



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 25, 2023

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### **SLED CHARGES CHESTER COUNTY MAN WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged William Pinckney Carpenter, III, 63, on Monday, September 25, 2023, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a minor, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Carpenter was booked at the York County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A4610100434

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

York

THE STATE

32-22-0086

against

William Pinckney Carpenter, III

Address

Chester, SC 29706-6499

Phone

SSN

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 215

DL State: SC DL #

DOB: 1959 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison C Fitzgerald - S01698

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under

Offense Code: 3661

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

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 William Carpenter

on 09/25/2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

York County General Sessions
1675 York Hwy
York, SC 29745

AUDIT COPY

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

York

Personally appeared before me the affiant Allison C Fitzgerald who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Pinckney Carpenter, III

did within this county and state on or about 9/1/2017 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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 the defendant, William Pinckney Carpenter III, did while at or near 103 East Madison Street York, SC, on or around the Fall 2017-Spring 2018, did wilfully and unlawfully violate the South Carolina Code of Law by committing sexual battery on the victim, who was eight or nine years old at the time, while she was attending a church program. The defendant was a leader for the church program. During a bus ride for an event, the defendant sat next to on the bus and inappropriately touched her vagina over her clothing with his fingertips in a rubbing motion. During a forensic interview, the victim stated the defendant was missing one of his fingers, which she later identified to be one of his thumbs during a follow-up interview on January 24, 2023. During the investigation it was determined the defendant was missing the thumb of his left hand. The victim positively identified the defendant from a photo lineup. Probable cause is based on police investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

York

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 9/1/2017 defendant William Pinckney Carpenter, III

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

County/ Municipality of York) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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 9/11/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge
John Charles Dover (Magistrate)

Judge Code 7416

Judge's Address 1675-3C York Highway

York, SC 29745-

Judge's Telephone (803)628-3095

Issuing Court: X Magistrate

Municipal

Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 510