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September 22, 2025

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SLED CHARGES TWO PEOPLE IN OCONEE COUNTY WITH HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Emanuel Lamar Latimer, 30, and Destiny Shay Dionne, 24, with Homicide by Child Abuse on Monday, September 22, 2025. Information regarding the identity of the deceased will come from the Oconee County Coroner's Office.

Latimer and Dionne were also charged by SLED with two counts each of Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child on Friday, September 19, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Latimer and Dionne were booked into the Oconee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3710400818

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Oconee

THE STATE

2025-06124

against

Joshua Emmanuel Lamar Latimer

Address:

Walhalla, SC 29691-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: B

Height: 6

3

Weight: 250

DL State:

DL #:

DOB: 1995

Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brianna D Ham - S00932

Offense: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

Offense Code: 2356

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(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

Joshua Latimer

on

9/22/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Walhalla Magistrate
208 Booker Drive
Walhalla, SC 29691

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Oconee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brianna D Ham

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Emmanuel Lamar Latimer

did within this county and state on or about 9/19/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Oconee)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

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:

THE DEFENDANT DID, ON, OR ABOUT 9-19-25, COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE IN THAT
FOUR-YEAR-OLD [REDACTED] WHILE IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF JOSHUA LATIMER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DID CAUSE THE DEATH OF [REDACTED] UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MANIFESTING AN EXTREME
INDIFFERENCE TO LIFE. JOSHUA LATIMER DID FAIL TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE FOR [REDACTED] WHO
APPEARED AT THE TIME OF DEATH, TO BE UNDERWEIGHT FOR HIS AGE AND MALNOURISHED. FURTHERMORE,
[REDACTED]'S RIBS AND OTHER BONEY POMINENCES WERE VERY VISIBLE, HIS EYES SUNKEN INTO HIS
HEAD AND HE WEIGHED 21 POUNDS. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AT [REDACTED] FOREST ACRES CIRCLE, WALHALLA, SC
IN OCONEE COUNTY AND WAS INVESTIGATED BY SLED. A WRITTEN REPORT IS ON FILE.

Signature of Affiant

Brianna D Ham

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Oconee

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (864)638-4111

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 9/19/2025

defendant Joshua Emmanuel Lamar Latimer

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Oconee

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

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 9/22/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Blake A. Norton (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 5033

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 208 Booker Drive

Walhalla, SC 29691-

Judge's Telephone (864)638-4125

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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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3710400817

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Oconee

THE STATE

2025-06124

against

Destiny Shay Dionne

Address:

Walhalla, SC 29691-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 6 Weight: 176

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 2001 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brianna D Ham - S00932

Offense: Murder / Homicide by child abuse (20Y to Life)

Offense Code: 2356

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0085(A)(1)(B)(1)

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[REDACTED] DID CAUSE THE DEATH OF [REDACTED] UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MANIFESTING AN
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Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7654

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