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March 28, 2025

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SLED CHARGES CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN WITH ASSAULT & BATTERY FIRST DEGREE AND UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jerry Scott Payne, 52, with Assault & Battery - 1st Degree and Unlawful to Disseminate Obscene Material to Person Under 18 Years of Age on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Brown was booked into the Cherokee County Detention Center.

This case will be prosecuted by the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A1110100206

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

THE STATE

against

Jerry Scott Payne

Address:

Gaffney, SC 29341-2535

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 160DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
DOB: 1971 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jesse A Clamp - S00765

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st degree

Offense Code: 3412

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(C)(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 JERRY SCOTT PAYNE
on 03/26/2025

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd
Gaffney, SC 29342

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jesse A Clamp

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jerry Scott Payne

did within this county and state on or about 11/ 1/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st 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:The defendant, Jerry Scott Payne did willfully unlawfully violate South Carolina Code of Law: Section: 16-3-600(C)(1), Assault &
Battery in the First Degree, by committing the act of nonconsensual touching of the sixteen-year-old minor victim's private parts and
lewd and lascivious intent. The defendant did this by fondling the victim's genitals above her clothing. This incident occurred
between November 2023 and December 2023. This incident occurred at [REDACTED] Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC 29340.

* Forensic Interview * Investigation Case #: 2024-00879

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Cherokee

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

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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 11/ 1/2023 defendant Jerry Scott Payne

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Cherokee

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st degree

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 3/25/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
John B. Cook

Judge Code: 7314

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Cherokee Magistrate's Court

Gaffney, SC 29342-

Judge's Telephone (864)487-2533

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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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jesse A Clamp - S00765

Offense: Obscene / Unlawful to disseminate obscene
material to person under 18 yrs of age

Offense Code: 0375

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-15-0345

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I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
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Obscene Material to Person Under Age Eighteen Prohibited, by showing the minor victim videos containing pornographic material.
The defendant knew or reasonably should have known the material to be obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-305. This
incident occurred at Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC 29340. * Forensic Interview * Investigation Case #:
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