

South Carolina Department of Corrections

Aug. 31, 2020 For immediate release Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206 <u>Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov</u>

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrant todays for Avery Noah Thompson, a correctional officer at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Thompson, 24, of Abbeville, is charged with trafficking methamphetamines greater than 28 grams, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and misconduct in office. The charges against him involve bringing multiple packages of meth, marijuana and contraband cell phones into the prison. 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.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAR	OLINA	Iccormick ersonally appeared before me the affi	ant Roy E Cox, III			who
X County/ Mur	nicipality of	eing duly sworn deposes and says th		oah Thompson		- 10
Mccormick		d within this county and state on or at		Jan Thompson	violate the criminal laws	of the
	S	tate of South Carolina (or ordinance of	X County/	funicipality of Mccormic	:k)
THE STATE against		the following particulars:				
Avery Noah Thompson	D	ESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Tra	fficking in meth. or cocair	ie base - 28 g or more, but les	s than 100 g - 1st offense	
Address:						
				the defendent named	these did commit	
Phone: SS	N: th	further state that there is probab e crime set forth and that probable	cause is based on the	ollowing facts:	above did commit	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6	Weight: 290 T	hat on August 29, 2020, in the county of	of McCormick, one Avery	Noah Thompson did commit	the crime of Drugs / Trafficking	g in
DL State: _SC DL #: DOB:Agency ORI ;		neth. or cocaine base - 28 g or more, bu	t less than 100 g - 1st offe	nsein that he did possess and a	attempt to enter the McCormick	
	#: <u>SC040095C</u> C Of Corrections Division	orrectional Facility with methamphetar	nine. See attached affidav	t. Incident investigated by O	c. R. Cox of the SCDOC.	
Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S						
Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. of	6					
or more, but less than 100 g - Offense Code: 0392	1st offense					
Code/Ordinance Sec: 0392 44-53-0375(C)(2)	(a)		$\overline{\Omega}$	0-0		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR S		Signature of Aff	liant 500	ωx		
County/ Municipality of	S	TATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
	. The accused	County/ Municipality of)	Columbia, SC 29221-1787		
	fore me to be N	Accormick	Affiant's Telephone			
dealt with according to the law.						
	(L.S.)		ARREST W	ARRANT		
Signature of Judge						
Date:	T	O ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF It appearing				that
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A copy of this arrest warrant was deliv	ered to	n or about 8/29/2020		y Noah Thompson		
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on August 30,20	20					
	D	ESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Tra	ifficking in meth. or cocai	ne base - 28 g or more, but les	s than 100 g - 1st offense	
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signature of ZenatableT, W Erkorcer	54	on thereafter as is practicable worn to and subscribed before me)	reactions action of derivered to the or	remain at the time of its execution, o	ur als
RETURN WARRANT TO:		n 8/30/2020)			
Mccormick Magistrate		1	<pre>/ Judge's Address (L.S.))</pre>	P. O. Box 1116		
211 West Augusta Street, Exten Post Office Box 1116		Ignature of Issuing Judge	Judge's Telephone	McCormick, SC 29835- (864)-85-2-23 x 16		
Mccormick, SC 29835		ohn Cliff Long)			
		idge Code: 7261) Issuing Court	X Magistrate	Municipal Circu	JR.
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South Carolina Department of Corrections Police Services Arrest Warrant Affidavit Sheet

		Case Number:	
August 29, 2020		34-2020-055	
Defendant Name:		Address:	
Avery Noah Thom	npson		
Race: Sex: Ho 3 M 6'00		t: Date of Birth: Social Security #:	Driver's License #: SCDC #: 064262
	215		004202
Affiant Name:		Affiant Address:	Telephone:
Roy Cox		4444 Broad River Rd Columbia, S.C. 29221	(803)896-5214
Victim Name		Victim Address	Telephone:
Witness Name		Witness Address	Telephone:
Description of Of Drugs / Trafficking in me Affidavit:		- 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense 4	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 4-53-0375(C)(2)(a) or 0392
August 29, 2020 Correctional Offi and unlawfully a substance that fi at McCormick Co	, commit the c cer with the S ttempt to cond eld tested pos orrectional Ins is based on th	ery Thompson did in the County of M offense of Trafficking Methamphetam outh Carolina Department of Correct eal and introduce multiple packages sitive for methamphetamines into a S titution, located at 386 Redemption M e statements of SCDC staff and phy	nines. The defendant, a sworn tions (SCDC), did willfully, knowingl s containing a white crystal-like SCDC facility. This incident occurred Way, McCormick, S.C. 29835.
Signature of Judg	ge (If Applica	ble) Affiant Signature	
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Sworn to and asc	ribed before m	ethis 30 day of Aqui	, 2020

