



## **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 a North Carolina man in connection with a contraband incident at Lee Correctional Institution Monday.

Terrell Laqua Smith, 20, of Winston-Salem, is charged with introducing contraband into a state prison. The charges involve attempting to throw two packages over the prison's barrier fence. The packages contained a cell phone, wrapping paper, loose tobacco and lighters.

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.

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## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-049

against

Terrell Laqua Smith

Address

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

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.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Terrell L Smith

on 5/12/2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

223 South Main Street

P O Box 387

Bishopville, SC 290100387

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Lee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew P Wentzel

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Terrell Laqua Smith

did within this county and state on or about 5/11/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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:That on May 11, 2020 at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC in the county of Lee, the  
defendant, Terrell Laqua Smith, did commit the offense of Introduction of Contraband into a State Prison to wit: The defendant did  
attempt to throw two packages containing a cell phone, wrapping paper, loose tobacco, and lighters over the barrier fencing at Lee  
Correctional Institution. Probable cause is based on witness statements, evidence and self-admittance of the defendant.

Signature of Affiant

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

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 5/11/2020

defendant Terrell Laqua Smith

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 5/12/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge Shirley C. Davidson (L.S.)

Shirley Cockman Davidson

Judge Code: 7269

Judge's Address Post Office Box 2

Bishopville, SC 29010-

Judge's Telephone (803)-48-4-64 x 63

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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