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SLED CHARGES GEORGIA WOMAN WITH INTIMIDATION OF COURT OFFICIALS, JURORS, OR WITNESSES

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Lori Angelique Paterson, 51, with Intimidation of Court Officials, Jurors, or Witnesses on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Paterson remains in the Spartanburg County Detention Center. SLED previously charged Paterson with Assault & Battery - First Degree on Thursday, August 13, 2026. She was extradited from Georgia and was booked into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

202G-04969

against

Lori Angelique Paterson

Address:

Carrollton, GA 30116-

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

F Race: W Height: 5 5 Weight: 150

State: GA DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1975 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Issuing Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Issuing Officer: Jacob W Drake - S03343

Cause: Courts / Intimidation of court officials, jurors, or witnesses (after April 1, 1996)

Cause Code: 2451

Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0340

Warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused to be arrested and brought before me to be with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

Copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Lori Angelique Paterson on 9.23.2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob W Drakebeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lori Angelique Patersondid within this county and state on or about 8/10/2026

violate the criminal laws of

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Courts / Intimidation of court officials, jurors, or witnesses (after April 1, 1996)

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 August 10, 2026, the defendant, Lori Angelique Paterson, did willfully and unlawfully violate SC Code of Laws 16-09-0340, Courts/Intimidation of court officials, jurors, or witnesses, by threat intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, juror, witness, or potential juror or witness, arbiter, commissioner, or member of any commission of this State or any other official of any court, in the discharge of his duty as such; or destroy, impede, or attempt to obstruct or impede the administration of justice in any court. Warrant based upon SLED investigation. KDS

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 8/10/2026 defendant Lori Angelique Paterson

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Courts / Intimidation of court officials, jurors, or witnesses (after April 1, 1996)

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 9/23/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Judge Code:

2789

Judge's Address

180 Magnolia St
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court:

☐ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit