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FORMER CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATOR CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Tuesday charged a former Horry County Child Protective Services Investigator with the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in connection to a child fatality that happened in May 2021. After the death of the child, the Investigator allegedly falsified a report claiming to have investigated allegations of child abuse and child neglect when she had not.

Amanda Marie Sutherland, 29, was charged with misconduct in office.

The SLED investigation was in conjunction with the Conway Police Department in investigating a child fatality.

Sutherland is booked at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 15th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant attached

ARREST WARRANT

2021A2620400585

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Conway

THE STATE 55-21-0105
against

Amanda Marie Sutherland

Address: [Redacted]

Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-7516

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: [Redacted] Height: 5 2 Weight: 280

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Erin N Beasley - S02101

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance,

misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

County/ Municipality of

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Amanda Marie Sutherland

on 7/16/2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

924 Per. Huggins CPD

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

PO Box 677

1301 2nd Avenue

Conway, SC 29528

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
Conway

Personally appeared before me the affiant Erin N Beasley
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Amanda Marie Sutherland
did within this county and state on or about 5/12/2021

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

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:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant
AB

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
Conway

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 5/12/2021 defendant Amanda Marie Sutherland

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

County/ Municipality of Conway) 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 7/6/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Andy Edward Hendrick

Judge Code: 6136

Judge's Address

Post Office Box 1428

Conway, SC 29528-1428

Judge's Telephone

(843)248-1765

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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

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**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Amanda Marie Sutherland

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Myrtle Beach SC 29588

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: W SEX: F HGT: 5'2" EYES: HAIR: BRO CMPL:

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS :

OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1992

SSN:

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: CDR: 0819

OFFENSE: COMMON LAW Misconduct in Office

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Horry

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Nikki Beasley who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Amanda Sutherland did within this county and state on or about May 12, 2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: Common Law Misconduct in Office

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

The defendant, Amanda Sutherland, did willfully and unlawfully violate the common law offense of misconduct in office by failing to properly and faithfully discharge her duties imposed by law. At the time of the offense, the defendant was employed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in Horry County as an investigator in Child Protective Services. On April 21, 2021, she was assigned to investigate allegations of child abuse and/or neglect and had a legal duty to begin an appropriate and thorough investigation within twenty-four hours of receiving the report. Fourteen days after receiving the report of child abuse and/or neglect, on May 5, 2021, one of the children in the report died. As a result, on May 12, 2021, the defendant created a detailed falsification in the case dictation stating that she conducted a home visit with the mother and children of the alleged report on April 21, 2021, when in fact she had never met with the parents or children, been to the residence, nor began an investigation into the allegations or assessment of the welfare of the children. To aid in her creation of this falsification, the defendant used facts and notes about the family from the electronic case file, added after the child's death, to make the falsification appear to be more believable.