

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF COLLETON

STATE vs.

James Austin Edward Townsend

AKA: SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX

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

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

AW#: 2023A1510100126

Date of Offense: 03/20/2023

S.C. Code §: 16-3-655(A)(1)

CDR Code #: 0385

Range of Offense: 25 years - Life

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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: _____

[X] 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.

673 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: Restitution \$, FINE: \$, and TOTAL. Includes handwritten amounts like 100.00, 25.00, 3.75, and 128.75.

[] Appointed PD or appointed other counsel. Provisio requires \$500 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

Gary Hale Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

TOTAL 128.75

Melissa Singletary Court Reporter

2785 Judge Code

2/27/25 Sentence Date

Presiding Judge signature

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

I 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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COLLETON COUNTY RECEPTION

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COUNTY OF COLLETON)

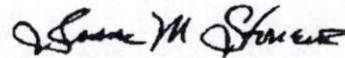
INDICTMENT
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At a Court of General Sessions, convened on June 22, 2023, the Grand Jurors of Colleton County present upon their oath:

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

ARREST WARRANT

DM

2023A1510100126

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Colleton

THE STATE

23-0937

against

James Austin Edward Townsend, Jr

Address:

Walterboro, SC 29488

Phone: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 6 Weight: 130

DL State: [redacted] DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] Agency ORI #: 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 the County/ Municipality of

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

APR 20 2023

(L.S.)

Administrative County Sheriff's Office

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant James A. E. Townsend Jr on 4-26-23

Cpl. C. McDowell S-758
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

COSO-2023201

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Colleton)

Personally appeared before me the affiant William R Ballard, III who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Austin Edward Townsend, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 3/13/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Colleton)

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:

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

WR Ballard III 0388

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Colleton)

Affiant's Address 394 Mable T. Willis Blvd.

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Affiant's Telephone (343)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 affidavit 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

County/ Municipality of Colleton) 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 4/25/2023

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge
Hannel Ashby Bonds (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7351 71666

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1732

Walterboro, SC 29488-

Judge's Telephone (843)549-1122

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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BAIL set by

Judge _____
on _____
Type and Amount: _____
Name of Surety: _____

PRELIMINARY HEARING held by

Judge _____
on _____
Defendant Attorney _____
Decision: _____

DISPOSITION before

Judge _____
on _____
by _____
(indicate jury trial, bench trial, plea, nol. pros., etc.)
Disposition: _____
Sentence: _____

JURORS

WITNESSES

Name: _____
Address: _____
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CODEFENDANTS



Arraigned 4/27/23

MAGISTRATE

Appointed Public Defender
as Attorney on 4/27/23