



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 25, 2022

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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WITH 2 COUNTS OF CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR**

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Justine Jay Hatfield, 34, of Heath Springs, with 2 counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor.

Details of the investigation are in the warrants attached.

SLED was requested to investigate by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

Hatfield was booked at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

A copy of this news release is also on SLED's website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)

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*An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



ARREST WARRANT

2022A2910101064

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE 32-22-0070  
against

Justine Jay Hatfield

Address:

Heath Springs, SC 29058-8432

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1987 Agency ORI #: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: Minor / Criminal solicitation of a minor

Offense Code: 2999

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0342

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

The accused  
is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to the law

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to  
defendant Justine Jay Hatfield  
on May 25, 2022

[Signature]  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
104 N. Main St.  
P O Box 1809  
Lancaster, SC 29720

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Lee Blackmon who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Justine Jay Hatfield

did within this county and state on or about 5/13/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Lancaster)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Criminal solicitation of a minor

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:

See attached affidavit.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature: Lee Blackmon]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

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Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd  
Columbia, SC 29210-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

ARREST WARRANT

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

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soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 5/25/2022

[Signature] (L.S.)  
Signature of Issuing Judge

Van Kevin Richardson

Judge Code: 7001

Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East  
Lancaster, SC 29720-

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

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AFFIDAVIT

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Magistrate  
5/25/22

*M. Lee Blackmon*  
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