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July 12, 2024

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SLED CHARGES SALUDA COUNTY MAN WITH TWO COUNTS OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Martavius Avery Andrews Griffin, 27, with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – victim under 11 years of age – First degree on July 11, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Griffin was booked into the Saluda County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A4110100076

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Saluda

THE STATE

against

Martavius Avery Andrews Griffin

Address:

Ridge Spring, SC 29129-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 140

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Allison C. Fitzgerald - S00450

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor or

Attempt - victim under 11 yrs of age - First degree

Offense Code: 0385

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(A)(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 Martavius Griffin

on July 11, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 East Church Street, Suite 6
Saluda, SC 29138

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Allison C. Fitzgerald who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Martavius Avery Andrews Griffin

did within this county and state on or about 6/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor or Attempt - victim under 11 yrs of age - 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 June 1, 2023 in the city/county of Saluda, one Martavius Avery Andrews Griffin did engage in sexual battery by (describe
acts) with a minor, the victim being less than eleven years old and the defendant being more than three years older. See attached
Affidavit

Signature of Affiant

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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 6/1/2023 defendant Martavius Avery Andrews Griffin

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

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

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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 5/13/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

William Robin Freeman

Judge Code: 7434

Judge's Address 108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, SC 29138-

Judge's Telephone (864)445-4500

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME OF SUSPECT: Martavius Griffin

ADDRESS OF SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Ridge Spring, SC 29129

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

RACE: SEX: Male HGT: 5'06" EYES: HAIR: CMPL:

BLACK

BROWN

BROWN

DOB: [REDACTED] 1996

SCDL # [REDACTED]

VIOLATION

STATUTE: 16-3-655 (A) OFFENSE: Sexual Exploitation of a Minor 2nd Degree

CDR Code:

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina

County of: Saluda

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Special Agent, Allison C. Fitzgerald, who being duly sworn deposes and says the defendant, Martavius Griffin, did within this county and state between June 01, 2023 and July 27, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

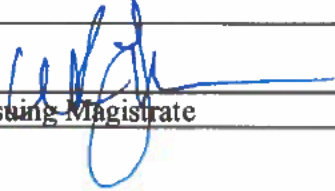
Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1st Degree 16-3-655 (A)

That Martavius Griffin did, while at [REDACTED] Ridge Spring, in Saluda County, South Carolina, between June 1, 2023, and July 27, 2023, commit sexual battery with the victim, [REDACTED] who was five years old at the time when he penetrated her anus with his penis. [REDACTED] who went to stay with [REDACTED] in Burlington, NC for fall break in October 2023, disclosed the abuse after having pain in her vaginal area while bathing. During a forensic interview [REDACTED] used words common to her that Martavius inserted his penis into her anus causing pain. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and her mother [REDACTED] the incident occurred before July 27, 2023 which was corroborated by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also disclosed of a similar assault by Martavius during the same time period.

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

Allison C. Fitzgerald

Special Agent Allison C. Fitzgerald

Special Agent: Allison C. Fitzgerald	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Office Address: 1731 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	13 day of May, 20 24
Telephone: 803-896-7250	
Date of Request: November 2, 2022	Issuing Magistrate

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AFFIDAVIT

That Martavious Griffin did, while at [REDACTED] Ridge Spring, in Saluda County, South Carolina, between June 1, 2023, and July 27, 2023, commit sexual battery with the victim, [REDACTED] who was seven years old at the time when he penetrated her anus with his penis. [REDACTED] disclosed similar abuse when she went to stay with [REDACTED] in Burlington, NC in October 2023. The disclosure led all of the four of the verbal female children in the home to be forensically interviewed, taken into emergency protective custody, and placed with family members. After disclosing to her father and a DSS caseworker, [REDACTED] also disclosed during a second forensic interview at the Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) using anatomical drawings and words common to her that Martavious inserted his penis into her

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anus on one occasion. The incident occurred in the summer of 2023 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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