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SLED CHARGES FORMER CUSTODY OFFICER WITH ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Gregory Marcel Higgins, 44, with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The SLED investigation resulted from a notification from Wellpath Recovery Solutions. Wellpath Recovery Solutions is contracted as a psychiatric hospital through the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities - Office of Intellectual Disability.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

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

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010800092

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Olympia Magistrate

THE STATE

2025-04201

against

Gregory Marcel Higgins

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 3 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1981 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ashley L Burch - S02471

Offense: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2655

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

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

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Olympia Magistrate
1601-B Shop Road
Columbia, SC 29201

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Olympia Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

did within this county and state on or about

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 June 18, 2025, the defendant, Gregory Marcel Higgins, was working as a Custody Officer for Wellpath Recovery Solutions, located at 7901 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC, within Richland County, South Carolina. Wellpath Recovery Solutions is a contracted provider for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities - Office of Mental Health. The defendant did place the victim in a choke hold and walked him down a hallway. The victim is a patient at Wellpath Recovery Solutions and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through interviews, surveillance videos, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #2025-04201. Affiant Senior Special Agent Stevi Price.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Olympia Magistrate

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 6/18/2025

defendant Gregory Marcel Higgins

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Olympia Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 2/17/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Harold A. Cuff

Judge Code: 5906

Judge's Address

Columbia, SC 29201-4858

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2550

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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Richland / Olympia Magistrate