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mecormick
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III who
	being duly swom deposes and says that defendant <u>Avery Noah Thompson</u> did within this county and state on or about <u>8/29/2020</u> violate the criminal laws of the
Mecormick	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of TX) County/ Municipality of Mccormick
THE STATE	in the following particulars:
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st offense
Avery Noah Thompson	Diagon manue, poss. of other sub. In others, it, it of the new part of an average of the others
Address:	_
Phone: SSN:	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:
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 25 DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORI #: SC040095C SC040095C Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Divisie Prosecuting Office: Roy E Cox, III - S00146	 That on August 29, 2020 in the city/county of McCommck, one Avery Noah I hompson did aid, abet, attempt or conspire to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, purchase and or possess Marijuana, with the intent to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or purchase Marijuana, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analogue classified in Schedule 1 (b) and (c) which
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)	Signature of Affiant BOUL (FX
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Municipality of	County/ Municipality of Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
. The accuse is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Columbia, SC 29221-1/8/
dealt with according to the law.	Mccormick / Affiant's Telephone
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	ARREST WARRANT
Signature of Judge	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
RETURN	
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 8/29/2020 defendant <u>Avery Noah Thompson</u> did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
defendant Hiery Thompson	X County/ Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below:
on Plusust 30, 2020	
	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st offense
Considerer of Genetation of For Extracement Other	Having found probable cause and the above affiant having swom before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be deall 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
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me)
Mccormick Magistrate	on 8/30/2020) Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	McCormick, SC 29835-
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Affiant Name:	Affiant Address:	Telephone:	
Roy Cox	4444 Broad River Rd Columbia, S.C. 29221	(803)896-5214	
Victim Name	Victim Address	Telephone:	
Witness Name	Witness Address	Telephone:	
Description of Offense		Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:	
Possession with Intent to Distribu	ite Marijuana 4	4-53-0370(b)(2) or 0186	
Affidavit:			
Agent Cox states that Sgt. Av August 29, 2020, commit the a sworn Correctional Officer w knowingly and unlawfully atter substance believed to be man Correctional Institution, locate	with the South Carolina Department of	Distribute Marijuana. The defendant, of Corrections (SCDC), did willfully, e packages containing a green leafy dent occurred at McCormick ick, S.C. 29835. Probable cause is	
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick	Pau E Car, III		who
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant being duly sworn deposes and says that d	Roy E Cox, III telendant Avery Noah Thomp	200	4110
Mccormick	did within this county and state on or about	8/29/2020	SOI1 VIO	plate the criminal laws of the
	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X	County/ Municipality of	Mccormick)
THE STATE against	in the following particulars:			
Avery Noah Thompson	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public	official, misconduct in office		
Address:				
	I further state that there is probable	cause to believe that the d	electent named above did	commit
Phone: SSN:	the crime set forth and that probable cause			
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 290	That on August 29, 2020, in the county of M	cCormick, one Avery Noah Thom	pson did commit the crime o	f Public / Public official,
DL State: <u>SC</u> DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	misconduct in officein that he did (See attach	hed affidavit.) Incidentinvestigate	d by Ofc. R. Cox of the SCD	IOC.
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division				
Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146				
Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office				
Offense Code: 0115		0		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080	Signature of Affiant	BOU CX	r	
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the		- 100 Luc		
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Signature of Judge	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH			ITY.
Date:		the above affidavit that		prounds to believe that
RETURN	on or about 8/29/2020	Augus Nach Th		
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 8/29/2020 did violate the criminal laws of the State of	defendant <u>Avery Noah Th</u> South Carolina (or ordinance of	ompson	
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August 29, 2020	2020 34-2020-055		
Defendant Name:	Address:		
Avery Noah Thompson			
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Affiant Name:	Affiant Address:	Telephone:	
Roy Cox	4444 Broad River Rd Columbia, S.C. 29221	(803)896-5214	
Victim Name	Victim Address	Telephone:	
Witness Name	Witness Address	Telephone:	
Description of Offense Aisconduct in Office	0	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 8-01-80 or 115	
Affidavit:			
August 29, 2020, commit the off Officer with the South Carolina I corrupt intent, engaged in misco tested positive for methampheta cellular telephones and cell phon McCormick Correctional Instituti	nduct by attempting to introduce a mines, a green leafy substance be ne accessories into a SCDC facility on, located at 386 Redemption Wa	defendant, a sworn Correctional), did willfully, dishonestly and with crystal-like substance that field elieved to be marijuana, tobacco, y. This incident occurred at	
Signature of Judge (If Applicabl	e) Affiant Signature		
1m 6.7	- Roy Cax		
Sworn to and ascribed before me SCDC FORM 23-61 (REVISED AUGUST	this <u>30</u> day of <u>Aura</u> 2017)	£, 20 /~~	