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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 31, 2025

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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES FORMER CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY DEAN OF STUDENTS WITH SEX CRIMES AGAINST MINORS

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged John Anthony Heflin, 54, with Disseminating Harmful Material or Exhibiting a Harmful Performance to a Minor, Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor - Victim Under 16 Years of Age - 2nd Degree, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, and Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor - 3rd Degree on Thursday, July 31, 2025. The Kershaw County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Heflin was booked into the Kershaw County Detention Center.

SLED previously charged Heflin with Criminal Solicitation of a Minor on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

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

Anyone with information regarding SLED's active and ongoing investigation involving Heflin can reach out to SLED by calling (866) 472 - 8477 or emailing tips@sled.sc.gov.

If you or someone you know may have been a victim involved with this matter, SLED recognizes it may be difficult to come forward. Please know that survivor resources are available. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2810100631

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

2024-01806

against

John Anthony Heflin

Address:

Bethune, SC 29009-9598

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00639

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

☐ 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 John Heflin

on 07/31/25 12:43pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Po Box 1557
Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

Personally appeared before me the affiant James C Auld

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Anthony Heflin

did within this county and state on or about 5/31/2014

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

The defendant, John Anthony Heflin, did while at [REDACTED] Bethune, SC, located in Kershaw County, on or about May 31, 2014 through August 31, 2014 willfully and knowingly present harmful material to a minor under the age of 18 years old. Heflin provided the [REDACTED] juvenile [REDACTED] with pornographic material for the purposes of masturbating with the juvenile while both watched. This was disclosed by [REDACTED] who is now an adult during an interview with SLED agents and [REDACTED] identified the defendant as the person who provided the pornographic material. The defendant was a teacher at Camden Military Academy and [REDACTED] was a student at the time of the incident. This is in violation of 16-15-0385(A)(B). THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA (1976), as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

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 5/31/2014

defendant John Anthony Heflin

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw

) as set forth below:

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

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 7/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr

Judge Code: 7278

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528

Camden, SC 29021-

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2810100628

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

against

2024-01806

John Anthony Heflin

Address:

Bethune, SC 29009-9598

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00639

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)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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The accused

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant John Heflin

on 07/31/25 12:41pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Anthony Heflin

did within this county and state on or about 5/31/2014

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:On or about May 31, 2014 to August 31, 2014, during multiple separate incidents, the defendant, John Anthony Heflin, at [redacted]
Bethune, SC located within Kershaw County, did commit sexual battery on a [redacted] while the
victim was in the care of the defendant. The sexual battery included the defendant performing forced sexual intercourse on [redacted]
This was disclosed by [redacted] now an adult, during an interview with SLED agents and the defendant was identified by [redacted] as the
person who assaulted him. The defendant was a teacher at Camden Military Academy and [redacted] was a student at the time of the
incident. This is in violation of 16-03-0655(B)(2), THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), as amended..

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

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 5/31/2014 defendant John Anthony Heflin

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second 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 7/15/2025Signature of Issuing Judge
James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr
Judge Code: 7278

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528
Camden, SC 29021-

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2810100629

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

2024-01806

against

John Anthony Heflin

Address:

Bethune, SC 29009-9598

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00639Offense: Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minorOffense Code: 0048Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0490This 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

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violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minorI 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 May 31, 2014 through August 31, 2014, the defendant, John Anthony Heflin, who was 43 years old, did commit the
offense of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, by providing a juvenile with alcoholic beverages in the form
of beer and liquor. This all occurred at Bethune SC, located in Kershaw County. This information was obtained
during an interview with the the now adult victim . Witnesses confirmed that was living at the residence with Heflin over
the summer. This is in violation of 16-17-490, THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 5/31/2014 defendant John Anthony Heflin

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw) as set forth below:**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:** Minor / Contributing to the delinquency of a minorHaving 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 assoon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before meon 7/15/2025James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr
Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 7278

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528Camden, SC 29021-Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2810100630

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

2024-01806

against

John Anthony Heflin

Address:

Bethune, SC 29009-9598

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: /1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00639

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)

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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 5/31/25 12:40 pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Anthony Heflin

did within this county and state on or about 9/1/2022

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

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:

During the Spring Semester of 2022, the defendant, Camden Military Academy (CMA) teacher John Anthony Heflin, while on the CMA Campus, 520 US-1, Camden, SC located in Kershaw County, did willfully and lewdly commit or attempt to commit a lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body, or its parts, a child who was under while the child was at CMA, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the actor or the child by touching the juvenile victim's penis over the clothing. disclosed this information during a Forensic Interview by a SLED agent. This is in violation of 16-03-0655(C), THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

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 9/1/2022 defendant John Anthony Heflin

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw) 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)

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