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SLED CHARGES BERKELEY COUNTY MAN WITH TWO COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A CHILD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Caleb Jochen Carter, 30, with two counts of Unlawfully Placing a Child at Risk of or Causing Harm or Willfully Abandoning the Child on Friday, August 23, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Carter was booked into the Edgefield County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A1910200354

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

THE STATE
against

Caleb Jochen Carter

Address:

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-3200

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: April L Merrill - S00514Offense: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or
cause harm or willfully abandon the childOffense Code: 2481
Code/Ordinance Sec: 63-05-0070This 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 Caleb Carter
on 8/23/2024

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

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Personally appeared before me the affiant April L Merrill who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Caleb Jochen Carter
did within this county and state on or about 10/13/2020 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ 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 October 13, 2020 in the county of Edgefield, South Carolina one Caleb Jochen Carter, who had charge or custody of 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 place or allow to be placed an unsafe mouthpiece in the victim's mouth which resulted in upper airway obstruction
and caused the death of the child victim, DOB 16 in violation of Section 63-05-0070 South Carolina
of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

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 10/13/2020 defendant Caleb Jochen Carter
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Edgefield) as set forth below:

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

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

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Garry D. Hitt

Judge Code: 7486

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

Judge's Telephone (803)637-5781

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

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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:

That on or about July 28, 2020 through October 13, 2020 in the county of Edgefield, South Carolina one Caleb Jochen Carter, [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 scrotum, eye, ear, and jaw of the child victim, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] 16) in violation of Section 63-05-0070 South Carolina of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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

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