



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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RELEASE:** October 22, 2020

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### **SLED ARRESTS MAN FOR 1976 MURDER**

Agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Thursday arrested a Union County man in connection to the 1976 murder of Elizabeth Ann Howell Wilson of Chester.

Charles Ugvine Coleman, 65, was charged with Murder and Rape.

On March 20, 1976, Ann Wilson, 45, went missing during her shift while working as a spinner at the Eureka Plant of Spring Mills in Chester. Her body and stolen vehicle was located later in Fairfield County near the intersection of Ashford Ferry Road and Dave Jenkins Road in Blair. She had been sexually assaulted, strangled and beaten.

SLED, in partnership with the Chester County Sheriff's Office and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, continued to work the case for years in hopes of solving the case and bringing closure for the Wilson family. A recent forensics breakthrough identified Coleman, through DNA, was involved in the crime.

“Our Agents and forensics experts’ work hard and are dedicated to bringing justice to those who commit crimes against our citizens,” said SLED Chief Mark Keel. “Whether the crime was recent or happened more than 40 years ago, we will not stop in trying to solve the case. I appreciate the teamwork showed by everyone in helping bring closure to the Wilson family. ”

Coleman was booked at the Fairfield County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

If anyone has information that can further assist in this investigation, please contact SLED at (803) 896-2605.

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Warrants Attached  
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A2010200281

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

THE STATE
against

Charles Ugvine Coleman

Address: [Redacted]
Whitmire, SC 29178-9393

Sex: M Race: [Redacted] Height: 5 11 Weight: 160
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] 1955 Agency ORI #: SCLLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Haley A Nelson - S00390
Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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.

Date: (L.S.)
Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Charles Ugvine Coleman
on 10/22/20

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
101 South Congress St
PO Drawer 299
Winnsboro, SC 29180

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ [X] Municipality of
Fairfield

Personally appeared before me the affiant
Haley A Nelson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant
Charles Ugvine Coleman
did within this county and state on or about 3/20/1976

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of
Fairfield)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / 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 Charles Ugvine Coleman did, in Fairfield County, on or about March 20, 1976, feloniously, willfully and of his malice
aforethought kill and murder Elizabeth Ann Howell Wilson by strangulation and blunt force trauma and the victim did die as a
proximate cause then and there March 20, 1976. Forensic evidence has identified the defendant in the crime.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature: Haley A. Nelson]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ [X] Municipality of
Fairfield

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 3/20/1976 defendant Charles Ugvine Coleman
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
Fairfield) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / 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 10/21/2020

Judge's Address 115-B South Congress Street

Winnsboro, SC 29180-

Judge's Telephone (803)635-4525

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

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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DOB: [redacted] 1955

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Haley A Nelson - S00390

Offense: Miscellaneous / General Sessions Offense repealed and not replaced by a new statute. Use only where

Offense Code: 2990

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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County/  Municipality of

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Fairfield

Personally appeared before me the affiant Haley A Nelson

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Charles Ugvine Coleman did within this county and state on or about 3/20/1976 County/  Municipality of Fairfield who violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Miscellaneous / General Sessions Offense repealed and not replaced by a new statute. Use only where no specific code is available.

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 Charles Ugvine Coleman did, in Fairfield County, on or about March 20, 1976, did ravish victim, Elizabeth Ann Howell Wilson, when she did not consent either before or after, or ravisheth a woman with force, although she may have consented after. Forensic evidence has identified the defendant in the crime.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Fairfield

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 10/21/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

Yanessa Chambers Hollins (L.S.)

Judge Code: 7424

Judge's Address 115-B South Congress Street

Winnsboro, SC 29180-

Judge's Telephone (803)635-4525

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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