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November 3, 2026

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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES THREE PEOPLE IN ALLENDALE COUNTY FOLLOWING DISPUTE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged the following individuals on Friday, October 30, 2026:

Rodney Cornelius Manuel, 52, was charged with Assault & Battery – 3rd Degree.
Tramaine Laconia Cohen, 49, was charged with Domestic Violence – 3rd Degree.
Thomas Lee Cohen III, 47, was charged with Attempted Arson and Assault & Battery – 3rd Degree.

The Allendale County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

All three were booked into the Allendale County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A0310100092

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

THE STATE 2026-02082

against

Rodney Cornelius Manuel

Address: [redacted]

Blythewood, SC 29016-7896

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 280

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1974 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dylan J Hightower - S00426

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

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 Rodney Manuel on 10/30/26

Lauren R. Pumphrey

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Allendale Magistrate
398 Barnwell Hwy
Allendale, SC 29810

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Allendale)

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Dylan J Hightower who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Rodney Cornelius Manuel did within this county and state on or about 4/2/2026 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 April 2, 2026, Rodney Manuel, while at [redacted] in Allendale County, did commit the offense of assault and battery third degree on the victim, [redacted] The victim and Manuel had a verbal altercation that led to Manuel striking the victim throughout [redacted] upper body with his fists. The victim sustained multiple injuries to [redacted] upper body and legs. Manuel admitted to the incident during a post-Miranda interview. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements, digital media and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Allendale)

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 4/2/2026 defendant Rodney Cornelius Manuel did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 10/28/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Willard Durham Branch Jr

Judge Code: 7106

Judge's Address P. O. Box 516
Fairfax, SC 29827-

Judge's Telephone (803)584-3755

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A0310100093

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

THE STATE **2026-02082**

against

Tramaine Laconia Cohen

Address: [redacted]

Allendale, SC 29810-5223

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dylan J Hightower - S00426

Offense: Domestic / Domestic Violence, 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3813

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-25-0020(D)

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 Tramaine Cohen on 10/30/26

Lawrence A. Rumphrey

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
292 Barnwell Hwy
PO Box 126
Allendale, SC 29810

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Dylan J Hightower who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tramaine Laconia Cohen did within this county and state on or about 4/ 2/2026 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic Violence, 3rd degree

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 April 2, 2026, Tramaine Cohen, while at [redacted] in Allendale County, did commit the offense of Domestic Violence in the third degree on the victim, [redacted] The victim and Tramaine Cohen had a verbal altercation that led to Tramaine Cohen striking the victim throughout [redacted] upper body with her fists multiple times. The victim sustained multiple injuries to [redacted] upper body and legs. Tramaine Cohen admitted to the incident during a post-Miranda interview. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements, digital media and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

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 4/ 2/2026 defendant Tramaine Laconia Cohen did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic Violence, 3rd degree

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 10/28/2026

Willard D. Branch (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Willard Durham Branch Jr

Judge Code: 7106

Judge's Address P. O. Box 516
Fairfax, SC 29827-

Judge's Telephone (803)584-3755

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A0310100090

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

THE STATE 2026-02082

against

Thomas Lee Cohen, III

Address: [redacted]

Allendale, SC 29810-5223

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 3 Weight: 285

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dylan J Hightower - S00426

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

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 Cohen III on 10/30/26

Laura M R Humphrey

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Allendale Magistrate
398 Barnwell Hwy
Allendale, SC 29810

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[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)

Allendale)

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Dylan J Hightower who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Lee Cohen, III did within this county and state on or about 4/2/2026 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 April 2, 2026, Thomas Cohen III, while at his residence located at [redacted] in Allendale County, did commit the offense of assault and battery third degree on the victim, [redacted] The victim and Cohen III had a verbal altercation that led to Cohen III striking the victim in the face with a closed fist. Cohen III admitted to the incident during a post-Miranda interview. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements, digital media and the investigation of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)

Allendale)

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 4/2/2026 defendant Thomas Lee Cohen, III did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

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 10/28/2026)

Willard D. Branch (L.S.))

Signature of Issuing Judge

Willard Durham Branch Jr)

Judge Code: 7106)

Judge's Address P. O. Box 516
Fairfax, SC 29827-

Judge's Telephone (803)584-3755

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A0310100091

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Allendale

THE STATE 2026-02082

against

Thomas Lee Cohen, III

Address: [redacted]

Allendale, SC 29810-5223

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 3 Weight: 285

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1979 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dylan J Hightower - S00426

Offense: Arson / Attempts to burn, willful and malicious

Offense Code: 0076

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-11-0190

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

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Lauren L. Rumphrey

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
292 Barnwell Hwy
PO Box 126
Allendale, SC 29810

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Attempts to burn, willful and malicious

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 April 2, 2026, Thomas Cohen, III, while at his residence located at [redacted] in Allendale County, did commit the offense of arson/attempts to burn, willful and malicious. Cohen III and [redacted] had a verbal altercation after a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) was delivered to his residence without his knowledge. Cohen III asked [redacted] to have it removed from [redacted] residence. After the UTV was not removed from his residence, Cohen III attempted to set it on fire by pouring gasoline on it, lighting a paper napkin and throwing it on the UTV. The napkin did not ignite. Cohen III admitted to the incident during a post-Miranda interview. The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements after an investigation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)

Allendale)

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 4/ 2/2026 defendant Thomas Lee Cohen, III did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Allendale) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Arson / Attempts to burn, willful and malicious

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

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