



South Carolina

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

P.O. Box 21398
Columbia, South Carolina
29221-1398

Henry D. McMaster, Governor

Mark A. Keel, Chief

WWW.SLED.SC.GOV

(803) 737-9000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 28, 2026

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN WITH TWO COUNTS OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Joshua Alexander De Leon, 31, with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor – 3rd Degree on Thursday, September 24, 2026. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

De Leon was booked into the into the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

###

SLED news releases are published on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov
For media inquiries, please email SLED's Public Information Office: pio@sled.sc.gov



An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2026A4210400040

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

2025-08027

against

Joshua Alexander De Leon

Address:

Inman, SC 29349-9702

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Logan M Watts - S03407

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under

Offense Code: 3661

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

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

on

Joshua De Leon
09-24-2026
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Logan M Watts who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Alexander De Leon

did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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:

That between on or about, January 2024 to December 2024, the Defendant, Joshua De Leon, a person over the age of eighteen, did in Spartanburg County, willfully and lewdly commit or attempt to commit a lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body, or its parts, of a child under 16 years of age, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the actor or the child, in violation of §16-03-0655(C), THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), (as amended).

Warrant based upon law enforcement investigation

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 1/1/2024 defendant Joshua Alexander De Leon

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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 9/24/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge
Matthew Bryan Davis

Judge Code: 7550

Judge's Address PO Box 1259
Cowpens, SC 29330-

Judge's Telephone (864)598-7005

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4210400041

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

2025-08027

against

Joshua Alexander De Leon

Address:

Inman, SC 29349-9702

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Logan M Watts - S03407

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under

Offense Code: 3661

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

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

Joshua De Leon
09-24-2026
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

Personally appeared before me the affiant Logan M Watts

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Alexander De Leon

did within this county and state on or about 1/1/2025

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

Spartanburg

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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:

That between on or about, January 2025 to November 2025, the Defendant, Joshua De Leon, a person over the age of eighteen, did in Spartanburg County, willfully and lewdly commit or attempt to commit a lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body, or its parts, of a child under 16 years of age, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the actor or the child, in violation of §16-03-0655(C), THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976), (as amended). Warrant based on Law Enforcement Investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Spartanburg

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 1/1/2025

defendant Joshua Alexander De Leon

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Spartanburg

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs & actor over 14 yrs)

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 9/24/2026

Signature of Issuing Judge

Matthew Bryan Davis

Judge Code: 7550

Judge's Address PO Box 1259

Cowpens, SC 29330-

Judge's Telephone (864)598-7005

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

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

AFFIDAVIT

who

violate the criminal laws of the

)

(L.S.)

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL