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## **Clara Jean Ellis Arrested on Grand Jury Indictment for Homicide by Child Abuse**

(**COLUMBIA, S.C.**) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that Clara Jean Ellis (DOB: 1/17/1960) was arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 4, on a Charleston County Grand Jury indictment for Homicide by Child Abuse.

Ellis was indicted on Dec. 13, 2016 on one count Homicide by Child Abuse. The offense is a felony, punishable by up to life in prison, but no less than 20 years.

The indictment alleges that on or about April 16, 2014, Ellis caused the death of the victim, a child under the age of 11, while committing child abuse or neglect, under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life, and the child abuse or neglect resulted in the death of the victim.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office. The investigation is being led by SLED.

Eugene Wright was originally charged with Homicide by Child Abuse in this case, however after further investigation, it was determined that Wright could not have committed the crime and the charge has been dismissed.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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