

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

CHRISTOPHER ZONE



9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF RAPIDES

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Michael Fincher, Special Agent (SA) for the Louisiana Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who, duly sworn, did depose and say that Christopher Zone, [REDACTED], a former employee of St. Mary's Residential Community and Services located at 6715 Hwy 1 North, Boyce, LA 71409, did violate Louisiana Revised Statute 14:35.2 A (2), Simple Battery of Persons with Infirmities, one (1) count.

On April 30, 2025, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (hereinafter "MFCU") opened an investigation involving Clark's Manor/St. Mary's Residential Community and Services and Direct Care Professional (hereinafter "DCP"), Christopher Zone. The investigation was based on information and documentation received from the Louisiana Department of Health – Health Standards regarding a patient abuse/neglect incident at the home of Clark's Manor.

It was discovered that on or about April 1, 2025, the subject, Christopher Zone, was employed by and on duty at St. Mary's Residential Community and Services (St. Mary's). St. Mary's is a residential facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The victim, J.R. [REDACTED] is a resident of St. Mary's Clark's Manor Home, located at 2003 Huie-Dellmon Avenue, Boyce, LA 71409. J.R. is diagnosed with passive developmental disorder, major depression, and impulse disorder. Due to these conditions, J.R. is unable to care for himself and requires 24-hour supervision, training, and habilitation.

Clark's Manor has video surveillance in most common areas of the home. SA Fincher reviewed the video surveillance footage of the incident from St. Mary's. Upon Affiant's review of the video surveillance footage dated April 1, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:40 AM, Affiant noted the following:

SA Fincher observed J.R. exit the restroom on his knees, then fall to the floor on his left side. Very soon after, Zone exits the same restroom with an object in his right hand. Zone walked up to J.R., leaned slightly forward, and struck J.R. in the head several times with a hard object to

the point that a knocking sound can be heard on the video. J.R. yells and guards his head with his right arm.

On April 1, 2025, at the time of the incident, Zone was the only one assigned and working at Clark's Manor. A picture was sent to Eva Scallan, Social Services Manager with St. Mary's, and a request was made to identify the subject depicted in the video footage. On March 23, 2026, Scallan positively identified the subject as Christopher Zone.

Affiant interviewed employee Jiel Artis, who was going through "on-the-job" training at Clark's Manor, and who made a report against Christopher Zone for being abusive towards clients on April 3, 2025. According to Artis, Zone pulled Artis into one of the client's rooms and stated, "This mother fucker right here gets on my nerves. The only way I can handle him is with this." According to Artis, Zone then pulled up his shirt sleeve and revealed a piece of wood. Artis explained there were a couple of incidents in which Zone used the wooden object to strike clients on the head.

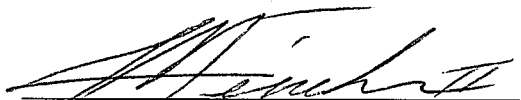
The wooden stick utilized and described by Artis was recovered by St. Mary's Social Services and turned over to MFCU Agents as evidence. St. Mary's investigated, which ultimately led to terminating Christopher Zone for client abuse.

Simple Battery of Persons with Infirmities, as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 14:35.2, is a battery committed against an infirmed, disabled, or aged person who is incapable of consenting to the battery due to either of the following:

- (1) Advanced age;
- (2) Unsoundness of mind, stupor, abnormal condition of the mind, or other mental or developmental disability, regardless of the age of the victim.

The surveillance footage, together with the employee statements of the events on April 1, 2025, supports the arrest of Christopher Zone for the crime of Simple Battery of Persons with Infirmities. Christopher Zone used violence, as witnessed, upon the person of J.R. by striking him in the head with a wooden object, wherein the victim J.R. was unable to consent, as he is an infirmed and/or disabled person of unsoundness of mind and/or who has an abnormal condition of the mind and/or other developmental disability and is a resident of a facility for persons with intellectual disabilities. Christopher Zone committed said act while he was employed as a Direct Care Professional, providing care for J.R. at St. Mary's in Clark's Manor home, located in the City of Boyce, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

Therefore, for the above reasons, Affiant prays for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for Christopher Zone, for one (1) count of Simple Battery of Persons with Infirmities in violation of La. R.S. 14:35.2.


AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, on this 17 day of June 2026, in Parish of Rapides, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Time: 10:16 AM


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WARRANT OF ARREST

TO: ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Affidavit having been made by Special Agent Michael Fincher, Louisiana Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, that on or about the 1st day of April 2025, in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, the offender, Christopher Zone, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did commit the crime of:

Simple battery of persons with infirmities, one (1) count by committing a battery against an infirmed, disabled, or aged person who is incapable of consenting to the battery because he suffers from unsoundness of mind, stupor, abnormal condition of the mind, or other mental or developmental disability,

as defined under La. R.S. 14:35.2.

You are, therefore, commanded forthwith to arrest the said offender and take him forthwith to be booked and charged in accordance with the law.

ORDERED AND SIGNED this 17 day of June 2026, Parish of Rapides, Alexandria, LA.

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