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SLED CHARGES TWO FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Michelle Lorraine Holmes, 42, with Unlawfully placing a child at risk, and Marcus Antonio Hutchins, 26, with Criminal conspiracy on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Holmes and Hutchins were booked at the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A4210101027

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

34-23-0029

against

Michelle Lorraine Holmes

Address:

Union, SC 29379-8651

Phone:

SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 150

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB: 1981

Agency ORI #:

SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency:

State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Matthew B Davis - S00733

Offense:

Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Offense Code:

2481

Code/Ordinance Sec:

63-05-0070

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

Michelle L. Holmes

on

5/14/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

180 Magnolia Street

P O Box 3483

Spartanburg, SC 29304

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Spartanburg

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Matthew B Davis

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Michelle Lorraine Holmes

did within this county and state on or about

3/6/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

Spartanburg

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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 March 6, 2023 in the county of Spartanburg, one Michelle Lorraine Holmes did place at unreasonable risk of harm or did cause to be done unlawfully or maliciously any bodily harm to or abandonment of a minor child located at 9075 Fairforest Rd, Spartanburg, SC. Defendant, the minor child case manager, had custody and/or charge of the minor child who was placed in the care and custody of The Department of Social Services. Warrant based upon police investigation. MB

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 3/6/2023

defendant Michelle Lorraine Holmes

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

County/ Municipality of

Spartanburg

) as set forth below

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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 3/10/2023

Judge's Address

Spartanburg County Judicial Center

Spartanburg, SC 29306-2359

Judge's Telephone

(864)583-1708

Quenton Michael Wood

Judge Code 5538

Issuing Court:

Magistrate

Municipal

Circuit



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AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST

SLED Case #: 34-23-0029

Name: Michelle Lorraine Holmes Date of Birth: [redacted]-1981 Race: Black Gender: Female Hgt: 5'02" Wgt: 150 lbs. SCDL: [redacted] Address: [redacted] Union, SC 29379

Charge: Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child (63-5-70) CDR: 2481

On March 6, 2023, South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) Case Manager Michelle Holmes did willfully abandon male juvenile, [redacted] at 9075 Fairforest Road, Spartanburg, SC (gas station/convenience store). Case Managers Marcus Hutchins and Holmes were transporting [redacted] to 630 Chesnee Highway (Spartanburg County DSS Office) when they stopped at 9075 Fairforest Road in a DSS vehicle. Hutchins took [redacted] inside the store and took [redacted] to the public restroom, while Holmes waited in the vehicle. Once [redacted] was inside the public restroom, Hutchins left the store and returned to the vehicle. Hutchins and Holmes then left the property while [redacted] was in the public restroom. When [redacted] exited the restroom, [redacted] was unable to locate Holmes or Hutchins and waited at the store while a store employee contacted 911. [redacted] limited knowledge of the English language initially led the store employee to believe [redacted] had been robbed. Upon arrival at 630 Chesnee Highway, Holmes and Hutchins led a supervisor to believe [redacted] had walked off from them at 9075 Fairforest Road. At the time of the incident, Holmes was [redacted] case manager. Prior to this incident, [redacted] was placed into the care and custody of the DSS by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) [redacted] is a foreign national with no known family in South Carolina.



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ARREST WARRANT

2023A4210101028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

34-23-0029

against

Marcus Antonio Hutchins

Address:

Spartanburg, SC 29303-5449

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 155

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: _____ 1997 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew B Davis - S00733

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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 Marcus A. Hutchins on 8/14/23

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Spartanburg)

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew B Davis who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Marcus Antonio Hutchins did within this county and state on or about 3/6/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Spartanburg) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 March 6, 2023 in the county of Spartanburg, one Marcus Antonio Hutchins did with Michelle Holmes unlawfully plan or scheme to accomplish the crime of willfully abandon a male juvenile by unlawful means. The defendant and Michelle Holmes were both employed with The Department of Social Services. Warrant based upon police investigation. MB

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Spartanburg)

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 3/6/2023 defendant Marcus Antonio Hutchins did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Spartanburg) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 8/10/2023)
[Signature] (S.))
Signature of Issuing Judge
Quenton Michael Wood)
Judge Code: 5538)

Judge's Address Spartanburg County Judicial Center
Spartanburg, SC 29306-2359
Judge's Telephone (864)583-1708

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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*Henry D. McMaster, Governor
Mark A. Keel, Chief*

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AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST

SLED Case #: 34-23-0029

Name: Marcus Antonio Hutchins **Date of Birth:** [REDACTED] 1997

Race: Black **Gender:** Male **Hgt:** 5'09" **Wgt:** 155 lbs.

SCDL: [REDACTED] **Address:** [REDACTED]

Spartanburg, SC 29301

Charge: Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law Conspiracy (16-17-410) **CDR:** 0049

On March 6, 2023, South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) Case Manager Marcus Hutchins did conspire to willfully abandon male juvenile [REDACTED] at 9075 Fairforest Road, Spartanburg, SC (gas station/convenience store). Case Managers Michelle Holmes and Hutchins were transporting [REDACTED] to 630 Chesnee Highway (Spartanburg County DSS Office) when they stopped at 9075 Fairforest Road in a DSS vehicle. Hutchins took [REDACTED] inside the store and took [REDACTED] to the public restroom, while Holmes waited in the vehicle. Once [REDACTED] was inside the public restroom, Hutchins left the store and returned to the vehicle. Hutchins and Holmes then left the property while [REDACTED] was in the public restroom. When [REDACTED] exited the restroom, [REDACTED] was unable to locate Holmes or Hutchins and waited at the store while a store employee contacted 911. [REDACTED] limited knowledge of the English language initially led the store employee to believe [REDACTED] had been robbed. Upon arrival at 630 Chesnee Highway, Holmes and Hutchins led a supervisor to believe [REDACTED] had walked off from them at 9075 Fairforest Road. At the time of the incident, Holmes was [REDACTED] case manager. Prior to this incident, [REDACTED] was placed into the care and custody of the DSS by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a foreign national with no known family in South Carolina.



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