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OCONEE COUNTY MAGISTRATE ARRESTED IN MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of an Oconee County Magistrate accused of misconduct in office.

Rebecca White Gerrard, 60, of 202 Lelia Street, Seneca, S.C., is charged with **Misconduct in Office, Petit or Simple Larceny** and **Breaking into a Motor Vehicle**.

According to arrest warrants, Gerrard is accused of breaking into a vehicle without the permission of the victim, who is a municipal court judge on or about March 4, 2009 at 1615 Gervais Street in downtown Columbia, S.C. after a South Carolina Summary Court Judge's Association Legislative Reception.

Gerrard allegedly damaged the interior of that vehicle by pouring a liquid substance on the driver's seat and floor.

Investigators also believe Gerrard took a set of keys belonging to the same victim with the intent of depriving that victim of the keys.

This alleged crime happened in November 2008 while at 800 Gervais Street in downtown Columbia, S.C. after a South Carolina Summary Court Judge's Association Meeting.

Furthermore, Gerrard is accused of lying under oath to SLED agents about these allegations during an investigative interview process.

Gerrard turned herself in this morning.

Misconduct in Office is a misdemeanor offense punishable up to a year in prison.

Petit or Simple Larceny is a misdemeanor offense punishable up to five (5) years in prison.

Breaking into a Motor Vehicle is a felony offense punishable up to five (5) years in prison.

For a booking photograph of please visit www.richlandonline.com and click on “Inmate Inquiry” for the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.