



South Carolina

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February 17, 2026

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SLED CHARGES ORANGEBURG COUNTY MAN WITH MURDER FOLLOWING FATAL SHOOTING AT SC STATE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Khamanti Lytrel Kennedy, 18, with Murder on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The SLED investigation was requested by the South Carolina State University Department of Public Safety.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Kennedy was booked into the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

SLED is investigating a shooting that occurred on the campus of South Carolina State University on Thursday, February 12, 2026, where two people were killed and one person was injured. The incident happened inside a room in the Hugine Suites housing complex. Three men were shot. Two of the men died, and one is being treated for his injuries at the hospital. The deceased have been identified by the Orangeburg County Coroner as Henry L. Crittington, 19, and Terrell Thomas, 18.

SLED's investigation is active and ongoing at this time. Anyone with information can provide tips to SLED by emailing tips@sled.sc.gov and/or calling (866) 472-8477.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3810700140

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

THE STATE

against

Khamanti Lytrel Kennedy

Address:

Cordova, SC 29039-9647

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2007 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: George M Pack, Jr - S01299

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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 Khamanti Kennedy

on Feb 17, 2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
151 Docket Street
P. O. Box 9000
Orangeburg, SC 29116

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant George M Pack, Jr who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Khamanti Lytrel Kennedy

did within this county and state on or about 2/12/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 or about February 12, 2026, Khamanti Kennedy arrived on campus at South Carolina State University with three individuals in his vehicle. The individuals were seen on surveillance footage entering Hugine Suites together. Later, they exited Hugine Suites and walked towards the suspect vehicle and obtained items from it. A short time later, a shooting occurred resulting in three people shot, two who died. Witness statements were obtained and investigators learned Kennedy did participate in the purchase of marijuana which led to the shooting incident. Kennedy was seen on surveillance video fleeing the incident location on foot moments after the shooting. All in violation against the peace and dignity of the State and in violation of SC Law 16-3-0010. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements, surveillance video, and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Orangeburg

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 2/12/2026 defendant Khamanti Lytrel Kennedy

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 2/17/2026

Merce Davis Williamson (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Merce Davis Williamson

Judge Code: 7008

Judge's Address Post Office Box 387
Neeses, SC 29107

Judge's Telephone (803)247-2011

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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