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SLED CHARGES FORMER CUSTODY OFFICER WITH ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Thomas Smalls, 27, with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Recovery Solutions requested the SLED investigation. Recovery Solutions is contracted for operation by the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Office of Mental Health.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Smalls was booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010500269

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE
against

Thomas Smalls

Address:

Columbia, SC 29203-

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
 Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: _____
 DL State: SC DL #: _____
 DOB: 1999 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Stevi J Price - S03012

Offense: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

Offense Code: 2655

Code/Ordinance Sec: 43-35-0085(B)

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 Thomas Smalls
 on 10/13/2026

Signature of Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
 1701 Main Street
 P O Box 192
 Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Stevi J Price

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Smalls

did within this county and state on or about 8/4/2026

violate the criminal laws of the

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

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 August 4, 2026, the defendant, Thomas Smalls was working as a Custody Officer for Recovery Solutions, located at 7901 Farrow Rd., Columbia, SC 29203, within Richland County, South Carolina. Recovery Solutions is operated by the Office of Mental Health. The defendant escorted the victim into a seclusion room and slammed onto the floor. The victim was taken to Prisma Health Richland, where was treated for a 2 to 3 cm laceration to the head. The victim is a resident of Recovery Solutions and is a vulnerable adult. These allegations were corroborated through surveillance videos, and information provided to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina. CS #2026-05420.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 8/4/2026

defendant Thomas Smalls

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Abuse / Abuse of vulnerable adult

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 10/12/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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