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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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SLED CHARGES FORMER WHITTEN REGIONAL CENTER EMPLOYEE WITH TWO COUNTS OF EXPLOITATION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AND TWO COUNTS OF ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Demario Rakeem Henderson, 34, with two counts of Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult, and two counts of Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Henderson was booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

ARREST WARRANT

2024A3010100608

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

74-23-0127

against

Demario Rakeem Henderson

Address:

Decatur, GA 30035-

Phone: ☐ SSN: ☐

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: ☐

DOB: 1989 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Georgia R Richey - S00732

Offense: Exploitation / Exploitation of a vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2657

Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(D)

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☐ 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 Demario Rakeem Henderson

on 7/9/2024

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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in the following particulars:

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That between the dates of May 1, and July 31, 2023, in the county of Laurens, one Demario Rakeem Henderson did commit the
crime of Exploitation / Exploitation of a vulnerable adult in that he did cause and require the victim ☐ to engage in
activity of having an explicit photo taken which was against the reasonable and rational wishes of the victim. This incident occurred
at Whitten Regional Center (WRC) located in Clinton, SC. where the victim is a resident and is considered a vulnerable adult. The
defendant was one of the victim's direct caregivers and, by extension, a guardian of the victim.

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Affiant's Telephone

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soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 7/9/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Tracy Epperson Richards

Judge Code: 7394

Judge's Address

Laurens, SC 29360-

Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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on 7/9/2024Tracy Epperson Richards (L.S.)

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Offense Code: 2655

Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(B)

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[REDACTED] to cower on [REDACTED] bed. This incident occurred at Whitten Regional Center (WRC) located in Clinton, SC. where the victim is a
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