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SLED CHARGES LANCASTER COUNTY MAN WITH UNLAWFULLY PLACING A CHILD AT RISK OF HARM

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Justin Trent Craig, 36, with Unlawfully Placing a Child at Risk of Harm on Monday, December 22, 2025. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Craig was booked into the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A2910102699

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



County/



Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

against

Justin Trent Craig

Address:

Lancaster, SC 29720-7865

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: W

Height: 5 10

Weight: 165

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB: 1989

Agency ORI #:

SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency:

State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Sarah J Senn - S00892

Offense: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or
cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Offense Code:

2481

Code/Ordinance Sec:

63-05-0070

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

Justin Trent Craig
12/22/2025

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

104 N. Main St.

P O Box 1809

Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



County/



Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Sarah J Senn

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Justin Trent Craig

did within this county and state on or about 12/16/2025

violate the criminal laws

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of



County/



Municipality of

Lancaster

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

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:

See Affidavit Attached

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



County/



Municipality of

Lancaster

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

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

on or about 12/16/2025

defendant Justin Trent Craig

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



County/



Municipality of

Lancaster

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Children / Unlawfully place a child at risk of or cause harm or willfully abandon the child

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring 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, c
soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 12/22/2025



Signature of Issuing Judge

Van Kevin Richardson

Judge Code:

7001

Judge's Address

761 Lancaster Bypass East

Lancaster, SC 29720-

Judge's Telephone

(803)283-3983

Issuing Court:



Magistrate



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

State of South Carolina

County of Lancaster

Personally appeared before me, the affiant Special Agent S. J. Senn who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Justin Craig did within this county and state on or about December 16, 2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars: Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child I further state that there is probable cause to believe the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: On December 16, 2025, the defendant, Justin Craig, did commit the offense of unlawful conduct toward a child [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], SC (Lancaster County). The defendant used his hands to physically pick up [REDACTED] child by the neck/chest area and held on to the child's waist and placed the child in unreasonable risk of harm by holding the child in mid-air and bending the minor child's body backward, causing visible injuries to the minor child. While committing this act, the defendant told [REDACTED] child he would kill [REDACTED] affecting the minor child's physical and mental health. The following day, December 17, 2025, the defendant intimidated [REDACTED] by telling [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] told what happened, the [REDACTED] would lose [REDACTED] home. The [REDACTED] victim and [REDACTED] witness disclosed this information in a forensic interview. The information provided by the [REDACTED] victim and [REDACTED] witness corroborated information gathered during the SLED investigation. This being in violation of 63-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.

12/22/25

