



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

Nov. 13, 2019

For immediate release

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Anthony C. Karras Jr., a correctional officer at Broad River Correctional Institution.

Karras, 27, of Swansea, is charged with introducing contraband into a prison, criminal conspiracy and misconduct in office.

Karras is charged with concealing 57 grams of tobacco and rolling papers inside his protective vest. The contraband was discovered during an unannounced search of employees Nov. 12. He was fired after his arrest.

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

2019A4010204606

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

332019132

against

Anthony C Karras, Jr

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 212  
 DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: Laura M Casares - S02072Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasanceOffense Code: 0819Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000This 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

11/13/19 Anthony Karras  
J. Dur

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions  
 1701 Main Street  
 P O Box 192  
 Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Laura M Casares who  
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Anthony C Karras, Jr  
 did within this county and state on or about 11/12/2019 violate the criminal laws of the  
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland Bond Court)  
 in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 November 12, 2019, the defendant, Anthony C. Karras Jr., a sworn officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did willfully, dishonestly, and with corrupt intent, engage in misconduct in the form of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, by committing acts in violation of his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer, by unlawfully bringing in items deemed as contraband, which were concealed in the defendant's protective vest, to the Broad River Correctional Institution. Upon an unannounced search of the employees on the shift, approx 57 grams of tobacco, along with brown rolling papers, were retrieved from inside the vest. The affiant has statements provided by Correctional Officers, along with the defendant's statement after being read Miranda. This incident occurred at the Broad River Correctional Institution, located at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina. Affiant and others are witness to prove same

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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 11/12/2019 defendant Anthony C Karras, Jr

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland Bond Court ) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 11/12/2019

Roger Myers (L.S.)  
 Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 7390

Judge's Address Post Office Box 192  
Columbia, SC 29202-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2341

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Laura M Casares - S02072

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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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 November 12, 2019, at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (Broad River Correctional Institution), in the county of Richland, the defendant, Anthony C. Karras Jr., a Sworn Correctional Officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections did conspire to introduce two vacuum sealed packages that contained approximately 57 grams of tobacco, along with brown rolling papers. These items have been deemed contraband by the Director of South Carolina Department of Corrections. The affiant has statements provided by Correctional Officers, along with the defendant's statement after being read Miranda. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

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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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