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CCSO arrests man, 55, in sex assault, trafficking of teen

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Wednesday, April 26, 2023

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County Sheriff's Office detectives have arrested a 55-year-old man on six charges related to the sexual assault, exploitation and trafficking of a teenage girl.

David William Hollars of Palm Cove Drive in Charleston faces charges of trafficking in persons under 18, criminal solicitation of a minor and two counts each of first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor and second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. He also faces charges from the Charleston Police Department.

"This is an incredibly disturbing case," Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano said. "Our investigation is ongoing, as we continue to follow leads and information in the case. Our hearts go out to the victim, and we have made ourselves available to her and her family as she begins her recovery from this trauma. No child should ever go through this."

A parent of the 15-year-old victim reported the crimes to CCSO in late March. The ensuing investigation showed that the girl was 14 when she met Hollars through the messaging app Snapchat. CCSO detectives found evidence of text messages containing sexually explicit conversations. The victim also described multiple meetings involving sexual contact and instances of Hollars providing money or items in exchange for sexual contact.

The investigation expanded to other jurisdictions. On Monday, Charleston police officers and CCSO deputies, along with personnel from Homeland Security Investigations and the Attorney General's Office, searched Hollars' home in Berkeley County. He was arrested by Charleston police on charges involving the same victim and booked at the Hill-Finklea Detention Center. Please contact CPD for information regarding its charges.

Hollars was transferred and booked Wednesday at the Al Cannon Detention Center on the CCSO charges.

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Detectives continue to investigate. Anyone with information on the case or similar cases can contact CCSO at 843-202-1700 or after hours at 843-743-7200. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111.

For information on internet safety and the S.C. Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, visit <http://scsafetynet.com/>.

To report human trafficking or to find resources for trafficking victims, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or go to <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>.

More information:

- *The attached arrest affidavits contain details of the charges.*
- *Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>. For photos of people already released, click the "Show Past Bookings" box.*

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AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one **Detective J. Jacko**, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS

did, within this County and State on or about **March 18, 2023**, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1st Degree
16-15-395**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

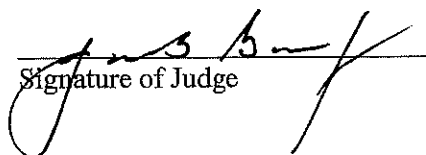
That on **March 18, 2023**, the above named defendant, **DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS**, did commit the offense of violation section **16-15-395** of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **First Degree Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly encourage what **Hollars** knew to be a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity, as defined by Section 16-15-375 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, for the purpose of producing material that contains a visual representation depicting this nudity. **Hollars** was 55 years old at the time of this request. This encouragement was via electronic communication to the minor while the minor was located in Charleston County, South Carolina.

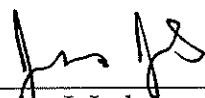
On April 4, 2023, I reviewed the cell phone download of the victim's cell phone. On March 18, 2023, at approximately 1322 hours UTC time Detective Jacko located text messages that were sent between the child victim and the defendant. The defendant sent a text to the child victim saying, "I think about when you were at my house and how good it was." The defendant then says to the child victim "Sometimes I go back and watch your videos! So hot!" Later on in the conversations, the defendant says to the child victim "I have played with myself so many times watching them." The child victim says to the defendant "Why don't you just text me for new ones? Haha." The defendant then says to the child victim "I would love some new ones!! Especially with you fucking your toy!" The child victim disclosed during a forensic interview that the defendant bought and gave her sex toys to masturbate with. The cell phone number that the defendant is using is also registered to the defendant.

This information is known through the investigation of Detective J. Jacko of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and of the South Carolina ICAC task force, and he is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

20 day of April, 2023


Signature of Judge



Detective J. Jacko
Charleston County Sheriff's Office
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843-529-5357

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16-15-395**

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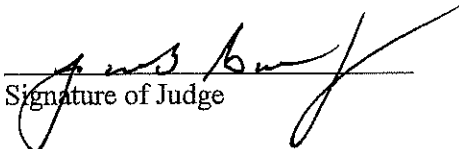
That on **March 19, 2023**, the above named defendant, **DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS**, did commit the offense of violation section **16-15-395** of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **First Degree Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly encourage what **Hollars** knew to be a minor to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity, as defined by Section 16-15-375 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, for the purpose of producing material that contains a visual representation depicting this nudity. **Hollars** was 55 years old at the time of this request. This encouragement was via electronic communication to the minor while the minor was located in Charleston County, South Carolina.


On April 4, 2023, I reviewed the cell phone download of the victim's cell phone. On March 18, 2023, at approximately 1322 hours UTC time Detective Jacko located text messages that were sent between the child victim and the defendant. The defendant asked the child victim to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity with sex toys that he provided her. The child victim disclosed during a forensic interview that the defendant bought and gave to her sex toys to masturbate with. On March 19, 2023, at approximately 2135 hours UTC time the defendant again asked her to produce another video. The cell phone number that the defendant is using is also registered to the defendant.

This information is known through the investigation of Detective J. Jacko of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and of the South Carolina ICAC task force, and he is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

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did, within this County and State on **March 18, 2023**, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**Criminal Solicitation of a Minor
16-15-342**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on **March 18, 2023**, the above named defendant, **DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS**, did commit the offense of violation section **16-15-342** of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **Criminal Solicitation Of A Minor**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly contact or communicate with, a person who he believed was under the age of eighteen, for the purpose of, or with the intent of, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing the person to engage or participate in a sexual activity as defined in Section 16-15-375(5).

