



# South Carolina

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Renée Wunderlich  
Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES DARLINGTON COUNTY WOMAN WITH INSURANCE FRAUD**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Queen Viola Arthur, 33, with Presenting False Claim for Insurance on Monday, January 6, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Arthur was booked into the Darlington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

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A copy of this news release is on SLED's website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)

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## ARREST WARRANT

2025A1610400004

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE

61-24-0054

against

Queen Viola Arthur

Address:

Hartsville, SC 29550-5944

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 184

DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael S Gifford - S00669

Offense: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but less than

Offense Code: 3511

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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 Queen Arthur

on 1-6-2025

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
110 North Main Street  
Darlington, SC 29532

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michael S Gifford who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Queen Viola Arthur  
did within this county and state on or about 10/12/2023 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington )  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

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 October 12, 2023, in Darlington County South Carolina, the defendant, Queen Arthur, knowingly submitted a false claim for insurance payment to Progressive Northern Insurance Company. Arthur allegedly struck a deer with her insured vehicle and subsequently submitted digital photographs of her vehicle's damage to Progressive. Arthur told Progressive that her vehicle had no prior unrepaired damage. However, according to the metadata, three of Arthur's submitted photographs were created prior to her policy's inception date and the incident date. Arthur attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage by presenting a false claim totaling \$2,014.54. Progressive denied the claim. This Affiant presents these facts based on admissions from Arthur, witness statements, electronic communication records, and electronic records.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398  
Columbia, SC 29221-  
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7000

## 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 10/12/2023 defendant Queen Viola Arthur  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000

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 1/3/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)  
Valerie Swarts Gardner  
Judge Code: 7525

Judge's Address 115 Camp Road  
Darlington, SC 29532-  
Judge's Telephone (843)398-4006  
Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

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