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March 21, 2025

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SLED CHARGES TWO PEOPLE WITH SEX CRIMES INVOLVING A MINOR IN HAMPTON COUNTY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Michael James Carr, 56, with two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor - First Degree and Permitting a Minor to Engage in an Act in Violation of Obscenity Laws. SLED also charged Jordan Niccole Soto, 25, with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. Both were charged on Monday, March 17, 2025. The SLED investigation was requested by the Hampton Police Department.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Carr and Soto were both booked into the Hampton County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2510100031

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

THE STATE

2024-02360

against

Michael James Carr

Address:

Bamberg, SC 29003-1786

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1968 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jarius J Richardson - S00452

Offense: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First degree

Offense Code: 0379

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0395(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

3-17-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
1 Courthouse Square Elm St
P O Box 7
Hampton, SC 29924

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jarius J Richardson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael James Carr

did within this county and state on or about 10/ 2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First 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:

That on or about, October 2, 2024, County of Hampton, State of SC, the aforesaid, one Michael James Carr, did commit the offense of First-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (16-15-395). The defendant did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously sexually exploit the juvenile victim, by facilitating and assisting a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity. The facts to establish the aforementioned are that the juvenile victim, as defined by 63-19-20, a 17 year old female arrived at the defendant's business, located in Hampton, SC. The juvenile was introduced to the defendant, and he was informed of the juvenile's age. According to statements provided in SLED interviews, during the encounter, the defendant, who is also a photographer, took photos of the juvenile that depicted her in a sexual nature. A search of the defendant's vehicle yielded an SD memory card that contained photos of the juvenile victim that revealed a portion of her breast and nipple.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

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/ 2/2024 defendant Michael James Carr

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First 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 3/12/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Tonja P. Alexander

Judge Code: 7387

(L.S.)

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1299

Varnville, SC 29944-

Judge's Telephone (843)914-2230

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HAMPTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED Case# 2024-02360
Warrant#

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Jarius Richardson of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that defendant **MICHAEL JAMES CARR** (Caucasian male, DOB: [REDACTED] 968), did within this county and state on or about October 2, 2024, did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

First degree of Sexual exploitation of a Minor 16-15-395

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or about, October 2, 2024, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Michael James Carr, did commit the offense of **First-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor** (16-15-395). The defendant did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously sexually exploit the juvenile victim, by facilitating and assisting a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

The facts to establish the aforementioned are that the juvenile victim, as defined by 63-19-20, a 17 (seventeen) year old female arrived at the defendant's business, [REDACTED], located in Hampton, SC. The juvenile was introduced to the defendant, and he was informed of the juvenile's age. According to statements provided in SLED interviews, during the encounter, the defendant, who is also a photographer, took photos of the juvenile that depicted her in a sexual nature which is prohibited by 16-15-395. A search of the defendant's vehicle yielded an SD memory card that contained photos of the juvenile victim that revealed a portion of her breast and nipple, which defined by 16-15-375, is a state of sexually explicit nudity.

The above information was revealed through the investigation conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, all to provide the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 12 day of March, 2025,


Signature of Judge


Affiant
SLED Low Country Region
104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, S. C. 29488
Ofc# (843) 782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2510100032

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

THE STATE

2024-02360

against

Michael James Carr

Address:

Bamberg, SC 29003-1786

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 180
DL State: SC DL #: _____
DOB: 1968 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jarius J Richardson - S00452

Offense: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First degree

Offense Code: 0379

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0395(A)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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defendant

on

3-17-25

M. Carr

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Hampton, SC 29924

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jarius J Richardson who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael James Carr
did within this county and state on or about 10/2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First 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:

See attached

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

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 10/2/2024 defendant Michael James Carr

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First 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 3/12/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Tonja P. Alexander

Judge Code: 7387

(L.S.)

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1299

Varnville, SC 29944-

Judge's Telephone (843)914-2230

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HAMPTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED Case# 2024-02360
Warrant#

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Jarius Richardson of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that defendant **MICHAEL JAMES CARR** (Caucasian male, DOB: [REDACTED] 1968), did within this county and state on or about October 2, 2024, did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

First degree of Sexual exploitation of a Minor 16-15-395

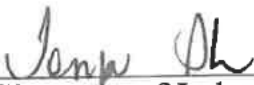
The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or about, October 2, 2024, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Michael James Carr, did commit the offense of **First-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor** (16-15-395). The defendant did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously sexually exploit the juvenile victim, by facilitating and assisting a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

The facts to establish the aforementioned are that the juvenile victim, as defined by 63-19-20, a 17 (seventeen) year old female arrived at the defendant's business, [REDACTED] located in Hampton, SC. The juvenile was introduced to the defendant, and he was informed of the juvenile's age. According to statements provided in SLED interviews, during the encounter, the defendant, who is also a photographer, took photos of the juvenile that depicted her in a sexual nature which is prohibited by 16-15-395. A search of the defendant's vehicle yielded an SD memory card that contained a photo of the juvenile victim as she posed in a picture with another individual who did not have on any undergarments, revealing her vagina.

