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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 20, 2026

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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES BERKELEY COUNTY WOMAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kenyada Lucretia Smith, 41, with Forgery – Less Than \$10,000 and Presenting a False Claim for an Insurance Payment – Value \$2,000 or Less on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Smith was booked into the Hill-Finklea Detention Center in Berkeley County.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A0810200539

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE

202505211

against

Kenyada Lucretia Smith

Address:

Summerville, SC 29483-7093

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 215

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sean P O'Neill - S02265

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value less than \$10,000

Offense Code: 3436

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

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

Kenyada Lucretia Smith
3/12/26[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
300 B California Avenue
PO Box 219
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Berkeley

Personally appeared before me the affiant Sean P O'Neill

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kenyada Lucretia Smith

did within this county and state on or about 3/4/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value 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:

See Attached.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Berkeley

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 3/4/2025

defendant Kenyada Lucretia Smith

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

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) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value 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 3/6/2026

[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Paula Fechhelm McElvogue

Judge Code: 5989

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-

Judge's Telephone ((843)-719-x 4050

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: **Kenyada Lucretia Smith**

ALIAS:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984

RACE: Black

SEX: Female

HAIR: Black

EYES: Brown

HEIGHT: 5' 7"

WEIGHT: 175

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL STATE: SC

DL #: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Summerville, SC 29483

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Special Agent Sean O'Neill who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Kenyada Lucretia Smith did within this county and state on or about November 14, 2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Forgery, Less than \$10,000 - §16-13-0010 (B)(2) - (CDR CODE 3436)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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 March 4, 2025, in Berkeley County, South Carolina, the defendant, Kenyada Lucretia Smith, knowingly submitted a forged document in support of a filed insurance claim to Safeco Insurance. Smith, who was a listed operator on policy [REDACTED] filed a claim with Safeco as an insured vehicle on the policy was involved in a collision on November 14, 2024 in Summerville, SC. The policy afforded rental car reimbursement in the event the assessed vehicle damage resulted in a total loss. On December 2, 2024, Safeco determined the vehicle was a total loss and subsequently issued a settlement payment to the policy holder. On March 4, 2025, Smith submitted a rental car receipt from Turquinex Rental for reimbursement to Safeco using her personal email address. Upon review, Safeco was unable contact with Turquinex Rental or locate any matches to the company name using various databases. The document was later confirmed to have originally been a Avis Car Rental receipt in Smith's name from February 26, 2024. The value of which, was substantially less than what had been submitted under the Turquinex Rental receipt. During a recorded statement with SLED on February 10, 2026, Smith admitted that she had personal knowledge that the rental invoice she submitted was fraudulent. In total, Smith attempted to obtain an undeserved economic advantage in the amount of \$1,190.98.

SLED Case Number: 2025-05211

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the

6th day of MARCH, 2026

Sean O'Neill

Affiant

Special Agent Sean O'Neill

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

4400 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29221

(t) 803-973-2648

Paula McEugene

Signature of Judge

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

Offense Code: 3512

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Presenting False Claim for Insurance Payment, Value \$2,000 or Less - §38-55-0170(3) - (CDR CODE 3512)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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