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SLED CHARGES OCONEE COUNTY WOMAN WITH VOTER FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Nancy Ruth Birkner, 58, with Fraudulent Registration or Voting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Birkner was 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

2024A3710401061

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Oconee

THE STATE

202402788

against

Nancy Ruth Birkner

Address:

Seneca, SC 29678-

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 4 Weight: 150

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1966 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Nicholas C Parker - S00872

Offense: Voting / Fraudulent registration or voting

Offense Code: 4065

Code/Ordinance Sec: 07-25-0020

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 Nancy Birkner

on December 18, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Walhalla Magistrate
208 Booker Drive
Walhalla, SC 29691

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Oconee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Nicholas C Parker who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Nancy Ruth Birkner

did within this county and state on or about 10/ 4/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Voting / Fraudulent registration or voting

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, BETWEEN 10-4-24 AND 10-29-24, COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION OR VOTING BY FRAUDULENTLY USING PATSY BIRKNER'S NAME AND SUBMITTING S BALLOT, WHO HAD DIED IN AUGUST, 2024, PRIOR TO THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF OCONEE COUNTY, SC AND WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. A WRITTEN REPORT IS ON FILE. CASE #202402788.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Oconee

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (846)467-8111

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/ 4/2024 defendant Nancy Ruth Birkner

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: Voting / Fraudulent registration or voting

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 12/18/2024

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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