

14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF CALCASIEU  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

**ITEM NUMBER:**  
**57-3897**

**WARRANT NUMBER:**

**AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

MORIAH N. EDWARDS - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I, Special Agent Dylan Christian Barlow, with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe Moriah N. Edwards on or about the date(s) of 03-27-2025 did commit:

1 Count(s) of 14:93.3-- Cruelty to Persons with Infirmitie-- (Felony)

within this State and Parish at: Calcasieu Parish in Calcasieu Parish and the jurisdiction of the 14th Judicial District Court, contrary to the form of the statutes of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same, in that the following did occur:

On June 18, 2025, The Louisiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, (MFCU), initiated an investigation into Moriah Edwards based on allegations that Edwards, as a Direct Service Worker (DSW), may have engaged in possible Medicaid Fraud and/or Neglect involving a New Opportunities Waiver participant, L.C., who was receiving health care services through Normal Life of Lake Charles/ ResCare by assigned caregiver Moriah Edwards (Edwards). Normal Life of Lake Charles/ Res Care is a Medicaid provider located at 643 Petro Point Drive, Lake Charles, LA, 70607.

MFCU Special Agents obtained records for L.C., including but not limited to her plan of care, which revealed that L.C. is diagnosed with profound intellectual disabilities and Down syndrome. Additionally, L.C.'s plan of care revealed that she requires 24-hour monitoring, cannot be left alone in public, only communicates with people she is familiar with, is difficult to understand, and would be unable to call 911 for help in the event of an emergency.

The complainant, Sno Garrett of Imperial Calcasieu Human Services, stated that on March 27, 2025, a witness reported observing an individual, later identified as L.C., seated alone and unattended inside a vehicle. According to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), through a review of the Louisiana

Reporting System Records (LaSRS), it was indicated that Edwards was clocked in on March 27, 2025, providing services to L.C.

The Lake Charles Police Department was notified and dispatched to the above incident. Through investigative means, Affiant obtained records from the Lake Charles Police Department which contained the event logs and body camera footage involving the incident.

Affiant reviewed the above documentation which revealed that, on March 27, 2025, Lake Charles Police Department received a service call at approximately, 11:03 hrs., which indicated that there was a female with down syndrome left in a vehicle for an extended amount of time at the Oasis of Southpark Apartments, located at 5355 Southpark Drive, Lake Charles, LA. Lake Charles Police Officer Gerald Allen arrived at the apartment complex at approximately 11:17 hrs., according to the event logs, which document all events related to a 911 call.

The body-worn camera footage revealed that on March 27, 2025, Officer Allen arrived on scene at 11:17 hrs. and made contact with the complainant, identified as G.F., at 11:18 hrs. G.F. confirmed to Officer Allen that L.C. had been sitting in the car for an extended amount of time and that there was a trash bag seated under her. Additionally, G.F. stated that L.C. lowered the window and motioned him to help her as he walked by the vehicle. Body worn camera footage also revealed that Officer Allen approached a parked maroon Nissan Altima at 11:19 hrs., with the engine running, dark tinted windows, and a crack in the rear window on the driver's side. G.F. advised Officer Allen that L.C. had been sitting in the vehicle since 08:00 hrs., as he had been coming in and out of the apartment complex. Subsequently, Officer Allen can be observed requesting dispatch to determine the registered owner of the vehicle, in which dispatch advised the vehicle to be registered to Moriah Edwards. Officer Allen also acknowledges, on body-worn camera footage, that the vehicle is registered to Moriah Edwards, when trying to identify her whereabouts with an individual believed to be an apartment complex front desk employee. G.F. can be seen on body-worn camera footage placing his hand through the vehicle window, at approximately 11:26 hrs., and then stating that it was hot inside of the vehicle to Officer Allen. At approximately, 11:27 hrs., Edwards can be seen approaching Officer Allen in which she expressed to Officer Allen that L.C. is "kin" to her. When questioned about the events, Edwards stated that she did not arrive at the apartment complex at 08:00 hrs. but instead arrived shortly after 10:00 hrs. At this time, Officer Allen's body-worn camera showed the time as 11:27 hrs. When Officer Allen noted that he felt Edward's vehicle had been parked there for an extended period, before 10:00 hrs., she then acknowledged that her appointment was scheduled for 10:00 hrs. She further verbally admitted to exiting the vehicle at 10:00 hrs., on body-worn camera footage for her appointment. Officer Allen described the incident as "borderline" however, no enforcement action was taken by the Lake Charles Police Department on March 27, 2025.

