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LAURENS COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Wednesday arrested a Laurens County man for sexually assaulting a female juvenile.

Leon Symes Deitz, 45, was charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Laurens County Sheriff's Office.

Deitz was booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant attached

ARREST WARRANT

2021A3010100371

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Laurens

THE STATE
34-20-0121
against

Leon Symes Deitz

Address: [Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 265
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SCLD0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Michelle Q Rice-Johnson - S00542
Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

Offense Code: 0161
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0653

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
 County/ Municipality of

is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law. The accused
(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Leon Symes Deitz
on May 5, 2021

Signature of Court Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 Hillcrest Square
P.O. Box 287
Laurens, SC 29360

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
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Personally appeared before me the affiant Michelle Q Rice-Johnson who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Leon Symes Deitz
did within this county and state on or about 4/11/2009 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Laurens)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about between the dates of April 11, 2009 and April 9, 2015 in the county of Laurens, one Leon Symes Deitz did use
force to accomplish sexual battery of the victim, [Redacted] He did use aggravated force in that he took off the victim's shorts
and panties, got on top of her and forced his penis into her vagina. The victim attempted to push him off of her and told him to stop
and it hurt; however, he continued. The incidents happened several times a day, starting when the victim was 12 until she was 17
years of age, [Redacted] The incidents occurred at [Redacted] in
Clinton, SC.

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Laurens

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Affiant's Telephone Columbia, SC 29221-

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

it appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 4/11/2009 defendant Leon Symes Deitz
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
 County/ Municipality of Laurens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 5/5/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge [Handwritten Signature] (L.S.)
Judge's Address Laurens, SC 29360-
Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689
Tracy Epperson Richards
Judge Code: 7394
Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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