



Pennsylvania State Police

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State Police Investigate Fraudulent Nurse Practices

Washington, PA – The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations have charged Shannon Nicole Womack (AKA Shannon Nicole Lawson) with Corrupt Organizations, Endangering The Welfare of Care, Unlawful Use of a Computer, Identity Theft, Forgery, Theft of Unlawful Taking, and multiple other charges.

In April of this year, Troopers on routine patrol conducted a traffic stop on a Mercedes Benz on Interstate 79 in Washington County. The driver, Shannon Womack, provided false identification to the Troopers on scene. The investigation revealed that approximately 20 different aliases and 7 different Social Security numbers were associated with Shannon Womack.

A search warrant executed on the vehicle yielded multiple forms of identification, prescription medications prescribed to different victims, medical documents, and various pieces of medical equipment.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations was able to determine that Shannon Womack posed as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN), and RN Supervisor at multiple rehabilitation and nursing home facilities throughout Pennsylvania. She had been using the identities and credentials of four confirmed nurses from southern states.

Womack was able to secure these nursing positions through staffing agencies by submitting fraudulently signed documents and also by creating a false LLC to self-deploy herself to multiple jobs.

She is believed to have begun this pattern of racketeering in 2020 and continued it across many states on the eastern side of the country.

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations is currently working with the Department of Health, Department of State, and multiple District Attorneys and states in this matter.

This investigation is currently ongoing.

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