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SLED CHARGES ANDERSON COUNTY MAN WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Robert Anthony Hawkins, 67, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – 2nd Degree on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The Honea Path Police Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Hawkins was booked into the Anderson County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A0410100513

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

THE STATE

2025-06638

against

Robert Anthony Hawkins

Address:

Honea Path, SC 29654-1800

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 275

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] /1958 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Caitlin D Branch - S02085

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or
Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second

Offense Code: 0397

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(B)(2)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 Robert Hawkins

on 3/18/26 @ 12:16 pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 South Main Street
Po Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

Personally appeared before me the affiant Caitlin D Branch who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Anthony Hawkins

did within this county and state on or about 10/ 1/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second 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:Between October 2024 and November 2024 the Defendant, Robert Anthony Hawkins, did knowingly and willfully commit the
offense of CSC with Minor-2nd degree in the County of Anderson and the state of SC in the area of [REDACTED] Honea Path,
Anderson County. Affiant did confirm the Defendant engaged in a sexual battery of the victim, who was under 16 years of age. All
the above is believed to be true based upon the investigation of S/A Branch of the SLED. All is against the law, peace, and dignity
of the state of SC. This being in violation of SC Code of Laws section 16-03-0655.

Signature of Affiant

Caitlin Branch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Anderson

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/ 1/2025 defendant Robert Anthony Hawkins

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim under 16 years of age - Second 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 3/18/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Anne Johnston Thayer

Judge Code: 7540

Judge's Address 2404 North Main Street

Anderson, SC 29621-3275

Judge's Telephone (864)260-4156

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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