



# South Carolina

## STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 26, 2025

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Director of Public Information

### **SLED CHARGES FORMER SC DEW ANALYST WITH MULTIPLE OFFENSES REGARDING PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SCAM**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kimberly Harris, 49, with Computer Crime – First Degree, Forgery, Insurance Fraud, and Breach of Trust – Obtaining a Signature Under False Pretenses on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce requested an investigation with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office in October 2020, and the Attorney General's Office referred the request to SLED in April 2021. Harris was last employed by DEW in 2020.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Harris was booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the Special Prosecutor assigned to DEW by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500277

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE  
against

Kimberly Harris

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone:

SSN:

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

DL State:

DL #:

DOB: 1974

Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S02455

Offense: Computer / Computer Crime Act, value exceeds  
\$10,000-First degree(formerly CDR 426)

Offense Code: 3110

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-16-0020(2)

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.)

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to  
defendant Kimberly Harris

on 01/13/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions  
1701 Main Street  
P O Box 192  
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Tricia L Stoner

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Kimberly Harris

did within this county and state on or about

1/1/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

## DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Computer / Computer Crime Act, value exceeds \$10,000-First degree(formerly CDR 426)

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 between 01/01/2020-9/30/2020 while working at the South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce (SCDEW)  
located at 1550 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC in Richland County it is believed that one Kimberly Harris did directly or indirectly  
access or caused to be accessed a computer, computer system or computer network for the purpose of devising or executing a  
scheme or artifice to defraud, when she fraudulently assumed the identity of several family members, friends & acquaintances using  
their personal identifying information to apply for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance  
(PUA) Benefits through the SCDEW. Harris falsely certified that these individuals were self-employed with their business's  
shutdown by the COVID-19 Pandemic, & therefore, fraudulently received PUA in an amount over \$10,000.00 to which she was not  
entitled. Facts to establish the above charge against Harris, are based on information obtained from SCDEW.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

## ARREST WARRANT

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It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 1/1/2020

defendant Kimberly Harris

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

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Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

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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 10/24/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 618

## ARREST WARRANT

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THE STATE

against

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Address:

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Phone: SSN:

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

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1974 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S02455

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

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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 between 01/01/2020-9/30/2020 while working at the South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce (SCDEW) located at 1550 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC in Richland County it is believed that one Kimberly Harris did with the intent to defraud falsely forge and publish as true several false instruments of writing in connection with Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. Harris fraudulently assumed the identity of numerous family members, friends and acquaintances, using their personal identifying information to file UI benefits with SCDEW, falsely certifying that these individuals were self-employed with their business shutdown by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and, therefore, fraudulently received PUA in an amount over \$10,000.00 to which she was not entitled. Facts to establish the above charge against Kimberly Harris, are based on information obtained from SCDEW.

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DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1974 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S02455

Offense: Insurance / False statement, misrep., or assisting,  
abetting, soliciting, or conspiring - 1st offense,

Offense Code: 3552

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0540(A)

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That between 01/01/2020-9/30/2020 while working at the South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce (SCDEW)  
located at 1550 Gadsden Street, Columbia, SC in Richland County it is believed that one Kimberly Harris did knowingly make a  
false statement or misrepresentation with the intent of obtaining an undeserved economic advantage or benefit. Harris fraudulently  
assumed the identity of numerous family members, friends & acquaintances, using their personally identifiable information to file  
claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits with the SCDEW. Harris falsely certified these individuals were self-employed  
with their businesses shutdown by the COVID-19 Pandemic & therefore, fraudulently received UI benefits & Pandemic  
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2024A4010500280

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THE STATE

against

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Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN

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

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Tricia L Stoner - S02455

Offense: Breach / Obtain signature or prop. under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3471

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0240

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