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SLED CHARGES FORMER SC DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS EMPLOYEE WITH ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

On Tuesday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Robert Lee Portee Jr., 34, for Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult.

SLED was requested to investigate by the Midlands Regional Center, which is under the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrant.

Portee was booked at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A4010400200

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

THE STATE

74-22-0112

against

Robert Lee Portee, Jr

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-7064

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 150

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1987 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Stevi J Price - S03012

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 Robert Lee Portee, Jr

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Dentsville Magistrate 2500 Decker Boulevard Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Stevi J Price who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Lee Portee, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 7/22/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dentsville Magistrate)

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 July 22, 2022, the defendant, Robert Lee Portee, was working as a Direct Support Professional, for Midlands Regional Center, located at 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC, within Richland County, South Carolina. The defendant did strike the victim, twice with a closed fist causing injury to the left side of the face. The victim is a resident at Midlands Regional Center and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through interviews, surveillance videos, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #74-22-0112.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

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 7/22/2022 defendant Robert Lee Portee, Jr

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Richland / Dentsville Magistrate) 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 9/6/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge

Margaret Strom Williams (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7462

Judge's Address Central Court

Columbia, SC 29206-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2300

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

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

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