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SLED CHARGES FORMER CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY DEAN OF STUDENTS WITH CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged John Heflin, 53, with Criminal Solicitation of a Minor on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Heflin was booked into the Kershaw County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Anyone with information regarding SLED's active and ongoing investigation involving Heflin can reach out to SLED by calling (803) 896 - 2605 or emailing tips@sled.sc.gov.

If you or someone you know may have been a victim involved with this matter, SLED recognizes it may be difficult to come forward. Please know that survivor resources are available. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2810100832

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

against

John Anthony Heflin

Address:

Bethune, SC 29009-9598

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight:

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: James C Auld - S00639

Offense: Minor / Criminal solicitation of a minor

Offense Code: 2999

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0342

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

on

John A. Heflin
9/26/2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Po Box 1557
Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

Personally appeared before me the affiant James C Auld

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant John Anthony Heflin

did within this county and state on or about 9/14/2024

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Criminal solicitation of a minor

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 September 14, 2024, John Anthony Heflin did induce, entice, and persuade the juvenile (JV) victim to send him a picture of his penis via Snapchat, while the JV was at Camden Military Academy (CMA), 520 US 1 Camden, SC (Kershaw County). Prior to requesting the photo, Heflin had engaged in sexually explicit conversations with the JV. JV disclosed in a Forensic Interview, Heflin had been having these conversations with the JV since 2022. Heflin told the JV he wanted to get him alone on the dirt roads of Bethune to be one on one, and what he would "love to do" if the JV came to his house. On September 16, 2024, Heflin called the JV to his office at CMA, and apologized for sending the explicit messages. This is in violation of 16-15-0342, THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

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 9/14/2024 defendant John Anthony Heflin

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Minor / Criminal solicitation of a minor

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 9/25/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr

Judge Code: 7278

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528

Camden, SC 29021-

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2023
SCCA 318