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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER PEE DEE REGIONAL CENTER EMPLOYEE WITH ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT**

Today agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Terry Leshawn Cooper, Jr., 33, of Florence, SC, with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult.

SLED was requested to investigate by The Pee Dee Regional Center, which is operated by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Cooper was booked at the Florence County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



ARREST WARRANT

2022A2110100927

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE 74-22-0191 against

Terry Leshawn Cooper, Jr

Address: Florence, SC 29501-2617

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 190 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1989 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Russell S Causey - S00330 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 Terry Leshawn Cooper Jr. on 12/15/2022

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 Russell S Causey who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Terry Leshawn Cooper, Jr did within this county and state on or about 12/7/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Florence) 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 December 7, 2022, the defendant, Terry Leshawn Cooper Jr, was working as a staff member, for the Pee Dee Regional Center, located at 714 National Cemetery Rd., Florence, within Florence County, South Carolina. The defendant did strike the victim in the side and stomach several times. The victim is a resident at the Pee Dee Regional Center, which is a South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs facility and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through information, and video provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #74-22-0191

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 (843)662-6245

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 12/7/2022 defendant Terry Leshawn Cooper, Jr 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 12/15/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge Peter E Becker Judge Code: 7282

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 180 North Irby Street (MSC-W) Florence, SC 29501- Judge's Telephone (843)665-0031

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

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