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April 29, 2025

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SLED CHARGES PICKENS COUNTY WOMAN WITH FORGERY AND INSURANCE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jakena Edreka Barton, 47, with two counts of Forgery - value less than \$10,000 and Presenting a False Claim for Insurance Payment - value \$10,000 or more on Friday, April 25, 2025. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Barton was booked into the Pickens County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3910100267

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE

2025-01450

against

Jakena Edreka Barton

Address:

Easley, SC 29640-2268

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Haneef J Tull - S01550

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

Jakena Edreka Barton

4/25/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

214 E Main St / P O Box 215

Pickens, SC 29671

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

Personally appeared before me the affiant Haneef J Tull

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jakena Edreka Barton

did within this county and state on or about 8/ 8/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

That on August 8, 2024, one Jakena Edreka Barton did knowingly submit a false claim for insurance payment to Progressive Direct Insurance Company. The defendant submitted altered medical bills through text message on behalf of herself totaling \$5,029.00. The account number listed on the medical bill returned to another patient with a different balance. The defendant provided the insurance company with the altered medical bill in an attempt to gain an undeserved economic advantage but was denied payment. The offense occurred within Pickens County, South Carolina. Probable cause based upon: 1) SLED report 2025-01450.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

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 8/ 8/2024

defendant Jakena Edreka Barton

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens

) 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 4/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Brian Edward Swafford

Judge Code: 7480

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 310 West Main Street

Liberty, SC 29657-

Judge's Telephone (864)898-5551

Issuing Court:

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Magistrate

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

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Prosecuting Officer: Haneef J Tull - S01550

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.)

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