



South Carolina

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 27, 2026

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY WOMAN WITH INSURANCE FRAUD IN ONGOING INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Shante Elizabeth Bethel, 43, with three counts of Forgery – Value Less Than \$10,000 and Presenting a False Claim for Insurance Payment – Value \$10,000 or More on Monday, October 26, 2026. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

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

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

SLED previously charged Shante Elizabeth Bethel with Forgery – Value \$10,000 or more on Monday, October 19, 2026.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010400069

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

THE STATE
against

2026-03159

Shante Bethel

Address:

Columbia, SC 29210-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John P Burnette - S05086

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 SHANTE BETHEL
on DEC 26, 202411 Dec 16 8:07
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Dentsville Magistrate
2500 Decker Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29206

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant John P Burnettebeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shante Betheldid within this county and state on or about 10/14/2026State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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:

On or about March 2, 2026, at [REDACTED] Lady Street in the city of Columbia and the County of Richland, Shante Elizabeth Bethel, knowingly submitted a false claim for insurance payment to Enterprise Rent-A- Car rental claims services for claim [REDACTED] which was submitted via a demand letter by The Deyaska Spencer Law Firm. Bethel submitted a forged Prisma Health Baptist medical bill dated October 21, 2025 totaling \$368.00. Affiant requested Bethel's Prisma Health medical records. Upon receipt, affiant confirmed that the dates of service, and Bethel's address were altered to support an incident that occurred on October 19, 2025. Bethel attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage by attempting to collect payment based on forged medical documents. Affiant presents these facts based on medical records submitted by Bethel, and documents obtained by the affiant.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville 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 10/14/2026defendant Shante Bethel

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

) 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 10/16/2026[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge

Paulette Edwards

Judge Code: 7452

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 2500 Decker Blvd
Columbia, SC 29206-Judge's Telephone (803)576-2560Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ CircuitDEFENDANT
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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010400070

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

THE STATE
against

2026-03159

Shante Bethel

Address:

Columbia, SC 29210-

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 165DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: John P Burnette - S05086Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value less than \$10,000Offense Code: 3436Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
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dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant SHANTE BETHEL
on OCT. 26, 2026 807
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Dentsville Magistrate
2500 Decker Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29206

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knowingly submitted a false claim for insurance payment to Enterprise Rent-A- Car rental claims services for claim
which was submitted via a demand letter by The Deyaska Spencer Law Firm. Bethel submitted a forged Prisma Health Baptist
medical bill dated October 21, 2025 totaling \$3,019.90. Affiant requested Bethel's Prisma Health Baptist medical records. Upon
receipt, affiant confirmed that the dates of service, and Bethel's address were altered to support an incident that occurred on October
19, 2025. Bethel attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage by attempting to collect payment based on forged medical
documents. Affiant presents these facts based on medical records submitted by Bethel, and documents obtained by the affiant.

Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, SC 29221-Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

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soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 10/16/2026 (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Paulette Edwards

Judge Code: 7452Judge's Address 2500 Decker BlvdColumbia, SC 29206-Judge's Telephone (803)576-2560Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 516

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010400071

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

THE STATE
against

2026-03159

Shante Bethel

Address:

Columbia, SC 29210-

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Signature of Judge

Date:

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on OCT. 24, 2026Molly 10th 807
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Columbia, SC 29206

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which was submitted via a demand letter by The Deyaska Spencer Law Firm. Bethel submitted a forged Prisma Health
Orthopedics - Lexington medical bill dated October 21, 2025 totaling \$1,370.00. Affiant requested Bethel's Prisma Health
Orthopedics - Lexington medical records. Upon receipt, affiant confirmed that the dates of service, and Bethel's address were
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
on 10/16/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Paulette Edwards

Judge Code: 7452

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 2500 Decker BlvdColumbia, SC 29206-Judge's Telephone (803)576-2560Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010400072

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dentsville Magistrate

THE STATE

2026-03159

against

Shante Bethel

Address:

Columbia, SC 29210-

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1982 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: John P Burnette - S05086

Offense: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3510

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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On or about March 2, 2026, at [REDACTED] Lady Street in the city of Columbia and the County of Richland, Shante Elizabeth Bethel, knowingly submitted a false claim for insurance payment totaling \$223,176.27 to Enterprise Rent-A- Car rental claims services for claim [REDACTED] which was submitted via a demand letter by The Deyaska Spencer Law Firm. Bethel submitted to The Deyaska Spencer Law Firm forged Prisma Health, MUSC Health medical records, and bills to support the claim demand. Affiant requested Bethel's Prisma Health and MUSC Health medical records. Upon receipt, affiant confirmed that the dates of service, and Bethel's address were altered to support an incident that occurred on October 19, 2025. Bethel attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage by attempting to collect payment based on forged medical documents. Affiant presents these facts based on medical records submitted by Bethel, and documents obtained by the affiant.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 10/16/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Paulette Edwards

Judge Code: 7452

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 2500 Decker BlvdColumbia, SC 29206-Judge's Telephone (803)576-2560Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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