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SUMTER COUNTY WOMAN CHARGED WITH VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Thursday arrested a Sumter County woman in the death of a minor. The woman is accused of disconnecting a medical ventilator that was deemed necessary to assist with the child's breathing functions.

Sharma Ladile Harris, 37, was charged with voluntary manslaughter.

By South Carolina law, upon receipt of a report of a child death from the county coroner or medical examiner, SLED is directed to investigate and gather all information on a child fatality.

Harris was booked at the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 3rd Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant attached

ARREST WARRANT

2021A3110100048

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE 55-20-0100

against

Sharma Ladille Harris

Address:

Sumter, SC 29153-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 200

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1983 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cheryl B McCall - S00345

Offense: Manslaughter / Voluntary manslaughter

Offense Code: 0217

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0050

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

County/ Municipality of

Sumter The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law.

Date: 3-18-21 (L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Sharma Ladille Harris

on 3-18-2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

123 South Main Street

P O Box 387

Bishopville, SC 290100387

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Cheryl B McCall

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Sharma Ladille Harris

did within this county and state on or about 6/13/2020

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lee

in the following particulars:) violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Manslaughter / Voluntary manslaughter

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 June 13, 2020, between the approximate hours of 10:58am and 9:35 pm, while at Lynchburg, SC within Lee County jurisdiction, the defendant, Sharma Ladille Harris, did commit the offense of Voluntary Manslaughter to wit: the defendant caused the death of her 13-year-old minor by disconnecting the medical ventilator for an approximate 10-hour timeframe. The ventilator was deemed medically necessary to assist with the child's breathing functions. Based on investigation, medical records, and expert medical opinion, the affiant believes probable cause exists to establish the defendant did commit the offense of Voluntary Manslaughter.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lee

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

Signature of Affiant

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 6/13/2020 defendant Sharma Ladille Harris

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

County/ Municipality of Lee) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Manslaughter / Voluntary manslaughter

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 3/18/2021

Judge's Address Post Office Box 2

(L.S.) Bishopville, SC 29010-

Judge's Telephone (803)-484-64 x 63

Shirley Cockman Davidson

Signature of Issuing Judge

Issuing Court: X Magistrate

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