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SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR – FIRST DEGREE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kenneth Chad Edmonds, 38, with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – First Degree on Friday, August 14, 2026. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Edmonds was booked into the Lexington County Detention Center.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3210800111

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Kenneth Chad Edmonds

Address:

West Columbia, SC 29170-4055

Phone: SSN: M Race: W Height: 6 1 Weight: 210

State: SC DL #: DOB: /1987 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jasper Stephenson, Iii - S02856

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor or Attempt - victim under 11 yrs of age - First degree

Offense Code: 0385

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0655(A)(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

on 8-14-2026

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jasper Stephenson, Iii who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kenneth Chad Edmonds
did within this county and state on or about 2/1/2025 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor or Attempt - victim under 11 yrs of age - First 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:

On or about February 2025 to May 2026, Kenneth Edmonds did, at West Columbia, SC in Lexington
County, commit the offense of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1st degree the victim,
who was five years of age at the time the incident occurred.

The victim disclosed that
Edmonds committed sexual battery by digitally penetrating at least once. The act
caused pain and discomfort to the victim's This belief is based on the victim's disclosure during a forensic interview. This
constitutes a violation of Section 16-03-0655 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

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 2/1/2025 defendant Kenneth Chad Edmonds

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor or Attempt - victim under 11 yrs of age - First 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 8/13/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite B

Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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