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October 10, 2025

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

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kristen Taylor Porter, 29, with two counts of Unlawfully Placing a Child at Risk on Thursday, October 10, 2025. This arrest resulted from information that was discovered during a SLED officer involved shooting investigation. The SLED investigation was requested by the Darlington County Sheriff's Office. The officer involved shooting occurred on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, and resulted in the death of Darlington County Deputy Frank Devin Mason, 27. The subject, Cameron Ray Dennett, 25, was also killed.

"I would like to thank SLED, the FBI, the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office for their rapid response to this very serious matter, a case that involved taking the life of a Deputy and the wounding of another in the line of duty," Darlington County Sheriff Michael August. "This investigation and prosecution send a very clear message that anyone involved in causing harm to members of law enforcement - officers who protect our communities every day - that swift justice will follow."

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Porter was booked into the Darlington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A1610400916

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

THE STATE

2025-4139

against

Kristen Taylor Porter

Address:

Timmons ville, SC 29161-

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 180

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1996 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ashley D Anderson - S00787

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

FLORENCE

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: 10/7/25

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Kristen Porter
on 10/9/25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
110 North Main Street
Darlington, SC 29532

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ashley D Anderson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kristen Taylor Porter

did within this county and state on or about 2/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

SEE ATTACHED ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Darlington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)722-0313

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 2/18/2025 defendant Kristen Taylor Porter

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Darlington) 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 10/7/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
Craig Landen Isa Cross

Judge Code: 7342

Judge's Address 404 South Fourth Street
Hartsville, SC 29551-1765

Judge's Telephone (843)332-9661

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

2025 A1610406916
ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

DEFENDANT: Kristen Taylor Porter

ALIAS:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1996

RACE: White

SEX: Female

HAIR: Brown

EYES: Brown

HEIGHT: 5' 8"

WEIGHT: 180

SSN: [REDACTED]

DL STATE: SC

DL #: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Timmonsville, South Carolina 29161

Personally appeared before me the affiant, Special Agent Ashley Anderson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant: Kristen Taylor Porter did within this county and state on or about February 18, 2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child - §C/L 63-5-0070 - (CDR CODE 2481)

PROBABLE CAUSE:

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:

Between February 18, 2025 and July 1, 2025, Kristen Porter did, within the county of Darlington, commit the offense of Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child, to wit: On several occasions, Porter and her boyfriend, Cameron Dennett, smoked methamphetamine and marijuana inside Porter's 2015 Toyota Corolla bearing South Carolina tag [REDACTED] which was registered to Porter's [REDACTED]. After using drugs, Porter transported [REDACTED] three-year-old [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] baby, [REDACTED] in her Toyota Corolla. During the investigation, the affiant spoke with Dennett's [REDACTED] who stated that she had observed Porter and Dennett smoke methamphetamine and marijuana inside Porter's car outside of Garland's residence at [REDACTED] Lamar, SC. Porter would then leave with [REDACTED] inside the vehicle. [REDACTED] had also observed Porter and Dennett leave methamphetamine around the residence which could have been picked up by Porter's [REDACTED]. The affiant also received records from the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) of Porter's meetings with [REDACTED] case workers. Records showed that during an interview with Porter, she said, "It is possible drugs could be in their system [REDACTED] from being in the car because they (Porter and Dennett) smoked meth and weed a lot in the car that they transported [REDACTED]." Medical records obtained from McLeod Regional Medical Center showed [REDACTED] tested positive for cannabinoids on February 19, 2025, [REDACTED]. Porter was responsible for the welfare of [REDACTED] and Porter's actions placed [REDACTED] at an unreasonable risk of harm. This being in violation of Section 63-5-0070, South Carolina Code of Laws.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the
7th day of OCTOBER, 2025


Signature of Judge


Affiant
Special Agent Ashley Anderson
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
4400 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29221
(t) 803-896-7000

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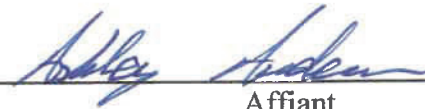
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