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March 10, 2025

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SLED CHARGES BEAUFORT COUNTY MAN WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR – THIRD DEGREE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Corey Wayne Ellis, 33, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – Third Degree on Friday, March 7, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Ellis was booked into the Beaufort County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A0710400066

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE

2024-02948

against

Corey Wayne Ellis

Address:

Beaufort, SC 29906-5718

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeb R Fay - S01336

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 Corey Ellis on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer 3/7/25 C0836

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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Beaufort

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeb R Fay who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Corey Wayne Ellis

did within this county and state on or about 10/1/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Beaufort) 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 the month of October, 2024, while at Beaufort, SC, which is in the County of Beaufort the defendant, Corey Wayne Ellis, knowingly committed the offense of Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor 3rd Degree in violation of South Carolina Law. In that, the defendant touched the victim's vagina with the intent to arouse, appeal, or gratify, the sexual desires of himself or the nine-year-old victim. The victim participated in a forensic interview where she disclosed that the defendant touched her vagina on two separate occasions, during the month of October 2024, This being in violation of Section 16-03-0655(C), South Carolina Code of Laws and believed to be true based on the investigation of SLED.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Beaufort

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 10/1/2024 defendant Corey Wayne Ellis

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Beaufort) 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 3/6/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Robert Eccles Ferguson Jr.

Judge Code: 7476

Judge's Address 104 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, SC 29902-

Judge's Telephone (843)255-5700

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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