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SLED CHARGES FORMER PEE DEE NURSE WITH PHYSICAL ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Jo Ann Graves, 63, for Physical Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult. The victim is a resident of the Pee Dee Regional Center, which is under the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrant.

SLED agents were requested to investigate by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

The arrest warrant was served to Graves where she was booked at the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A2110100623

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE
against

74-21-0175

Jo Ann James Graves

Address:

Florence, SC 29506-3553

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: F Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 224

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 1957 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Stevi J Price - S01151

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 Jo Ann Graves on 7/8/22

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Stevi J Price

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jo Ann James Graves

did within this county and state on or about 4/22/2021

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

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 22, 2021, the defendant, Joann Graves, was working as a Licensed Practical Nurse, for the Pee Dee Regional Center, located at 714 National Cemetery Road, Florence, within Florence County, South Carolina. The defendant did strike the victim, [redacted] in the face several times. The victim is a resident at the Pee Dee Regional Center and is a vulnerable adult. These allegation 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#74-21-0175.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Florence

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 4/22/2021

defendant Jo Ann James Graves

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Florence) 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 7/8/2022

Judge's Address 180 North Irby Street (MSC-W)

Florence, SC 29501-

Judge's Telephone (843)665-0031

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

Signature of Issuing Judge
Peter E Becker

Judge Code: 7282

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

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