



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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### **SLED CHARGES NEWBERRY COUNTY WOMAN WITH HARASSMENT**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Audriauna Lexus Lester, 26, of Newberry, SC, on March 23, 2023, with Harassment – 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

On March 21, 2023, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) received a request for assistance from the Newberry County Sheriff.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Lester was booked at the Newberry County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3610100151

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Newberry

THE STATE

34-23-0035

against

Audriauna Lexus Lester

Address:

Newberry, SC 29108-

Phone: SSN Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Drew S Ledbetter - S00559

Offense: Harassment / 1st Degree Harassment

Offense Code: 2403

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-1700(A)

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 on 3/23/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 1226 College Street PO Drawer 10 Newberry, SC 29108

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Newberry )

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Drew S Ledbetter who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Audriauna Lexus Lester

did within this county and state on or about 3/20/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Harassment / 1st Degree Harassment

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:

Between January 2023 and March 20, 2023, the defendant did willfully and intentionally commit the offense of Harassment First Degree when she caused the victim, [redacted] to suffer mental and emotional distress and engaged in patterns of intentional, substantial, and unreasonable intrusions into the victim's private life. The defendant's actions included threatening the victim with physical harm, threatening to disseminate nude photographs of the victim, posting nude photographs of the victim on Facebook, disseminating nude photographs of the victim to the victim's family, and calling the victim numerous times on March 20, 2023. Affiants' beliefs are based on SLED investigation 34-23-0035

Signature of Affiant

Drew S. Ledbetter

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

Newberry )

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

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 3/20/2023 defendant Audriauna Lexus Lester

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Harassment / 1st Degree Harassment

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 3/23/2023 )

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Ronald C. Halfacre (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7062 )

Judge's Address 833 Main Street

Newberry, SC 29108-

Judge's Telephone (803)321-2144

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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