



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Columbia man arrested on drone and contraband charges involving inmates at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Arnez Jaakim Thompson, 24, is charged with:

- Trafficking in heroin, morphine, etc., more than 28 grams.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Criminal conspiracy.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.

Thompson was arrested on a dirt path outside McCormick CI. Officers confiscated a backpack containing a drone and two bags of contraband including:

- 113 grams of a substance that field tested positive for Fentanyl.
- About four pounds of marijuana.
- About six pounds of tobacco.
- Cellphones, cigarettes, cigars, rolling papers, lighters and other items.

The S.C. Department of Corrections reminds members of the public that after an arrest, the burden of proof is on the state to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt within a court of law.

SCDC thanks the McCormick County Sheriff's Department for assistance in these arrests.

ARREST WARRANT

2023A3510100052

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Arnez Jaakim Thompson

Address [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] SSN [Redacted] Sex M Race G Height 5 9 Weight 189 DL State SC DL# [Redacted] DOB [Redacted] Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339

Offense Drugs / Trafficking in Heroin, morphine, etc., 28 g or more

Offense Code 0149

Code/Ordinance Sec 44-53-0370(e)(3)(c)

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 Arnez Thompson on 1-25-23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Mccormick)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson

did within this county and state on or about 1/24/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in Heroin, morphine, etc., 28 g or more

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

On January 24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 44-53-370 (e)(3)(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Drugs/ Trafficking in Heroin, morphine, etc 28 g or more: Facts to Case: While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone). The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with contraband packages one of which contained 113 grams of an off white rock like substance which did field test presumptive for Fentanyl. Probable cause is based on physical and visual evidence.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Mccormick)

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone

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 1/24/2023 defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in Heroin, morphine, etc., 28 g or more

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 1/25/2023)

Signature of Issuing Judge)

Patty L. Smith (L.S.))

Signature of Issuing Judge)

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Judge Code 5924)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-1116

Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316

Issuing Court [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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2023A3510100053

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Arnez Jaakim Thompson

Address [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex M Race B Height 5 9 Weight 189

DL State SC DL # [Redacted]

DOB [Redacted] Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339

Offense Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec 16-17-0410

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in the following particulars

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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

On January 24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 16-17-410 of the South Carolina code of laws, Criminal Conspiracy, to wit: The Defendant did conspire with the purpose of committing an unlawful act by unlawful means. While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone), The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, contraband packages containing Fentanyl, Marijuana, Tobacco and other contraband items that are commonly introduced into South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) prisons. Probable cause is based on physical and visual evidence.

Signature of Affiant

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 1/25/2023)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116)

McCormick, SC 29835-1116)

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Issuing Court [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit)

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.) Judge Code: 5924)

Patty L. Smith)

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2023A3510100054

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Arnez Jaakim Thompson

Address [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] SSN [Redacted] Sex M Race B Height 5 9 Weight 189

DL State SC DL# [Redacted]

DOB [Redacted] Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency SC Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339

Offense Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec 24-03-0950

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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

On January 24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 24-3-950 of the South Carolina code of laws, Prisoners/ Contraband, to wit: While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone). The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, contraband packages containing Fentanyl, Marijuana, Tobacco and other contraband items that are commonly introduced into South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) prisons. Tobacco and narcotics are considered contraband by the Director of SCDC and therefore are illegal to introduce or attempt to introduce into SCDC prisons. Probable cause is based on physical and visual evidence

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787 Columbia, SC 29221-1787 Affiant's Telephone

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

on or about 1/24/2023 defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 1/25/2023 Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29835-1116 Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316 Issuing Court [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Patty L. Smith Signature of Issuing Judge

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THE STATE

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Arnez Jaakim Thompson

Address [Redacted]

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DL State SC DL# [Redacted]

DOB [Redacted] Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339

Offense Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 2nd offense

Offense Code 0187

Code/Ordinance Sec 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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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

24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 44-53-0370(B)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Possession with intent to Distribute Marijuana 2nd Offense: While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone). The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Altel Evo II Drone with contraband packages containing a green plant material which did field test presumptive for Marijuana. Thompson has a prior conviction. Probable cause is based on physical and visual evidence.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

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on 1/25/2023)

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