Through investigative means, Affiant obtained records from Normal Life of Lake Charles/ Res Care. The records revealed that Edwards was hired on November 9, 2021, and subsequently suspended and terminated for leaving L.C. in her vehicle unattended.

Based on the information provided above, Affiant conducted an interview with the witness G.F. on his account from March 27, 2025. G.F. revealed that, on March 27, 2025, he was present at the Oasis of Southpark Apartments, located at 5355 Southpark Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70607, assisting his stepson with relocating to a different apartment complex. During the move, G.F. observed a dark colored sedan parked in front of the apartment complex with the engine running and a female occupant was seated in the rear of the vehicle. Additionally, he stated that the side windows were tinted, but he was able to observe the female through the front windshield of the vehicle. Furthermore, he stated that he did not initially view the situation as a concern and believed that the individual seated in the rear of the vehicle was possibly an adult. G.F. advised that he then continued with assisting his son with moving apartments. The

Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:93.3 defines Cruelty to Persons with Infirmities in Subsection A as the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment or neglect by any persons, including a caregiver, whereby unjustifiable pain, malnourishment, or suffering is caused to a person with an infirmity, an adult with a disability, or a person who is aged, including but not limited to a resident of a nursing home, facility for persons with intellectual disabilities, mental health facility, hospital or other residential facility.

Louisiana Revised Statute 14:12 defines criminal negligence existing when, “although neither specific nor general criminal intent is present, there is such disregard of the interest of others that the offender’s conduct amounts to a gross deviation below the standard of care expected to be maintained by a reasonably careful man under like circumstances.”

I hereby certify under oath the information contained herein to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, under penalties of perjury.

**Special Agent Dylan Christian Barlow**  
**Affiant**

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 18 day of Jun, 2026 at 01:51 PM.

*Tony Fazio*  
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MORIAH N. EDWARDS

TO ANY COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICER:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to me, upon the sworn affidavit of Special Agent Dylan Christian Barlow, with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, charging one Moriah N. Edwards with:

1 Count(s) of 14:93.3--Cruelty to Persons with Infirmitities--(Felony)

Committed on or about the date(s) of 03-27-2025.

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the State, to apprehend and arrest and book the said accused to answer the said complaint. You are further commanded to keep the said accused in safe custody until released according to law, and this shall be your warrant.

Given under my official signature, this 18 day of Jun, 2026 at 01:51 PM.

*Tony Fazzio*  
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**MORIAH N. EDWARDS**

Complaint # 57-3897  
Book-In Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Book-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOND ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the bail on the defendant named above is hereby fixed as set forth herein below.

**IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of the Parish of CALCASIEU and his duly authorized deputies are authorized to accept the bail.**

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant named above, in posting the bond shall have the right to select any of the types of bail specified in Article 312 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure. However, they may only select an unsecured personal surety bail or bail without surety if authorized by further orders of the Court.

| Count  | Charges                                      | Amount      | Description | Status Type |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1      | 14:93.3, Cruelty to Persons with Infirmities | \$25,000.00 |             | Felony      |
| Total: |                                              | \$25,000.00 |             |             |

Bond Conditions (if any):

No contact whatsoever with known drug users or convicted felons.

No other criminal activity.

No possession or use of alcohol or marijuana or illegal drugs while on bail.

Subject to random drug screens at the discretion of the court.

SIGNED on this 18 day of Jun, 2026, at 01:51 PM.

  
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Tony Fazzio, Judge  
14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
State of Louisiana