



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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### **SLED CHARGES TWO FORMER SCDDSN EMPLOYEES REGARDING ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested the following individuals on January 25, 2023:

- Lila Denise Kerson, 37, with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult
- Lasheba Tijaundra Turner, 31, with Failure to Report Abuse, Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Kerson and Turner were booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



ARREST WARRANT

2023A3010100093

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE 74-22-0196

against

Lila Denise Kerson

Address:

Newberry, SC 29108-3073

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: Height: 5 2 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1985 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Georgia R Richey - S00732

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 Lila Kerson on January 25, 2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 Hillcrest Square
P.O. Box 287
Laurens, SC 29360

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

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Georgia R Richey who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lila Denise Kerson
did within this county and state on or about 12/25/2022 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Laurens)
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:

That on December 25, 2022, in the county of Laurens, one Lila Denise Kerson did commit the crime of Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable
adult in that, while working as a Direct Support Specialist at Whitten Center located at 28373 Hwy 76 E in Clinton, SC, she did
push the victim, [redacted]s head to the ground, stomped/kicked [redacted] head with her foot, and later bent the victim's finger
back toward [redacted] hand. The victim is a consumer at Whitten Center and is a vulnerable adult.

Signature of Affiant

Georgia Richey

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

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 12/25/2022 defendant Lila Denise Kerson
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Laurens) 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 1/25/2023
Judge's Address Laurens, SC 29360-
Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689
Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

Signature of Issuing Judge
Tracy Epperson Richards (L.S.)
Judge Code: 7394

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3010100095

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE 74-22-0196 against

Lasheba Tijaundra Turner

Address: Laurens, SC 29360-8734

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 120

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Georgia R Richey - S00732

Offense: Abuse / Failure to report abuse, neglect of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 1530
Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(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 Lasheba Turner on January 15, 2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 Hillcrest Square
P.O. Box 287
Laurens, SC 29360

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

AFFIDAVIT
Personally appeared before me the affiant Georgia R Richey who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lasheba Tijaundra Turner did within this county and state on or about 12/25/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Laurens) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Failure to report abuse, neglect 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:

That on December 25, 2022, in the county of Laurens, one Lasheba Tijaundra Turner did commit the crime of Abuse / Failure to report abuse, neglect of vulnerable adult in that, while working as a Direct Support Specialist at Whitten Center located at 28373 Hwy 76 E in Clinton, SC, she did observe and stood by as Lila Kerson pushed the victim's head to the ground, stomped/kicked head with her foot, and later bent the victim's finger back toward hand. The defendant did not intervene or report the abuse. The victim is a consumer at Whitten Center and is a vulnerable adult.

Signature of Affiant

Signature of Georgia Richey

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

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 12/25/2022 defendant Lasheba Tijaundra Turner did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Laurens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Failure to report abuse, neglect 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 on 1/25/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge Tracy Epperson Richards (L.S.)
Tracy Epperson Richards
Judge Code: 7394

Judge's Address Laurens, SC 29360-
Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689

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

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