

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT
2026-011487

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Det. W. Muirheid who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

JUSTINE MARIE MAY
DOB: 11/24/1994

did within this County and State starting on September 29, 2026, did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE
16-3-85

The affiant states 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:

On or around September 29, 2026 while at 3280 Pinewood Drive Ladson, SC 29456 in County of Charleston and State of South Carolina, **JUSTINE MARIE MAY**, did commit the offense of **HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE** in violation of **16-3-85** of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended in that she did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously cause the death of a child, Juvenile 1, under the age of eleven while committing child abuse/neglect and the circumstances for which the death occurred showed an extreme indifference for human life.

On 9/29/26, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded 3280 Pinewood Dr. Ladson, SC 29456 in reference to a welfare check for parties associated with the above location. During that call for service the defendant came outside of the home and began crying and speaking incoherently. Because the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has responded in the past for welfare checks it was known that the defendant was usually in the care of her two infant daughters. To ensure the safety of the children entry was made into the residence.

Upon entry, it was discovered that the defendant's two infant children were deceased. The children were obviously deceased and no life saving measures could be performed. The defendant gave a post miranda statement to detectives advising that she has been in a "blur" for the past two weeks. The defendant advised that she did not remember the last time she fed or gave her two children something to drink. She advised detectives at the time she was interviewed that she believed the children died because they did not eat. The defendant advised that she was aware that not feeding her children was neglectful and was the only one present at the home and the children's sole caregiver over the last few weeks.

The defendant advised that her children were about 1.5 years old and 2.5 years old, both under 11 years old, at the time of their death. The defendant unequivocally demonstrated an extreme indifference for human life in that she failed to provide both of her own children, according to her, with the basic sustenance to maintain life thus being a main contributor to their death.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

this 30 day of September
2026. [Signature]
Signature of Judge

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