

The State of South Carolina



Law Enforcement Division

MERIDIAN INVESTIGATIVE GROUP, INC
PAUL A COLBERT
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Is Hereby Duly Licensed And Authorized In Accordance With
The Laws of The State of South Carolina To Engage In

THE BUSINESS OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS

This License To Expire SEPTEMBER 27, 2027.

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CHIEF, SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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CERTIFICATION NUMBER



South Carolina

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***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION. PLEASE READ *****

When registering a **new private investigator**, please submit the following:

1. A completed signed and notarized application. (PD/PS-1)
2. Two fingerprint cards (blue applicant)
3. The photograph must be in *jpeg. (jpg) format and emailed to reglicense@sled.sc.gov
4. Company check, certified check, or money order in the required amount. **Fees are non-refundable.**

When **renewing** a private investigator, please submit the following:

1. A completed signed and notarized application (PD/PS-1)
2. Must submit a fingerprint card every 5 years.
3. Must submit a color photograph every 3 years. The photograph must be in *jpeg. (jpg) format.
4. Company check, certified check, or money order in the required amount. **Fees are non-refundable.**
5. **Must submit documentation regarding continuing education.** 6 hours of education that has been approved by SLED yearly, or 12 hours in 2 years.

A person who will perform the functions of a private investigator may train with a company. **During these thirty (30) days, they must perform the functions with a registered private investigator. Within the thirty (30) days, this individual must hold a valid private investigator registration or certificate.**

When terminating a private investigator, you must complete form PD/PS-7. The private investigator's registration or certificate is non-transferable, and must be returned to the Regulatory Division upon termination.

A private investigator may apply for a "citizens" concealed weapons permit.

It is your responsibility to renew your license if you intend to continue business. Conducting business without a license is a criminal violation of the South Carolina law. You may download the required forms from our website at www.sled.sc.gov. **The renewal should be submitted to the Regulatory Department at SLED, at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of expiration.**

Please forward (reglicense@sled.sc.gov) an email address of the licensee or the person in charge of the paperwork for your company license.

If your mailing address changes at any time while your license is current, please send us a notification of the change to update our records. You may email the request or mail in a physical letter.

Please review the code of laws that pertains to your company Title 40, Chapter 18.

Enclosures:

Business License
Identification Card

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

PAUL A COLBERT

MERIDIAN INVESTIGATIVE GROUP INC

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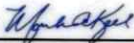
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Expires 9/27/2027

**This individual is registered as a Private
Investigator by the South Carolina Law
Enforcement Division (SLED) and may
perform duties in accordance with S.C.
Code Ann 40-18-20(A)**

**South Carolina
Law Enforcement Division**



Chief



THIS CARD ISSUED PER S.C. CODE OF LAWS, TITLE 40, CHAPTER 18

§ 40-18-80(B)(5)—While performing the functions of a private investigator, a registered person must have his valid registration certificate in his possession.

§ 40-18-80(C)—A person registered as a private investigator who is arrested must report the custodial arrest to SLED within seventy-two hours of the arrest.

§ 40-18-130(A)—SLED may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license or registration under this chapter upon finding that the applicant, licensee, or registered individual has violated any provision of this chapter.

Licenses or registrations issued by SLED are non-transferrable

All questions or inquiries should be directed to the S.C. Law Enforcement Division, Regulatory Services Unit, PO Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221 or (803) 737-9000.