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March 1, 2024

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**SLED CHARGES FORMER LATTA POLICE OFFICER WITH
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR 3RD DEGREE,
EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCE TO MINORS,
AND 2 COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARD A CHILD**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged David Lonny Geronimo Templet, 35, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – 3rd Degree, Exhibiting Harmful Performance to Minors, and 2 counts of Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Templet was booked at the Dillon County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1710100177

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dillon

THE STATE

33-20-0114

against

David Lonny Geronimo Templet

Address:

Latta, SC 29565-1428

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacqueline Tara Gause - S00548

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 on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
PO Box 1220
301 West Main Street
Dillon, SC 29536

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dillon

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacqueline Tara Gause who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant David Lonny Geronimo Templet

did within this county and state on or about 7/11/2019 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dillon)

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:

On or about July 11, 2019, David Templet did, within Dillon County, commit the offense of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor - 3rd Degree, to wit: Templet attempted to rub juvenile victim area. The victim was 11 years old at the time of the incident. The affiant's belief is based upon the victim's statement provided during a forensic interview as well as the victim's testimony. This being in violation of Section 16-03-0655 (C), South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dillon

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 7/11/2019 defendant David Lonny Geronimo Templet

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dillon) 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 2/29/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge Andrew Victor Bethca

Judge Code: 7400

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1016
Dillon, SC 29536-

Judge's Telephone (843)774-1406

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

ARREST WARRANT

2024A1710100178

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

33-20-0114

against

David Lonny Geronimo Templet

Address:

Latta, SC 29565-1428

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacqueline Tara Gause - S00548

Offense: Obscene / Disseminating harmful material or
exhibiting harmful performance to minors

Offense Code: 0378

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0385(A)(B)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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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 David Templet
on 2-1-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
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301 West Main Street
Dillon, SC 29536

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violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dillon)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Obscene / Disseminating harmful material or exhibiting harmful performance to minors

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 July 2019 and September 2020, David Templet did, within Dillon County, commit the offense of Exhibiting a Harmful
Performance to Minors, to wit: juvenile victim # 1, [redacted] and juvenile
victim # 2, [redacted] Templet masturbated while standing beside [redacted]. This
performance was witnessed by [redacted]. The affiant's belief is based upon statements provided by the juvenile victims during a forensic
interview as well as the victims' testimony [redacted]. This being in violation of Section 16-15-0385 (C), South
Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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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 7/1/2019defendant David Lonny Geronimo Templet

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

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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 meon 2/29/2024Signature of Issuing Judge
Andrew Victor Bethca
Judge Code: 7400

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1016
Dillon, SC 29536-Judge's Telephone (843)774-1406Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1710100179

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

33-20-0114

against

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Address:

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Phone:

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Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 220

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DOB: 1988 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacqueline Tara Gause - S00548

Offense: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or
cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Offense Code: 2481

Code/Ordinance Sec: 63-05-0070

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:Between July 2019 and September 2020, David Templet did, within Dillon County, commit the offense of Unlawful Conduct
Toward a Child, to wit: Templet [REDACTED] masturbated in the
presence of the victim, placing the child at unreasonable risk of harm, affecting the child's mental health. At the time of the incident,
juvenile victim [REDACTED] The affiant's
belief is based upon statements provided by the juvenile victims during a forensic interview as well as the victim's testimony
provided [REDACTED] This being in violation of Section 63-5-70 (A)(1), South Carolina Code of Laws.

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[REDACTED]

Andrew Victor Bethea

Judge Code: 7400

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1016Dillon, SC 29536-Judge's Telephone (843)774-1406Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1710100180

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THE STATE

33-20-0114

against

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Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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