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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 24, 2024

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SLED CHARGES WOMAN WITH
TWO COUNTS OF UNLAWFULLY PLACING A CHILD AT RISK

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Codi Raye Scott (Carter), 27, with two counts of Unlawfully Placing a Child At Risk on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Scott (Carter) was booked into the Edgefield County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

On October 13, 2020, the SLED Special Victims Unit was notified of the death of a three-year-old child in Edgefield County. SLED was requested on January 17, 2023, by the Edgefield County Sheriff's Office to lead the investigation.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1910200357

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Edgefield

THE STATE

against

Codi Raye Scott (Carter)

Address: [redacted]

North Augusta, SC 29841-3834

Phone: SSN: [redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 4 Weight: 110

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted]1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: April L Merrill - S00514

Offense: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Offense Code: 2481

Code/Ordinance Sec: 63-05-0070

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: 6-21-24

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on 6-21-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
129 Courthouse Square
P O Box 34
Edgefield, SC 29824

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Edgefield)

AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant April L Merrill who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Codi Raye Scott (Carter) did within this county and state on or about 7/28/2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Edgefield) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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 or about July 28, 2020 through October 12, 2020 in the county of Edgefield, South Carolina one Codi Raye Scott (Carter) being th[redacted] who had charge or custody of [redacted] and being responsible for the welfare of that child, did unlawfully place at unreasonable risk of harm affecting the child's life, physical or mental health, or safety to wit: whether acting alone or in concert with another, did inflict or allow to be inflicted multiple injuries to the child victim including bruising to multiple body parts, including but not limited to the chest, back[redacted] eye, ear and jaw of the child victim, [redacted] in violation of Section 63-05-0070 South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant April Merrill

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Edgefield)

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:

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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 6/21/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Garry D. Hitt

Judge Code: 7486

Judge's Address Post Office Box 664
Edgefield, SC 29824-

Judge's Telephone (803)637-5781

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

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Signature of Affiant

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