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SLED CHARGES LANCASTER COUNTY MAN WITH GIVING BEER TO A PERSON UNDER 21

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jacob Austin Helms, 25, with Giving Beer to a Minor – 1st offense, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Jacob Helms provided alcohol to his brother, Jarod Helms, 18, who was arrested in North Carolina and charged with Felony Death by Vehicle while driving under the influence. The North Carolina Department of Public Safety Alcohol Law Enforcement Division requested that SLED investigate.

Details regarding Jacob Helms can be found in the attached warrant.

Helms was booked in the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by SLED in the Lancaster County Magistrate Court.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2910100971

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

2025-02540

against

Jacob Austin Helms

Address:

Fort Mill, SC 29707-

Phone: SSN

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

DL State: NC DL #:

DOB: 1999 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Joseph M Parsons - S00798

Offense: Alcohol / Giving beer or wine to minor, transfer or gift, 1st offense

Offense Code: 2494

Code/Ordinance Sec: 61-04-0090

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 Jacob Austin Helms JA

on 5/20/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
104 N. Main St.
P O Box 1809
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Joseph M Parsons

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jacob Austin Helms

did within this county and state on or about 4/19/2025

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Alcohol / Giving beer or wine to minor, transfer or gift, 1st offense

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 April 19, 2025, Jacob Austin Helms did transfer beer for the purpose of consumption to a person under twenty-one years of age. Probable caused based on witness and suspect interviews, text messages between Jacob Helms and his brother Jarrod Helms, and security camera footage. This incident occurred within the boundaries of Lancaster County, SC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd

Columbia, SC 29210-

Affiant's Telephone (803)206-3524

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 4/19/2025 defendant Jacob Austin Helms

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Alcohol / Giving beer or wine to minor, transfer or gift, 1st offense

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 5/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Douglas Michael Vecchio

Judge Code: 7225

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East

Lancaster, SC 29721-1809

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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