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SLED CHARGES RIDGELAND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INMATE WITH ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND KIDNAPPING

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Darious Lamont Moore, 45, with Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct - First Degree and Kidnapping on Monday, September 15, 2025. The South Carolina Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Moore remains incarcerated.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2720200056

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

against

Darius Lamont Moore

Address: 5 Correctional Rd

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 1980 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Blake R Johnson - S00253Offense: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - First degreeOffense Code: 0253Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0656

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

P. Van Ellis

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: SEP 08 2025

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Darius Lamont Mooreon Monday 9/15/25St. J. Felder

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
265 Russell Street
Po Box 248
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Blake R Johnson whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Darius Lamont Mooredid within this county and state on or about 7/16/2025 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Ridgeland)

in the following particulars.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - 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 July 16, 2025, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Darius Lamont Moore did commit the offense of Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct, 1st degree. Defendant Moore is an inmate being housed at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional RD. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. That the victim listed as [REDACTED] was performing normal assigned duties in the [REDACTED] area of the institution when defendant Moore entered the office of victim [REDACTED] turned off the lighting and barricaded the entrance door blocking any opportunity for victim [REDACTED] to escape. Defendant Moore then physically attacked victim [REDACTED] forcing [REDACTED] to the floor area, ripping open the crotch of [REDACTED] clothing in his attempt to sexually assault [REDACTED] inmates listed as Trustee's heard yelling for help and were able to forcibly enter the room, intervene and stop the assault. This being in violation of SC Statute 16-03-0656 code of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses, and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 7/16/2025 defendant Darius Lamont Moore

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Ridgeland) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - 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 7/17/2025

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Thomas J. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119
Ridgeland, SC 29936-Judge's Telephone (843)726-7500Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Agency OR #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Blake R Johnson - S00253

Offense: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

Offense Code: 0095

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0910

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That on July 16, 2025, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Darius Lamont Moore commit the offense of Kidnapping in that defendant Moore did unlawfully seize, confine, kidnap or abduct the victim listed as [REDACTED] without authority of law. Defendant Moore is an inmate housed at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. That the victim listed as [REDACTED] was performing normal assigned duties in the [REDACTED] area of the institution when defendant Moore entered the office of victim [REDACTED] turned off the lighting and barricaded the entrance door blocking any opportunity for victim [REDACTED] to escape. Defendant Moore then physically attacked victim [REDACTED] during an attempt to commit a sexual assault. Defendant Moore did unlawfully seize and confined victim [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] will for the purpose of sexual gratification. This being in violation of SC Statute 16-03-0910 code of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses, and others to prove same

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