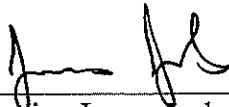
On April 4, 2023, Detective Jacko, who is a member of the SC ICAC task force, reviewed the cell phone download of the child victim. The child victim stated that she told the defendant that she was under the age of 18 when they met on Snap Chat. Upon review of the cell phone download of the child victim, Detective Jacko located a string of text messages dated March 18, 2023, the defendant engaged the child victim in a sexually explicit conversation in which he graphically described the sexual activity he wanted to engage the child victim in. This included telling the child victim that he would "love to bend her over and pound her really hard until he explodes and fill her up with daddy's cum, then do it again and again." Later on, in the conversation the defendant states that they "would have amazing sex all night." During a forensic interview of the child victim at a later date she stated that the defendant has picked her up from her high school that she was attending at the time. The victim was 15 years old when this text message was sent, and the defendant was 55 years old.

This information is known through the investigation of Detective J. Jacko of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and of the South Carolina ICAC task force, and he is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State.

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20 day of April, 2023

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Detective James Jacko
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AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Detective J. Jacko, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS

Did within this County and State on February 20, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR 2nd DEGREE
16-3-655 (B)

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

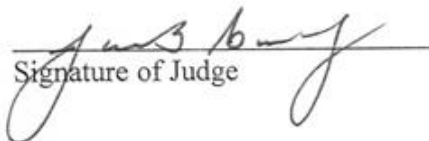
That on the aforementioned dates, while in the cul de sac across from _____, in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS, did commit the offense of violation section **16-3-655(B)** of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR SECOND DEGREE**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously commit a sexual battery against a fifteen (15) year old, to wit: penile-vaginal intercourse.

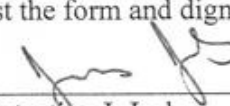
That on April 7, 2023, the child victim was interviewed by a trained Forensic Interviewer at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center. In the interview, the child victim

The victim was _____ in Charleston. The victim texted the defendant to see if he was in town and told him that she was home alone. The defendant came to the residence and they had penile-vaginal sexual intercourse in the back seat of a black GMC pickup in the cul de sac across from this ~~address~~ ^{Address} _____. The victim stated that the defendant told her to get into the back seat of the truck when he came to the residence and to take off her pants. The victim took off her pants and they had sexual intercourse. The defendant was 55 years old during this incident and the victim was 15 years old.

This information is known through the investigation of Detective J. Jacko, the statement of the victim, and witnesses and they are witnesses to prove the same against the form and dignity of the State.

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Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Detective J. Jacko, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS

Did within this County and State between July 19, 2022, and February 19, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR 2nd DEGREE
16-3-655 (B)

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

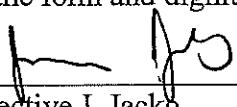
That between the aforementioned dates, while at or near 9016 Palmetto Commerce Parkway in North Charleston, in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS, did commit the offense of violation section 16-3-655(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR SECOND DEGREE**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously commit a sexual battery against a fifteen (15) year old, to wit: penile-vaginal intercourse.

That on April 7, 2023, the child victim was interviewed by a trained Forensic Interviewer at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center. In the interview, the child victim disclosed that the defendant went over to her residence at _____ in North Charleston and picked the victim up in his brown pickup truck. They drove to a similar building at 9016 Palmetto Commerce Parkway and had sexual intercourse in the back seat of the pickup truck. The victim stated that she was in the doggie-style position and was also laying on her back when they were having sexual intercourse. The victim stated that they had penial to vaginal sexual intercourse during this incident. The defendant then went to the gas station near her residence and brought her snacks and then took her back to her residence. The defendant was 55 years old during this incident and the victim was 15 years old.

This information is known through the investigation of Detective J. Jacko, the statement of the victim, and witnesses and they are witnesses to prove the same against the form and dignity of the State.

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Did within this County and State on February 20, 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

**Trafficking in Person, Victim Under 18 YOA-1st Offense (CDR 3899)
16-03-2020 (C)**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

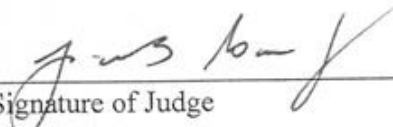
That on the aforementioned dates, while in the cul de sac across from _____, in the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, DAVID WILLIAM HOLLARS, did commit the offense of violation section 16-3-2020(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **Trafficking in Persons, Victim Under 18 YOA- 1st Offense**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully, and knowingly recruit, entice, solicit, isolate, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, or so attempts, a victim who was under the age of 18, knowing that the victim will be subjected to, or for the purposes of sex trafficking, forced labor or services, for the purposes of performing commercial sexual acts for compensation.

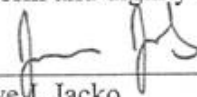
That on April 7, 2023, the child victim was interviewed by a trained Forensic Interviewer at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center. In the interview, the child victim

. The victim was _____ in Charleston. The victim texted the defendant to see if he was in town and told him that she was home alone. The defendant came to the residence, and they had penile-vaginal sexual intercourse in the back seat of a black GMC pickup in the cul de sac across from this ~~address~~ ^{address}. The victim stated that the defendant told her to get into the back seat of the truck when he came to the residence and to take off her pants. The victim took off her pants and they had sexual intercourse. After the incident occurred the defendant gave the child victim \$200 via Cash App. The defendant was 55 years old during this incident and the victim was 15 years old. The defendant had prior knowledge of the child's victim age prior to this encounter. During the forensic interview the child victim stated that the defendant had previously sent the child victim money for transportation to his residence, money for clothing, and purchased sex toys and food, which are items of value for her in exchange for sexual contact.

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