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SLED CHARGES RICHLAND COUNTY MAN WITH SEX CRIMES INVOLVING A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Brandon Pressley, 30, with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Trafficking in Persons - Victim Under 18 Years of Age - 1st Offense on Monday, July 7, 2025. Pressley was previously charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor - Victim Under 16 Years of Age - 2nd Offense on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The Department of Juvenile Justice requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Pressley was booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010203445

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

2024-03584

against

Joshua Brandon Pressley

Address:

Columbia, SC 29206-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kason B Gardner - S01878

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
onJoshua B. Pressley
7-7-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Kason B Gardner

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Joshua Brandon Pressley

did within this county and state on or about

8/1/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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:

Between August and November 2024 while located in the Columbia area of Richland County SC, the defendant, Joshua Pressley, did commit the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in that he did knowingly and willingly encourage, aid or cause the 15-year-old minor victim to be incorrigible and habitually disobedient and beyond the control of [REDACTED] legal guardian. The defendant did harbor the minor victim knowing that the minor victim was a runaway from [REDACTED] home and the defendant did provide the minor victim with illegal drugs while with [REDACTED]. The defendant was identified by witness statements and digital evidence. All of the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation and is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina and being in violation of Section 16-17-490(2), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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 8/1/2024

defendant Joshua Brandon Pressley

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

) 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

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 7/7/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Josef Malcolm Robinson

Judge Code: 7220

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 118-A McNulty Drive

Columbia, SC 29016-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-1580

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010203446

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

2024-03584

against

Joshua Brandon Pressley

Address:

Columbia, SC 29206-

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kason B Gardner - S01878

Offense: Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, Victim under 18 YOA - 1st Offense

Offense Code: 3899

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-2020(C)

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State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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Richland Bond Court

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, Victim under 18 YOA - 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:

Between August and November 2024 while located in the Columbia area of Richland County SC, the defendant, Joshua Pressley, did commit the crime of trafficking in persons, victim under 18 in that he did recruit, entice, solicit, isolate, harbor, transport, provide, obtain or so attempt, a 15 year-old minor victim, knowing that the victim would be subjected to sex trafficking. The defendant did recruit and aid the minor victim in conducting commercial sex acts at multiple locations in Richland County and he did collect monetary payments from the commercial sex acts. The defendant was identified by witness statements and digital evidence. All of the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation and is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South Carolina and being in violation of Section 16-03-2020(C), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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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 8/ 1/2024

defendant Joshua Brandon Pressley

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

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Richland Bond Court

) as set forth below:

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Trafficking / Trafficking in Persons, Victim under 18 YOA - 1st Offense

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Josef Malcolm Robinson

Judge Code: 7220

(L.S.)

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118-A McNulty Drive

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Columbia, SC 29016-

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Issuing Court:

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

2024-03584

against

Joshua Brandon Pressley

Address:

Columbia, SC 29206-4953

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 165

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kason B Gardner - S01878

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or
Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second

Offense Code: 0397

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(B)(2)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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on 5/13/25

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5/12/2025

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Richland Bond Court

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second 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:Between the date of August and November 2024 while located at [REDACTED] in the Columbia area of
Richland County SC, the defendant, Joshua Pressley, did commit the crime of criminal sexual conduct with a minor 2nd degree, in
that he did engage in sexual battery with the 15-year-old minor victim. The defendant did engage in sexual intercourse with the
victim on multiple occasions including while at [REDACTED] where the victim and defendant stayed together. The defendant
was identified by witness statements and digital evidence. All of the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A
Gardner of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. All the above is against the law, peace, and dignity of the State of South
Carolina and being in violation of Section 16-03-0655 (B)(2), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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ARREST WARRANT

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It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 5/12/2025

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

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Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second degree

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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 me

on 5/12/2025

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Patience Orbriel Van Ellis

Judge Code: 7398

Judge's Address

201 John Mark Dial Drive

Columbia, SC 29209-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2341

Issuing Court:

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