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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY WOMAN WITH PERJURY**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Maria J. Fernandez Moreno, 44, of Chapin, SC, on May 15, 2023, with Perjury – false testimony under oath.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Moreno was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A3210600032

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE against

Maria J Fernandez Moreno

Address: Chapin, SC 29036-

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: H Height: 5 7 Weight: 120 DL State: DL #: DOB: 1978 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000 Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Phillip M Turner - S00496 Offense: Perjury / Perjury - false testimony under oath

Offense Code: 2377 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0010(A)(1)

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 MARIA J. FERNANDEZ-MORENO on 5/15-2023 [Signature]

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 County/ Municipality of Lexington

AFFIDAVIT Personally appeared before me the affiant Phillip M Turner who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Maria J Fernandez Moreno did within this county and state on or about 12/3/2019 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Perjury / Perjury - false testimony under oath

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 or about December 3, 2019 within Lexington County South Carolina the defendant, Maria Jose Fernandez Moreno, did knowingly and willingly, and without the lawful authority to do so, act in concert with Gregorio Leon and others to provide false testimony to aid Leon in the defense of his pending murder charge in Lexington County, South Carolina. This offense occurring between December 3, 2019, and February 7, 2022. This being in violation of 16-9-10 SC Code of Laws as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 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 12/3/2019 defendant Maria J Fernandez Moreno did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Perjury / Perjury - false testimony under oath

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 JUN 21 2022 [Signature] (L.S.) Gary S. Morgan Judge Code: 5041

Judge's Address 231 West Church Street Batesburg, SC 29006-2103 Judge's Telephone (803)359-8330 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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