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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, AND INCEST

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Howard Thomas Henderson, 59, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a minor – Victim 11-14 Years of Age, Criminal Sexual Conduct – Second Degree, and Incest on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Henderson was booked into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

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

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A4210400025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

2026-04294

against

Howard Thomas Henderson

Address:

Landrum, SC 29356-1412

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 275

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1967 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Austin D Mills - S03384

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or
Attempt - victim 11 to 14 yrs of age inclusive -

Offense Code: 0396

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(B)(1)

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 Howard Henderson

on 8-25-2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Austin D Mills who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Howard Thomas Henderson

did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2008 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim 11 to 14 yrs of age inclusive - Second
deg.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 between January 1, 2008, and December 27, 2009, the defendant, Howard Henderson, committed the crime of criminal sexual
conduct with a minor in the second degree in that Howard Henderson engaged in digital and penetration of
who was at least 14 years of age, but less than 16 years of age. Howard Henderson used a position of
authority to coerce the victim to submit to the sexual battery. Warrant based on Law Enforcement Investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 1/1/2008

defendant Howard Thomas Henderson

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Spartanburg) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim 11 to 14 yrs of age inclusive - Second
deg.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 8/24/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Matthew Bryan Davis

Judge Code: 7550

Judge's Address PO Box 1259

Cowpens, SC 29330-

Judge's Telephone (864)598-7005

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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Offense Code: 0090

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0020

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That between January 1, 2008, and December 27, 2011, in the County of Spartanburg the defendant, Howard Henderson, committed
the crime of incest. Howard Henderson had carnal intercourse, by means of digital and penetration, with
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