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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 25, 2025

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SLED CHARGES CALHOUN COUNTY WOMAN WITH INSURANCE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Cheyanne Renee Fortney, 20, with Presenting a False Claim for Insurance Payment - Value More than \$2,000 but Less Than \$10,000 on Friday, August 22, 2025. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Fortney was booked at the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0910100219

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Calhoun

THE STATE
against

Cheyanne Renee Fortney

Address:

Saint Matthews, SC 29135-8328

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 2 Weight: 115

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 2005 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Sean P O'Neill - S00516

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

Offense Code: 3511

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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 Cheyanne Fortney

on 8/12/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

St. Matthews Magistrate
2833 Old Belleville Road / P O Box 191
St. Matthews, SC 29135

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Calhoun

Personally appeared before me the affiant Sean P O'Neill who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Cheyanne Renee Fortney

did within this county and state on or about 8/21/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but 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 21, 2025, in the county of Calhoun, one Cheyanne Renee Fortney did commit the crime of Insurance / Presenting False Claim for Insurance Payment, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000. SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Calhoun

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)973-2648

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 8/21/2025 defendant Cheyanne Renee Fortney

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Calhoun) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than \$2,000 but 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 8/12/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Jeffrey P. Bloom

Judge Code: 7375

Judge's Address Post Office Box 191

St. Matthews, SC 29135-

Judge's Telephone (803)874-1112

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: Cheyanne Renee Fortney

ALIAS:

DOB: [REDACTED] 2005 RACE: White SEX: Female
HAIR: Brown EYES: Hazel HEIGHT: 5' 2" WEIGHT: 115
SSN: [REDACTED] DL STATE: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Saint Matthews, SC 29135

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Special Agent Sean O'Neill who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Cheyenne Renee Fortney
did within this county and state on or about August 21, 2024 violate the criminal laws
of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Presenting False Claim for Insurance Payment, \$2,000 - \$10,000 - §38-55-0170(2) - (CDR CODE 3511)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

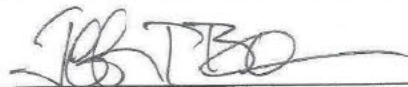
I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On or about August 21, 2024, in Calhoun County, South Carolina, the defendant, Cheyanne Renee Fortney, knowingly submitted a false claim for insurance payment to Progressive Insurance Company. Fortney purchased her policy on August 15, 2024 and later added additional collision coverage on August 16, 2024. On August 21, 2024 Fortney filed an insurance claim with Progressive, stating that she struck a deer while driving in the area of Murph Mill Road in Saint Matthews. Fortney claimed damage to her front bumper, radiator, and transmission. A subsequent investigation located a video on Fortney's social media account of pre-existing damage to her vehicle, consistent with the claimed damage, as well as a post referencing pre-existing transmission issues prior to the alleged date of loss. Fortney attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage by filing an insurance claim with a total exposure valued at \$4,913.00.

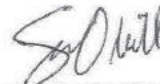
SLED Case Number: 2024-03319

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the)

12th day of AUGUST, 2025)



Signature of Judge)



Affiant)

Special Agent Sean O'Neill)

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED))

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