



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Johnny Lee Bryant Jr., a lieutenant at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Bryant, 56, of Hilton Head Island, is charged with kidnapping, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, and misconduct in office. His charges involve detaining and attempting to sexually assault a fellow employee at the institution. 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

2020A2720200043

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

31-2020-054

against

Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr

Address:

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roosevelt L Jenkins - S00179

Offense: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

Offense Code: 0254

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0656

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 Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr.

on 13 MAY 2020

C. Vick, Cpl

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
265 Russell Street  
Po Box 248  
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roosevelt L Jenkins who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 5/2/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

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 2, 2020, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Johnny Lee Bryant Jr did commit the offense of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, 2nd degree. Incident occurred at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd in Ridgeland, SC 29936 where defendant is employed as a Correctional Officer Supervisor. Defendant and the victim listed as [REDACTED] were in a briefing room inside the facility when defendant Bryant Jr blocked the door-way preventing victim [REDACTED] from leaving the room. Then physically assaulted her by forcibly kissing her on the lips without her consent, forcing her against the desk while making statements " you are going to give me that pussy". Victim continued to fight with Bryant Jr until she was able to break free and flee from the room. This being against the peace and dignity of the State, affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

Agent R. L. Jenkins

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 5/2/2020 defendant Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct - Second degree

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

Thomas L. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843)726-7500

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
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☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

31-2020-054

against

Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 6 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: DOB:

Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roosevelt L Jenkins - S00179

Offense: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

Offense Code: 0095

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0910

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Kidnapping / Kidnapping

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 2, 2020 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Johnny Lee Bryant Jr did commit the offense of Kidnapping in that defendant did unlawfully seize, confine, kidnap or abduct the victim listed as [REDACTED] without authority of law. Incident occurred at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd in Ridgeland, SC 29936 where defendant is employed as a Correctional Officer Supervisor. Defendant and victim [REDACTED] were in a briefing room inside the facility and when [REDACTED] attempted to exit the room defendant Bryant Jr blocked the door-way preventing her from leaving. Bryant then physically assaulted her by holding her against her will, forcibly kissing her on the lips without her consent, forcing her against the desk in an attempt to sexually assault her while making statements "you are going to give me that pussy". Victim continued to fight with Bryant Jr until she was able to break free and flee from the room. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

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## ARREST WARRANT

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THE STATE

31-2020-054

against

Johnny Lee Bryant, Jr

Address:

Phone: SSN: 5 6 Weight: 190

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DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roosevelt L Jenkins - S00179

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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That on May 2, 2020, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland one Johnny Lee Bryant Jr. did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance. Defendant is an employee of Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. That while on official duty as a class II Police Officer for RCI defendant did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office as a Public Official by Kidnapping, assaulting and attempting to commit criminal sexual conduct upon another RCI employee. During a meeting at RCI facility between the defendant and the victim listed as defendant Bryant Jr. held victim against her will, restricted her movement and forcibly attempted to sexually assault her. This being against the peace and dignity of the state, affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

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