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SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY WOMAN WITH BREACH OF TRUST

On Friday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Kathryn Lenni Ward, 36, of Lexington, S.C. for Breach of trust with fraudulent intent.

SLED was requested to investigate by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Ward was arrested by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in North Carolina. She was extradited back to South Carolina and was served the arrest warrant by SLED agents.

Ward was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrant.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A3210800061

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Kathryn Lenni Ward

Address:

Lexington, SC 29073-7945

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 4 Weight: 140

DL State: SC DL #: []

DOB: [] 1976 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard J Cullop - S01690

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3424

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(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 Kathryn Ward on 9/19/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard J Cullop who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kathryn Lenni Ward

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 [X] County/ [] Municipality of Lexington)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

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:

"From December 2020 to September 2021, while employed at the Barnyard Flea Market which is located at 4414 Augusta Road, West Columbia, SC, which is in Lexington County, the defendant, Kathryn Ward, stole money from her employer. Ward was employed as a manager and it was her responsibility to handle and count the money daily. During her employment, Ward reported no money missing. Upon conducting an internal audit, ownership of the Barnyard Flea Market learned Ward voided cash transactions for rental payments from booth vendors and adjusted their rent to balance the system. A lawful search warrant was obtained for Ward's Bank of America account records which showed corresponding unexplained cash ATM deposits. On September 21, 2021, Ward's personal passcode was used to enter the Barnyard Flea Market office and \$5,760.00 was stolen from the safe and \$98.00 was stolen from petty cash. The total loss of money from the Barnyard Flea Market was \$45,112.50."

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Lexington

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 Kathryn Lenni Ward

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

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 4/22/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite B

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594

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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