland, Def. did conceal a Grind Espresso Shot (valued at \$1) in his pocket before passing all points of sale, depriving the victim of the merchandise/payment. The incident was captured on security camera. Def. has two prior property crime convictions for petty larceny on 02/08/2012 and 03/31/2022. Def. was identified by name and sight by Aff.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of City of Columbia

Affiant's Address #1 Justice Square Columbia, SC 29201- Affiant's Telephone (803)545-3500

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 6/27/2025 defendant Vincent Jermaine Rice did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of City of Columbia) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Shoplifting / Value \$2000 or less (Enhancement per 16-01-0057)

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 6/27/2025

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Signature of Issuing Judge Brandi N. White (Columbia) Judge Code: 8540

Judge's Address Post Office Box 644 Columbia, SC 29202- Judge's Telephone (803)545-3041

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF Richland

STATE

VS.

Vincent Jermaine Rice

AKA: SSN: XXX-XX-9119

RACE: Black/Not Hispanic or Latino SEX: Male DOB: 1982

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2026GS4000447

) AW#: 2025A4021602316

) Date of Offense: 06/27/2025

) S.C. Code §: 16-13-110(A)(1), 16-13-110(B)(1), 16-1-57

) CDR Code #: 2877

) Range of Offense: 0-10 years

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was [] CONVICTED OF or [X] PLEADS TO: Shoplifting - Stealing Range of Offense Pled: 0-10 years

In violation of § 16-13-110(A)(1) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 2877

[X] NON-VIOLENT [] VIOLENT [] SERIOUS [] MOST SERIOUS [] Mandatory GPS [] § 17-25-45 (CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: [] As indicted, [] Lesser Included Offense, [X] Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.

The plea is: [] w/o Rec/Negotiations [] Negotiated Luke Pincelli 103254

[X] Recommendation Time Served

Solicitor SC Bar # Ola A. Johnson 68563 Attorney for Defendant SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the [] SCDC [X] County Detention Center [] Home Incarceration Program for a determinate term of 158 days/months/years Time Served [] YOANTE ___ years and/or shall pay a fine

of \$ ___; provided that upon the service of ___ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment

of \$ ___; plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with probation for ___ months/years and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

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[] The sentence shall run CONCURRENT or [] CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: ___

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[X] The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC.

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158 days/month- [] To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- [] PTUP
[] No Contact with Victim [] Domestic Violence Intervention Program
[] Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 [] Hold for Inpatient Treatment
[] Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135 [] SAC/MHC if necessary
[] Other: ___

[] RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code § 24-21-490 (B))

- \$14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)
\$14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)
\$14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)
\$56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)
\$56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)
\$14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)
\$14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)
\$34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)
\$50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)
\$56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)
3% to County (if paid in installments)

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the Clerk of Court within ___ days/months

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Restitution \$, FINE: \$100, \$100, \$12, \$25, \$25, \$150, \$41, \$50, \$40/ea, TBD, \$500, TBD, TOTAL \$ 128.75

[] Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees

[] § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Court Reporter

2757 Judge Code

1/14/26 Sentence Date

Presiding Judge

SCCA217B 01/27/2025