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SLED CHARGES CHARLESTON COUNTY WOMAN WITH UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A CHILD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Shirl Lee Sweeney, 50, with Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

The SLED Special Victims Unit (SVU) investigation was requested by the Charleston County Coroner's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Sweeney was booked into the Charleston County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1010203775

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE

against

Shirl Lee Sweeney

Address:

North Charleston, SC 29406-9473

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 5 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1973 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew G Jenkins - S02447

Offense: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or

cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Offense Code: 2481

Code/Ordinance Sec: 63-05-0070

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 SHIRL LEE SWEENEYon OCTOBER 9, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Charleston County Judicial Center
100 Broad Street, Suite 106
Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew G Jenkinsbeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shirl Lee Sweeneydid within this county and state on or about 8/12/2022State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 8/12/2022 defendant Shirl Lee Sweeney

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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 6/18/2024Signature of Issuing Judge
Amanda HaseldenJudge Code: 7412Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200North Charleston, SC 29405-Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Shirl Lee Sweeny

AKA'S OF SUSPECT:

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: North Charleston, SC, 29406

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: W

SEX: F

HGT: 5'5

EYES: BRO

HAIR: Bro

CMPL:

SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS :

OTHER IDENTIFYING INFO:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1973

SSN:

DL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 63-05-70

OFFENSE: Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Senior Special Agent Matthew Jenkins who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shirl Lee Sweeney did within this county and state on or about August 13, 2022, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child

I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On or about the time of August 12, 2022, while at [REDACTED] Charleston, SC, which is within the County of Charleston, the Defendant Shirl L. Sweeney willingly, knowingly and unlawfully violated SC Code of Laws 63-5-70, Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child, when she placed [REDACTED] then 17 year old [REDACTED] at unreasonable risk of harm, which affected her physical health and safety, when she neglected to provide [REDACTED] the medical assistance needed to control her Type 1 diabetes.

In June of 2021, the juvenile victim was diagnosed with diabetes. There were multiple cancelled and "no-show" medical appointments after medical staff and doctors told the Defendant that the victim needed to attend her follow-up appointments in order to maintain a valid insulin regimen.

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In September 2021, the victim was admitted to the hospital for her high blood sugar level. At that time, the defendant was advised that the victim taking her insulin was not optional. The last order date for the victim's night time insulin was September 20, 2021. This insulin was needed daily in order to help maintain her insulin levels throughout the night. Since September 2021, until the victim's death on August 13, 2022, the victim was never taken to back to her pediatric endocrinologist.

The Defendant was educated on the victim's diabetes multiple times by medical staff. The Defendant herself mentioned that she also had diabetes. Medical staff particularly advised the Defendant multiple times, that if the victim experienced vomiting to transport her to the hospital due to this being a symptom of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). The defendant verbalized understanding this. On August 12, 2022, the victim was seen vomiting by the Defendant. She was not transported to the hospital.

On August 13, 2022, the Defendant called 911 after the victim was found on her bathroom floor. While on the phone with 911 dispatch, the Defendant was heard saying, "I knew she shouldn't of had that milkshake..." The victim was transported to Trident Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. Her blood sugar glucose level at that time was 953 mg/dL. The victim's weight dropped from 136lbs to 98 lbs. The cause of death was listed as hyperosmolar ketoacidosis due to diabetes mellitus. The manner of death was listed as a homicide.

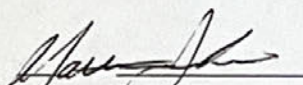
The Defendant at the time of the victim's death was the victim's [REDACTED]. She was responsible for her welfare. The Defendant did not take the victim to her endocrinologist appointments for a year. Prior to the missed medical appointments, the Defendant was educated multiple times and told to take the victim to the hospital immediately if she started to vomit. The Defendant was educated on the victim's insulin regimen and advised that taking the insulin was not an option. The Defendant constantly stated that the victim would not take her insulin, but as the guardian, the Defendant was responsible for making sure the victim took her required insulin and that the victim made it to her medical appointments. The last refill date for the victim's insulin was in September of 2021.

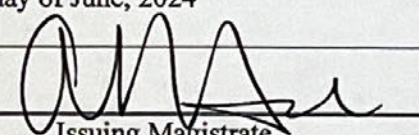
The Defendant, Shirl Lee Sweeney, medically neglected [REDACTED] and placed her at unreasonable risk of harm, that affected her life, physical health and safety. Based on the events previously listed, the statements provided, and evidenced

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gathered by Senior Special Agent Matthew Jenkins of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, probable cause has been established to charge the Defendant for violating SC Code of Laws 63-5-70


Special Agent

Special Agent: Matthew Jenkins	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221	18 day of June, 2024
Telephone: 803-521-0628	
Date of Request: 6/18/24	Issuing Magistrate

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