The above information was revealed through the investigation conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, all to provide the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 12 day of March, 2025,


Signature of Judge


Affiant
SLED Low Country Region
104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, S. C. 29488
Ofc# (843) 782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2510100033

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

THE STATE

2024-02360

against

Michael James Carr

Address:

Bamberg, SC 29003-1786

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1968 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jarius J Richardson - S00452

Offense: Obscene / Unlawful to hire person under 18 to violate obscenity statutes

Offense Code: 3130

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0335

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 3-17-25 M. Carr

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
1 Courthouse Square Elm St
P O Box 7
Hampton, SC 29924

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jarius J Richardson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Michael James Carr did within this county and state on or about 10/2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Obscene / Unlawful to hire person under 18 to violate obscenity statutes

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:

See attached

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality ofAffiant's Address 104 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

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 10/2/2024 defendant Michael James Carr did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Obscene / Unlawful to hire person under 18 to violate obscenity statutes

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 3/12/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Tonja P. Alexander
Judge Code: 7387

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1299
Varnville, SC 29944-

Judge's Telephone (843)914-2230

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HAMPTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED Case# 2024-02360

Warrant#

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this county, one Special Agent Jarius Richardson of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that defendant **MICHAEL JAMES CARR** (Caucasian male, DOB: [REDACTED] 1968), did within this county and state on or about October 2, 2024, did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

Permitting Minor to Engage in any Act Constituting Violation of this Article Prohibited; Penalties

16-15-335

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:

That on or about, October 2, 2024, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Michael James Carr, did commit the offense of **Permitting Minor to Engage in any Act Constituting Violation of this Article Prohibited; Penalties (16-15-335)**. The defendant did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously sexually exploit the juvenile victim, by facilitating and assisting a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

The facts to establish the aforementioned are that the juvenile victim, as defined by 63-19-20, a 17 (seventeen) year old female arrived at the defendant's business, [REDACTED] located in Hampton, SC. The juvenile was introduced to the defendant, and he was informed of the juvenile's age. According to statements provided in SLED interviews, during the encounter, the defendant, who is also a photographer, took photos of the juvenile victim that depicted her in a sexual nature which is prohibited by 16-15-395. A search warrant executed on the defendant's vehicle yielded a photo the juvenile victim that revealed a portion of her breast and nipple, and another photo that depicted the juvenile posed with another individual who did not have on any undergarments, revealing her vagina. Both photos showed the juvenile victim in a state of sexually explicit nudity, as defined by 16-15-375.

The above information was revealed through the investigation conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, all to provide the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 12 day of March, 2025,

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J. D.
Affiant
SLED Low Country Region
184 Simmons Street
Walterboro, S. C. 29488

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2510100034

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

THE STATE

2024-02360

against

Jordan Niccole Soto

Address:

Varnville, SC 29944-3037

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 Weight: 130

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 999 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jarius J Richardson - S00452

Offense: Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Offense Code: 0048

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0490

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 3/18/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

1 Courthouse Square Elm St

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

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jordan Niccole Soto

did within this county and state on or about 10/ 2/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minor

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 on or about, October 2, 2024, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Jordan Niccole Soto, did commit the offense of Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor (16-17-490). The defendant did willfully, and unlawfully, encourage and aid the juvenile victim to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity. The facts to establish the aforementioned are that the juvenile victim, as defined by 63-19-20, a 17 (seventeen) year old female, was transported to [REDACTED] located in Hampton, SC, by the defendant, Jordan Soto. At the business, the juvenile victim and the defendant took pictures together that showed them in a state of sexually explicit nudity. In a SLED interview with Soto, she told SLED Agents that the photographer paid her funds that were supposed to go to the juvenile victim. However, she did not provide the funds to the juvenile victim.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Affiant's Address 104 Simmons Street

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (843)782-3822

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/ 2/2024 defendant Jordan Niccole Soto

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minor

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

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