



## **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 Loren Russell Smith, a correctional officer at Lee Correctional Institution.

Smith, 38, of Florence, is charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, introducing contraband into a prison, criminal conspiracy and misconduct in office. His charges involve attempting to bring 256 grams of marijuana and rolling papers into the prison hidden inside a Taco Bell food container. 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

2020A3110200065

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-055

against

Loren Russell Smith

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 259

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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 LOREN SMITHon 05-28-2020 @ 12:08 pm[Signature] R. Chandler  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
123 South Main Street  
P O Box 387  
Bishopville, SC 290100387

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew P Wentzel whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Loren Russell Smithdid within this county and state on or about 5/27/2020 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 27, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC located in Lee County one, Loren Smith, did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office to wit: The defendant, Loren Smith, a sworn correctional officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, in violation of duty in good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a state correctional officer, introduced contraband into Lee Correctional Institution in the form of two cylinder packages containing marijuana. Probable cause is based on evidence and statements to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections.

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 5/27/2020 defendant Loren Russell 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: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 5/28/2020[Signature] (L.S.)  
Signature of Issuing Judge

Shirley Cockman Davidson

Judge Code: 7269Judge's Address Post Office Box 2  
Bishopville, SC 29010-Judge's Telephone (803)-48-4-64 x 63Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

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## ARREST WARRANT

2020A3110200062

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-055

against

Loren Russell Smith

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 259

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

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)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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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

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defendant

on

Loren Smith  
05-28-2020 12:08 PM  
JH P. Richardson  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee )  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 27, 2020 at Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC located in Lee County one Loren Smith did commit the offense of Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana to wit: The defendant did bring into a state prison a package containing a quantity of marijuana, field weight of 256 grams, to be distributed into the prison. Probable cause is based on evidence and witness statements to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Signature of Affiant

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Affiant's Telephone

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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

Shirley Cockman Davidson

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Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2020A3110200063

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-055

against

Loren Russell Smith

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 259

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

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defendant Loren Russell Smithon 05-28-2020 @ 12:08pm

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 27, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC located in Lee County one Loren Smith did commit the offense of Criminal Conspiracy to wit: The defendant did agree, assist, and conspire to introduce contraband (marijuana and rolling papers) into a state prison. Probable cause is based on evidence, witness' statements, and a written confession by the defendant to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Signature of Affiant

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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 5/28/2020Signature of Issuing Judge Shirley C. Davidson (L.S.)

Shirley Cockman Davidson

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## ARREST WARRANT

2020A3110200064

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-055

against

Loren Russell Smith

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 2 Weight: 259

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 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

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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defendant Loren Smithon 05-28-2020 @ 12:08pmJK Hall

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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 27, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC located in Lee County, one Loren Russell Smith did commit the offense of introduction of contraband into a prison to wit: The defendant did attempt to conceal, entering the front gate of Lee Correctional Institution, Taco Bell food containing a quantity of marijuana and rolling papers. The contraband is listed on a published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. Probable cause is based on evidence and statements to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Signature of Affiant

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