



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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Media wanting to cover the execution of Freddie Eugene Owens must apply for credentials with SCDC by Sept. 16.

Apply by emailing the following information to shain.chrysti@doc.sc.gov:

- Name
- Place of employment (name of station, newspaper, website, etc.)
- Mobile telephone number
- Email
- Photocopy of your media ID badge.

The media area will be in the SCDC Recruiting office parking lot, 4502 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC. The building will be available for reporters to set up workstations if needed.

Media check-in will begin at 3 p.m. All media must be in place by 5 p.m.

Please note: Space is provided on a first-come, first-served basis until the parking lot is unable to accommodate additional vehicles.

All media must present appropriate credentials and a photo ID to be admitted to the designated media area.

Members of the media will be issued special identification badges at check-in. These badges must be worn and displayed at all times. Badges must be returned to communications officers before leaving the parking lot.

The state's media organizations have chosen three journalists to witness the execution. Those witnesses will be made available at a news conference after the execution. Media may not interview witnesses on the premises after the news conference is concluded.

Media may not interview any department staff involved in the execution plan before or after the execution. Only SCDC Director of Communications Chrysti Shain can answer questions about the execution.

All media must leave the premises within one hour at the conclusion of the press conference after the execution. No reporting or broadcasts will be allowed from the prison property for 72 hours thereafter.