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SLED CHARGES FORMER TRAVELERS REST POLICE OFFICER WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Today agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Gerard James Hildebrandt, 42, of Honea Path, SC, with Criminal Sexual Conduct – Third Degree, and Misconduct in Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Hildebrandt was booked at the Greenville County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2330203395

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

34-22-0095

against

Gerard James Hildebrandt

Address:

Honea Path, SC 29654-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 300

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1980 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Michelle Q Rice-Johnson - S01118

Offense: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third degree

Offense Code: 0162

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0654

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 Gerard James Hildebrandt

on 4/20/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer SLED

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions

305 E. North Street

Greenville County Courthouse

Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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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 Michelle Q Rice-Johnson who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Gerard James Hildebrandt

did within this county and state on or about 7/3/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third 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 July 3, 2022 in the county of Greenville, one Gerard James Hildebrandt did, use force to accomplish sexual battery on the victim. Hildebrandt while on duty as a police officer did use aggravated force in that he took the victim to an isolated location, where he forcefully took off the victim's shorts, forced her legs open, performed oral sex on her, digitally penetrated her, and forced her to perform oral sex on him. The incident occurred on the campus of Travelers Rest High School, 301 N. Main St. in Travelers Rest, SC. The affiant's beliefs are based upon SLED's body worn camera footage, physical evidence, victim/witness statements, and the SLED Investigation (34-22-0095).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (864)467-8111

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 7/3/2022 defendant Gerard James Hildebrandt

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Criminal sexual conduct - Third 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 4/19/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Judge's Address Law Enforcement Center Greenville, SC 29601-2256

James E. Hudson Judge's Telephone (864)467-5303

Judge Code: 5031 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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That on July 3, 2022 in the county of Greenville, one Gerard James Hildebrandt, Travelers Rest Police Department (TRPD), while acting in his official capacity as police officer for the TRPD, did violate Common Law Misconduct by using force to accomplish sexual battery on the victim. Hildebrandt while on duty as a police officer did use aggravated force in that he took the victim to an isolated location, where he forcefully took off the victim's shorts, forced her legs open, performed oral sex on her, digitally penetrated her, and forced her to perform oral sex on him. The incident occurred on the campus of Travelers Rest High School, 301 N. Main St. in Travelers Rest, SC. The affiant's beliefs are based upon SLED's Investigation (34-22-0095).

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