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SLED CHARGES KERSHAW COUNTY MAN WITH INTENT TO COMMIT CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR

On Thursday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Thomas Brian Arledge, 52, of Camden, S.C. for Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct - third degree and Criminal Sexual Conduct with a minor - third degree.

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

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrants.

Arledge was booked at the Kershaw County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2022A2810100709

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE 32-20-0122

against

Thomas Brian Arledge

Address:

Camden, SC 29020-3353

Phone: [] SSN: [] Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: []

DOB: [] 1970 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: April B Sykes - S00043

Offense: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Third degree

Offense Code: 0255

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0656

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 Thomas Brian Arledge on 9/11/22

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Po Box 1557 Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Kershaw)

Personally appeared before me the affiant April B Sykes who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Brian Arledge

did within this county and state on or about 10/19/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Kershaw)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Third 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:

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Lieutenant April Sykes who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Thomas Brian Arledge did within this county and state on or about October 2, 2018 and October 19, 2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: coerced and placed the victim's hand onto his erect penis forcing the victim to masturbate him until ejaculation. The victim being no more than 16 years of age. This was done with the intent of arousing and gratifying his lust. I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: Recorded interviews and statements from the victim and other witnesses, digital evidence, and other evidence obtained as part of an ongoing investigation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Kershaw)

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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 10/19/2020 defendant Thomas Brian Arledge

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Kershaw) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Third 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 8/24/2022)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528

Camden, SC 29021-

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.))

James F Davis (Magistrate) Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Judge Code: 7278) Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Offense Code: 3661

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(C)

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