



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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### **BEAUFORT COUNTY WOMAN CHARGED WITH OPERATING A BROTHEL NEAR A CHILDCARE FACILITY**

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Wednesday charged a Beaufort County woman for operating a massage parlor that permitted commercial sex activity. The business, Oriental Massage Therapy, in Charleston County, also operated within close proximity of a public childcare facility.

Lina Tan Driggers, 58, was charged with operating a brothel and commission of offenses within 100 yards of childcare facility.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Summerville Police Department.

Driggers was booked at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center in Charleston County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
County/  Municipality of )  
Charleston )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Logan B Fey who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lina Tan Driggers  
did within this county and state on or about 12/1/2020 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Charleston)  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Prostitution - 1st offense

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
County/  Municipality of )  
Charleston )

Signature of Affiant

S/A [Signature] #1055  
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 12/1/2020 defendant Lina Tan Driggers  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
 County/  Municipality of Charleston) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Prostitution - 1st offense

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 10/12/2021  
[Signature] (L.S.)  
Signature of Issuing Judge  
Ellen Soffar Steinberg  
Judge Code: 7280  
Judge's Address 1720 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Unit 11  
Charleston, SC 29417-  
Judge's Telephone (843)-76-6-65 x 31  
Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 County/  Municipality of  
Charleston

THE STATE  
against

Lina Tan Driggers

Address: [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]  
Sex: F Race: A Height: 5 7 Weight: 150  
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLED0000  
DOB: [Redacted] State Law Enforcement Division  
Prosecuting Agency: Logan B Fey - S00373  
Prosecuting Officer: Sex / Prostitution - 1st offense / Brothel - 955

Offense Code: 0640  
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0090

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 10-13-2021 @ 0710 AM  
on LINA DRIGGERS

S/A [Signature]  
Signature of Probable Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

West Ashley Magistrate  
1720 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Unit 11  
P. O. Box 31861  
Charleston, SC 29407

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )

WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

**DEFENDANT:** NAME: Lina Tan Driggers  
DOB: [REDACTED] 1963 RACE: ASIAN SEX: FEMALE SSN: [REDACTED]  
HEIGHT: 5'07" WEIGHT: 150 HAIR: BROWN EYES: BROWN DL: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
PHONE: [REDACTED]

Personally appeared before me the affiant, S/A Logan Fey, whom being duly sworn and says that defendant: **Lina Tan Driggers** did within this County and State on or about December 2020 – October 2021, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Keep or set up a house of ill fame, Brothel (CDR 640)**  
**CODE SECTION: 16-15-0090 (6)**

**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

*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 or about December 2020, the Summerville Police Department contacted the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) after they began an investigation into the defendant, Lina Tan Driggers, who they stated was operating massage parlors that permitted commercial sex activity. Summerville Detectives identified Oriental Massage (dba: Acupressure Spa Reflexology), a business location at 1416 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29407 which is in Charleston County, South Carolina, as one such massage parlor that is owned and operated by the defendant and requested SLED assistance to investigate.

SLED opened an investigation into the business location with the assistance of the Charleston Police Department (CPD). On February 8, 2020, CPD received an anonymous Crime Stoppers citizen complaint and the individual stated that they were a family member of a current employee of the Oriental Massage business. The complainant stated that their family member was recruited to work at the business through a Chinese newspaper and for the position of masseuse. The complainant stated that the family member responded to the ad and began to work at the business, at which time their passport was taken, and they were forced to complete sexual acts with clients.

CPD detectives reported that between March 16, 2020 and June 28, 2021, they conducted multiple surveillance operations at Oriental Massage. They reported that the clientele for the business appeared to be all adult males, visited the location individually, and frequently exceeded the normal allotted times for similarly advertised massage services at reputable massage locations. On June 28, 2021, detectives conducted lawful traffic stops on customers leaving the business and a customer provided information to detectives that he frequented the business because it was known for the solicitation of prostitution.

On July 8, 2021, agents conducted an undercover purchase operation at Oriental Massage. The undercover (UC) agent requested a 30-minute-long massage and paid a total of \$105.00 in covert funds, indicating \$45.00 was for the agreed upon massage price, \$50.00 for an advance tip, and \$10.00 fees. The UC agent was equipped with audio and video recording devices which recorded the interaction inside the business. Near the end of the massage the UC agent negotiated a sex act with the employee of the business for the previously applied tip amount. The UC advised the employee that he "changed his mind" after the verbal agreement and exited the business ending the operation.

On October 6, 2021, SLED executed a search warrant at Oriental Massage. Upon arrival at the business, agents encountered a "John," as he exited the business. The "John" admitted post-Miranda that he paid for a sexual act from two of the employees. The subject stated that he paid each for the respective massage price and the tip money he provided after the massage was payment for the sexual act both employees committed upon him. Upon review of the evidence collected from the business a check of the handwritten ledgers and credit card receipts showed that at times customers tipped disproportionately to the services they received. Through training and experience, it is believed that customers were paying for additional services, namely illicit ones, and providing payment through their tipping of the massage employees.

SLED agents conducted interviews with three employees at the business using Language Line for translation services as the employees only spoke Mandarin. One of the employees stated that she had only been working at Oriental Massage for a short period of time and was recruited to the business by the defendant. The employee further stated that she was instructed by the defendant to "make the clients happy" and this included intimate actions if requested by the customers. The employee stated that she would touch customers' genitals upon their request for sexual stimulation in exchange for payment, and that if she told customers no, then she would upset the defendant and her pay would be docked or she would be terminated from employment which she needed.

That the defendant has demonstrated constructive ownership and management of the business, maintained utility accounts in her name, had her name on business license information maintained with the City of Charleston and either through promotion and lack of supervision has permitted the licensed business, Oriental Massage, to operate as a brothel, or illicit massage parlor, that provides sexual services for monetary payment.

All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Fey of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of Section 16-15-0090, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

SLED CASE NUMBER: 54-21-5012

Sworn to and Subscribed before me )

12 day of October, 2021 )

Ellen S. Steink )  
Signature of Judge )

S/A Logan Fey #1055 )

Affiant )

S/A Logan Fey )

Agency: SC Law Enforcement Division )

Address: 4400 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 )

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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )

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**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Unlawful offenses near childcare facilities (CDR 1269)**  
**CODE SECTION: 63-13-0200**

**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

*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 or about December 2020 through October 2021, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) with the assistance of Summerville Police Department, Charleston City Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations conducted several investigations into businesses owned, operated, and managed by the defendant, Lina Tan Driggers, which were suspected of operating as illicit massage parlors or brothels. One such business location, identified as Oriental Massage (dba: Acupressure Spa Reflexology), a business location at 1416 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29407 which is in Charleston County, South Carolina was investigated.

That the defendant has demonstrated constructive ownership and management of the business, maintained utility accounts in her name, had her name on business license information maintained with the City of Charleston, and through promotion and lack of supervision has permitted the licensed business, Oriental Massage, to operate as a brothel, or illicit massage parlor, that provides sexual services for monetary payment.

That a Crime Stoppers tip was filed with the City of Charleston Police Department, which stated commercial sexual activity was requested of the employees at Oriental Massage to make customers happy. An undercover operation was conducted at the business and an employee was captured on audio and video surveillance devices agreeing verbally to perform a sexual act for a previously provided tip amount. Interviews were conducted with "Johns" from the business indicating that the business is known for the solicitation of prostitution and a post-Miranda statement advising that one "John" received illicit sexual services from two

employees at the business for monetary compensation. An interview was conducted with an employee who stated that she was instructed to perform illicit services for requesting customers in exchange for compensation. The employee stated that if she refused to comply with instruction that her pay was threatened to be reduced or she would be terminated from the position.

That the defendant, having been separately charged for an offense against morality and decency, chiefly a violation of SC Code of Laws, Section 16-15-90 (6), Keep or set up a house of ill fame, Brothel, did so while being within a radius of one hundred yards of the grounds of a public or private childcare facility.

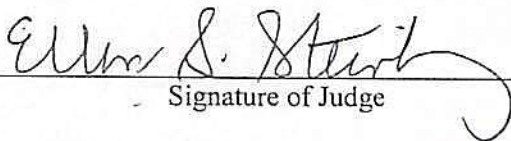
That directly across from Oriental Massage and in full view of all facilities, play areas, and grounds is a registered childcare facility with the State of South Carolina and operated by the Charleston County School District. The business, operating as West Ashley Head Start, which is located at 1401 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29407, is also located in Charleston County, South Carolina. That the facility is currently open and operating while providing childcare and educational services regularly to more than thirteen children for more than four hours but less than twenty-four hours a day.


All the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Fey of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. This being in violation of Section 63-13-0200, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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12 day of October, 2021

  
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