



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Sumter man on charges involving contraband at MacDougall Correctional Institution.

Robert Lee Brunson, 34, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, providing contraband to an inmate and criminal conspiracy.

Brunson’s charges involve flying a drone carrying a mop handle filled with marijuana and tobacco onto the prison yard. He coordinated the drop with an inmate using the recorded prison phone system.

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.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2024A0810201866

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Berkeley

THE STATE

062024048

against

Robert Lee Brunson

Address [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex M Race B Height: 5 9 Weight 235

DL State SC DL # [Redacted]

DOB [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S01217

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law

conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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 Robert Brunson

on 9-27-24

Cory Fogleboch

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
300 B California Avenue
PO Box 219
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Robert Lee Brunson

did within this county and state on or about 6/17/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 June 17, 2024, the Defendant, Robert Brunson, did violate section 16-17-0410 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law, to wit: The Defendant, did conspire to introduce a contraband package, in the form of a mop handle, over the perimeter fence into MacDougall Correctional Institution (MacCI), located at 1516 Old Gilliard Road, Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472, Berkeley County, via an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone). The package contained marijuana and tobacco. The defendant communicated with a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate on the institutional recorded phone line with the intent of the contraband package being obtained by the inmate. Probable cause is based on the defendant's cellphone pinging in the area at the time of the incident, and recorded inmate phone calls discussing the introduction with an SCDC inmate.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Berkeley

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 6/17/2024 defendant Robert Lee Brunson

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

County/ Municipality of Berkeley) as set forth below.

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 9/23/2024

Paula Fechhelm McElvogue

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Judge Code 5989

Judge's Address Post Office Box 6122

Moncks Corner, SC 29461-

Judge's Telephone ((843) -719- x 4050

Issuing Court. Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: SC Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S01217

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

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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.

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Date: _____

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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:

On 17, 2024, the Defendant, Robert Brunson, did violate section 24-3-950 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Prisoners/Contraband, Possession by Prisoner or attempt to furnish contraband to wit: The Defendant did introduce a contraband package, in the form of a mop handle, over the perimeter fence into MacDougall Correctional Institution (MacCI), located at 1516 Old Gilliard Rd, Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472, Berkeley County via an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone). The package contained marijuana and tobacco. The defendant communicated with a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate on the institutional recorded phone line with the intent of the contraband package being obtained by the inmate. The defendants phone pinged on cell towers within proximity of MacCI during the time of the incident. These items are considered contraband by the Director of SCDC and inmates are not allowed to possess them.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

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Judge Code: 5989)

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Judge's Telephone ((843) -719- x 4050

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

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

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Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

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

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June 17, 2024, the Defendant, Robert Brunson, did violate section 44-53-0370 (b)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana to wit: The Defendant, did conspire to introduce a contraband package, in the form of a mop handle, over the perimeter fence into MacDougall Correctional Institution (MacCI), located at 1516 Old Gilliard Road, Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472, Berkeley County, via an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone). The package contained approximately 133.1 grams of green plant material which field tested positive for marijuana. The defendant communicated with a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate on the institutional recorded phone line with the intent of the contraband package being obtained by the inmate. Probable cause is based on the defendant's cellphone pinging in the area at the time of the incident, and recoded inmate phone calls discussing the introduction with an SCDC inmate.

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[Signature of Cory Fogleboch]

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