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November 4, 2026

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SLED CHARGES SUMTER COUNTY MAN IN ONGOING, MULTI-COUNTY INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Lonnie Johnson Jr., 35, with two counts of Forgery – Value Less Than $10,000, Presenting a False Claim for Insurance Payment – Value $10,000 or More, and Presenting a False Claim for Insurance Payment – Value More than $2,000 but Less Than $10,000 on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. The South Carolina Department of Insurance requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Johnson Jr. was booked into the Clarendon County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

SLED previously charged six others in connection with this ongoing investigation. SLED charged five individuals on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and one on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. Previous SLED news releases can be found online at www.sled.sc.gov/news.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1410100477

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

THE STATE

against

Lonnie Johnson, Jr

Address: [redacted]

Sumter, SC 29154-9786

Phone: SSN [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael S Gifford - S00772

Offense: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value $10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3510

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

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 Lonnie Johnson Jr. on 10-28-26

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Post Office Box 136
3 West Keitt Street
Manning, SC 29102

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michael S Gifford who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Lonnie Johnson, Jr did within this county and state on or about 5/23/2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Clarendon) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value $10,000 or more

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 or about March 1, 2025, in Clarendon County, SC, the defendant, Lonnie Johnson Jr., obtained Aflac short-term disability insurance policy [redacted]. On or about May 23, 2025, the defendant submitted claim number [redacted] for alleged injuries sustained from an ATV accident. The defendant knowingly submitted a false physician's statement from Midlands Ortho & Neurosurgery. This Affiant confirmed with the medical facility that the defendant was not seen at their facility for this date. Therefore, the document was falsified, and the physician's signature was forged. The defendant attempted to gain an undeserved economic advantage totaling more than $10,000. This Affiant presents these facts based on Aflac's electronic records and witness statements.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

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 5/23/2025 defendant Lonnie Johnson, Jr did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Clarendon) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value $10,000 or more

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 10/27/2026

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Janice L. Coney

Judge Code: 7307

Judge's Address Post Office Box 371
Manning, SC 29102-

Judge's Telephone (803)435-2670

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1410100478

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

THE STATE

against

Lonnie Johnson, Jr

Address: [redacted]

Sumter, SC 29154-9786

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]/1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael S Gifford - S00772

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value less than $10,000

Offense Code: 3436

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

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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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Signature of Affiant Michael S. Gifford

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Clarendon

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 10/27/2026

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Janice L. Coney

Judge Code: 7307

Judge's Address Post Office Box 371
Manning, SC 29102-

Judge's Telephone (803)435-2670

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

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2026A1410100479

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against

Lonnie Johnson, Jr

Address: [redacted]

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Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael S Gifford - S00772

Offense: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than $2,000 but less than

Offense Code: 3511

Code/Ordinance Sec: 38-55-0170

This warrant is **CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE** in the

[ ] County/ [ ] Municipality of

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Lonnie Johnson Jr. on 10-28-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Insurance / Presenting false claim for insurance payment, value more than $2,000 but less than $10,000

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Signature of Affiant

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Signature of Issuing Judge

Angela D. Witherspoon

Judge Code: 7465

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Manning, SC 29102-

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A1410100480

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

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THE STATE

against

Lonnie Johnson, Jr

Address: [redacted]

Sumter, SC 29154-9786

Phone: SSN [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 210

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]/1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Michael S Gifford - S00772

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value less than $10,000

Offense Code: 3436

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

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Date:

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