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April 2, 2026

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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN WITH SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Steven Michael Schulz, 48, with Sexual Exploitation of a Minor – Third Degree and Unlawful Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Person Under 18 Years of Age on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Schulz was booked into the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210200626

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Steven Michael Schulz

Address: [redacted]

Lexington, SC 29073-7394

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1977 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Kegan A Kelley - S02122

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

Offense Code: 0381

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0410(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 ~~Steven~~ Michael Schulz on 4/1/2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Kegan A Kelley who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Steven Michael Schulz did within this county and state on or about 10/25/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, Third 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 October 25, 2024, the Defendant, Steve Schulz, a person over the age of eighteen, did in Lexington County, commit the offense of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, third degree by knowingly possessing material that contained a visual representation of a minor or a morphed image of an identifiable minor engaging in sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation; to wit the Defendant possessed a video of [redacted] having sexual intercourse with an adult male. This is a violation of 16-15-0410(A). THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA (1976), as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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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 10/25/2024 defendant Steven Michael Schulz did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, Third 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 3/12/2026

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Brian Norman Buck (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7322

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road
Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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Offense: Obscene / Unlawful to disseminate obscene material to person under 18 yrs of age

Offense Code: 0375

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0345

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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 October 25, 2024, the Defendant, Steve Schulz, a person over the age of eighteen, did in Lexington County, commit the offense of disseminating obscene material to a person under the age of eighteen, [redacted], by knowingly disseminating material which he knew or reasonably should have known to be obscene. To wit, Defendant sent [redacted] a video of an unknown male performing oral sex on a male's erect penis along with the message "To be fair, here's a video of my friend sucking me off. Lol". This is in violation of 16-15-0345. THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA (1976), as amended.

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