



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrant today for former inmate Marcus Antonio Wright, charging him with murder in the death of Matthew Williams.

Williams, 31, was found dead in his cell at Lieber Correctional Institution Sept. 13. Wright and Williams were cellmates.

Wright, 23, has twice served time in SCDC for burglary. He finished serving his latest sentence for burglary and smuggling on Oct. 1, 2019. He was released to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department, where he remains in custody at the Dorchester County Detention Center as he faces the murder charge.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2019A1810300864

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE 31-2019-118
against

Marcus Antonio Wright

Address: Lieber Correctional Institution
Ridgeville, SC 29472-Phone: SSN
Sex M Race B Height: 6 6 Weight: 175DL State: DL # DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: Richard A Darling - S00310Offense: Murder / MurderOffense Code: 0116Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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
onMarcus Wright
10-11-19
Cotie K. Carter
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard A Darling who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Marcus Antonio Wright
did within this county and state on or about 9/13/2019 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester)
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / MurderI 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 September 13, 2019, the defendant Marcus Antonio Wright, while incarcerated at the Lieber Correctional Institution located at
136 Wilborn Avenue Ridgeville S.C. 29472, did violate section 16-3-10 of the S.C. Code of Laws, Murder with Expressed Malice
Aforethought. The Defendant and the victim, Matthew Williams, shared a cell and were locked in the cell with ^{one} another. The
defendant and victim were involved in a physical altercation inside the cell. During which, the defendant, with malice aforethought
is suspected to have used personal weapons to cause ^{severe} injuries to the victims face and head directly causing the victims death.
Pathology revealed the victim died due to blunt force trauma to the head. The Defendant made verbal statements to an SCDC
employee that he and the victim were in a "fight". This having occurred in the county of dorchester, State of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 9/13/2019 defendant Marcus Antonio Wright
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / MurderHaving 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 meon 9/17/2019A. Lerner (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Michelle Leviner

Judge Code: 7177Judge's Address Troy Knight Judicial Complex
Summerville, SC 29483-4707Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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