

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF COLLETON

Mar 03 2025

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023 -GS- 15 - 00267

STATE vs. James Austin Edward Townsend

AW#: 2023A1510100126

Date of Offense: 03/20/2023

S.C. Code §: 16-3-655(A)(1)

AKA: SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX

CDR Code #: 0385

RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: XXX-XX-XXXX

Range of Offense: 25 years - Life

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF [X] or [] PLEADS

TO: Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1st Degree Range of Offense Pled 25 years - Life

In violation of § 16-3-655(A)(1) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0385

[] NON-VIOLENT [X] VIOLENT [] SERIOUS [X] MOST SERIOUS [X] MANDATORY GPS [] § 17-25-45 (CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: [X] As indicted [] Lesser Included Offense, [] Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.

The plea is: [] w/o Rec/Negotiations [] Negotiated [] Recommendation

Julie Kate Keeney

100145

Dave Mathews

Solicitor

SC Bar #

Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the [X] SCDC [] County Detention Center [] Home Incarceration Program for a determinate term of 30 days/months/years/Time Served [] YOA NTE years and/or shall pay a fine of \$ provided that upon the service of days/months/years/Time Served and or payment of \$ plus costs and assessments as applicable* ; balance is suspended with probation for months/years and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run [] CONCURRENT or [] CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC.

60 days/months [] To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- [] PTUP
[X] No Contact with Victim [] Domestic Violence Intervention Program [] Hold for Inpatient Treatment
[X] Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 [] SAC/MHC if necessary
[] Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.
[X] Other: No contact with family

[] RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-490(B))

- §14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)
§14-1-211 (A)(1) Conv. Surcharge)
§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)
§56-5-1995 (DUI Assessment)
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)
§14-1-212 (Law Enforcement Funding)
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)
§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)
§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)
3% to County (if paid in installments)

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the Clerk of Court within days/months

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes Restitution \$, FINE: \$, and TOTAL 128.75

- [] Appointed PD or appointed other counsel. Provisio requires \$600 to be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees.
[] §17-3-45(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Handwritten signature of Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Melissa Singletary Court Reporter

2785 Judge Code 2/27/25 Sentence Date

Handwritten signature of Presiding Judge

SCCA217B 01/27/2025

WITNESSES

Colleton County Sheriff's Office

23-0937

[Handwritten signature]

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2023A1510100126

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

[Handwritten signature]

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date:

6-22-23

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2023GS1500267

The State of South Carolina

County of Colleton

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

June Term 2023

THE STATE

vs.

James Austin Edward Townsend

Indictment For

**Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor,
1st Degree**

SC Code: 16-3-655(A)(1); (D)(1)

CDR Code: 0385

After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive presentment to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

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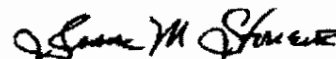
INDICTMENT
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At a Court of General Sessions, convened on June 22, 2023, the Grand Jurors of Colleton County present upon their oath:

Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor, 1st Degree

That in Colleton County, South Carolina, on or about March 1, 2023 through March 20, 2023, the Defendant, James Austin Edward Townsend, did engage in sexual battery with [REDACTED] who was less than eleven years of age at the time of the sexual battery, all in violation of Section 16-3-655 et al. of the Codes of Law of South Carolina.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.



Solicitor

2023A1510100126

ARREST WARRANT

DM

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Collection

THE STATE against

James Austin Edward Townsend, Jr

Address: [Redacted]

Waterboro, SC 29488

Phone: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 6 Weight: 151

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency Ord #: SC0150000

Prosecuting Agency: Colleton County Sheriff

Prosecuting Officer: William R Ballard, III - S00414

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 this

County/ Municipality of

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

APR 26 2023 (L.S.)

General Judge County Sheriff's Office

Date: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant James A. E. Townsend Jr on 4/25/23

Col. P. McDonnell S.F.S.S. Signature of Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions P O Box 620 101 Hampton Street Waterboro, SC 29488

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General 2003 SC0153

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William R Ballard, III

James Austin Edward Townsend, Jr

3/13/2023

Personally appeared before me the affiant being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant did within this county and state on or about State of South Carolina (or ordinance of) in the following particulars:

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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

That on or around the 13th of March 2023, located around 592 Evergreen Lane in Colleton County, State of South Carolina, the Defendant did violate Title 16 Chapter 3 Section 655, subsection A (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 as Amended. The Defendant, James Townsend Jr, did fondle and penetrate with his fingers the six (6) year old female victims vagina. The Defendant knew the victim to be a minor and committed this act while playing and having the juvenile "hide" with him in the yard. This information was obtained during a recorded interview with the juvenile and statements from family. OCA#23-0937

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Affiant's Address

394 Maple T. Willis Blvd. Waterboro, SC 29488

Affiant's Telephone

(843) 549-2211

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above recited that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 3/13/2023

defendant James Austin Edward Townsend, Jr

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

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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 hereby 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 4/25/2023

Judge's Address

Post Office Box 1732 Waterboro, SC 29488

Signature of Issuing Judge

Magistrate (Signature)

Judge Code: 331

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Judge's Telephone

(843) 549-1122

Issuing Court: Magistrate

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