



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

April 11, 2022

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### **SLED ARRESTS FORMER CLARENDON COUNTY DEPUTY AND VICTIMS ADVOCATE**

On Friday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested former Clarendon County deputy and victims advocate Sabrina Mellerson, 34, for Misconduct in Office and Embezzlement.

SLED conducted the investigation at the request of Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley.

Mellerson was booked at the Clarendon County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Solicitor Ernest Finney III.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)

Warrants attached.

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



ARREST WARRANT

2022A1410200058

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

THE STATE against

Sabrina Mellerson

Address: [Redacted]

Manning, SC 29102-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1987 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kyle J Radford - S00434

Offense: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

Offense Code: 3460

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0210(A)

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.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Sabrina Mellerson on 4/8/2022

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Post Office Box 136 3 West Keitt Street Manning, SC 29102

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Clarendon )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kyle J Radford who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Sabrina Mellerson

did within this county and state on or about 7/1/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Clarendon )

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 Sabrina Mellerson did in Clarendon County, State of South Carolina, on or between July 2021 and April 2022, did embezzle government funds, less than \$10,000.00, described as follows: Mellerson was a certified Deputy at the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, and was responsible for the sex offender registry at the Sheriff's Office. While serving in that position Mellerson, did take cash payments collected from sex offender registrants and use these funds for her personal use. On April 7, 2022, Mellerson confessed to SLED Agents that she took cash from payments made to the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, and used those funds for personal use. SLED has obtained copies of the agency records, and the confession of Mellerson, to prove the same, in violation of section 16-13-210, S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Clarendon )

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)451-1451

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 7/1/2021 defendant Sabrina Mellerson

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

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Clarendon ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Embezzlement / Embezzlement of public funds, value less than \$10,000

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 4/8/2022 )

Signature of Issuing Judge )

Phillip Shawn Stephens )

Judge Code: 7017 )

Judge's Address Post Office Box 371

Manning, SC 29102

Judge's Telephone (803)435-8925

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

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

THE STATE

33-22-0035

against

Sabrina Mellerson

Address:

Manning, SC 29102-

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DL State: SC DL #: [ ]

DOB: [ ] 1987 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kyle J Radford - S00434

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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The accused

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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on 4/8/22 @ 1:57pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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That Sabrina Mellerson, a Certified Law Enforcement Officer, did in Clarendon County, State of South Carolina, on or between July 2021 and April 2022, willfully and unlawfully violate the law of Misconduct in Office to wit: While on duty as a Law Enforcement Officer for Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, Mellerson was responsible for the sex offender registry program and also collected cash payments that were to be deposited at the Clarendon County Treasurer's Office. Mellerson converted those cash payments for her personal use. This information was corroborated by copies of records and the confession of Mellerson to agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

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Phillip Shayne Stephens

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