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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 8, 2026

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SLED CHARGES FORMER NORTH CHARLESTON POLICE OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Seth Richard Worrell, 31, with Misconduct in Office and Failure to Report Child Abuse on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. The North Charleston Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Worrell was booked into the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center in Charleston County.

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

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A1010204862

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE

against

Seth Richard Worrell

Address:

Ladson, SC 29456-4498

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 290

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 994 Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer: Lauren L Lance - S01596

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 Seth Richard Worrell
07/08/26 @ 1741

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Charleston

Personally appeared before me the affiant Lauren L Lance whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Seth Richard Worrell did within this county and state on or about 5/27/2026 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Charleston) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488-

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 5/27/2026 defendant Seth Richard Worrell 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: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 meon 7/ 8/2026Signature of Issuing Judge
Joanna Elizabeth Summey HayesJudge Code: 7259

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 100
North Charleston, SC 29405-Judge's Telephone (843)745-2390Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one, Special Agent Lauren L. Pumphrey, of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

SETH RICHARD WORRELL
W/M DOB: [REDACTED] 1994
DL [REDACTED]

did within this County and State on the 27th day of May 2026 and the 15th day of June 2026, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
17-25-0030 (Common Law)
CDR: 0819

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on May 27, 2026, and June 15, 2026, while in Charleston County, SC, at [REDACTED] Eleanor Drive, North Charleston, SC, defendant, **SETH RICHARD WORRELL**, did commit the offense of **MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**, to wit:

While employed with the North Charleston Police Department and acting in his capacity as a sworn police officer, the defendant, did commit the crime of Misconduct in Office, in that he did willfully and unlawfully commit misconduct in his public office, by acts and omissions of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in breach of his duties to the public. On the above dates the defendant responded to calls for service at the above address and while at the residence on each date, was told about the condition of a child that resided within the home, to include being told the child was malnourished. The defendant did not obtain treatment for the child or report the allegations as required by state statute for mandated reporters. The child died on June 17, 2026.

The above information was revealed through the investigation by South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Special Agents, is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 8 day of July, 2026

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Special Agent Lauren L. Pumphrey
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
843-782-3822

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Offense: Children / Failing to report child abuse or neglect

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63-07-0410
CDR: 0172

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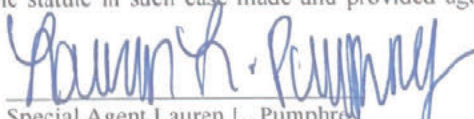
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