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SLED CHARGES THREE FORMER EMPLOYEES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS FOR ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

On Thursday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Lameia Shaunta Bennett, 32, Freddie Lee Cunningham III., 22, and Nyosha Renee Young, 26, with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult. Details from the investigation are in the warrants attached.

SLED was requested to investigate by the Coastal Regional Center (CRC) in Summerville, S.C. The CRC is a state-operated facility for the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Bennett, Cunningham and Young were booked at the Dorchester County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A1810200317

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE against

Lameia Shaunta Bennett

Address: [Redacted] Summerville, SC 29483-

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1989 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Russell S Causey - S00758

Offense: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2655

Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(B)

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 Lameia Bennett

on 5/12/22

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd. St. George, SC 29477

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

Dorchester)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Russell S Causey who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lameia Shaunta Bennett

did within this county and state on or about 4/30/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 April 30, 2022, the defendant, Lameia Bennett, was working as a staff member, for the Coastal Regional Center, located at 9995 Jamison Rd., Summerville, within Dorchester County, South Carolina. The defendant was in close proximity of the victim, [Redacted], while she was being physically abused by two other staff members. Bennett failed to act to stop the abuse. Therefore, by failing to intervene Bennett allowed the abuse to continue. The victim sustained minor injuries because of the abuse. The victim is a resident at the Coastal Regional Center and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through surveillance video, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #74-22-0062

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) [X] County/ [] Municipality of) Dorchester)

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 4/30/2022 defendant Lameia Shaunta Bennett

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 5/12/2022)

[Signature] (L.S.))

Signature of Issuing Judge)

Ryan Douglas Templeton)

Judge Code: 7413)

Judge's Address 212 Demming Way, Box 10

Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A1810200316

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE
against

Freddie Lee Cunningham

Address: [Redacted]

Summerville, SC 29483-2466

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 150

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1999 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Russell S Causey - S00758

Offense: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2655

Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(B)

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 Freddie Cunningham on 5/12/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Dorchester)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Russell S Causey who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Freddie Lee Cunningham did within this county and state on or about 4/30/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 April 30, 2022, the defendant, Freddie Lee Cunningham, III, was working as a staff member, for the Coastal Regional Center, located at 9995 Jamison Rd., Summerville, within Dorchester County, South Carolina. The defendant did forcefully push the victim, causing [Redacted] to fall onto the floor. While on the floor, Cunningham did hit, kick, and push [Redacted] multiple times. [Redacted] sustained minor injuries from the abuse. The victim is a resident at the Coastal Regional Center and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through surveillance video, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #74-22-0062

Signature of Affiant

Russell S Causey

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Dorchester)

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 4/30/2022 defendant Freddie Lee Cunningham

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 5/12/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge *[Signature]* (L.S.)

Ryan Douglas Templeton

Judge Code: 7413

Judge's Address 212 Demming Way, Box 10

Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A1810200315

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE against

Nyosha Renee Young

Address: Summerville, SC 29486-

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 270 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Russell S Causey - S00758 Offense: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2655 Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(B)

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 Nyosha Young on 5/12/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd. St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Russell S Causey who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Nyosha Renee Young did within this county and state on or about 4/30/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Dorchester) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 April 30, 2022, the defendant, Nyosha Renee Young, was working as a staff member, for the Coastal Regional Center, located at 9995 Jamison Rd., Summerville, within Dorchester County, South Carolina. The defendant did strike the victim in the face, several times. The victim sustained a cut under right eye during this incident. The victim is a resident at the Coastal Regional Center and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through surveillance video, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #74-22-0062

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 4/30/2022 defendant Nyosha Renee Young did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 5/12/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Ryan Douglas Templeton Judge Code: 7413

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