

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released arrest warrants today charging two inmates at McCormick Correctional Institution with murder.

Jonathan Sentel Dominick, 35, and Darius Rasean Ransom, 31, are both charged with murder in the Nov. 3 death of inmate Deshawn Livaughn Simmons. Arrest warrants charge that Ransom assaulted Simmons with his closed fist as Dominick stabbed him in the back with a homemade edged weapon. Simmons, 28, died later that day in a local hospital.

Dominick also is charged with possessing a weapon during a violent crime and carrying a concealed weapon by a prisoner.

Dominick is serving a 25-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter, third-degree burglary and grand larceny. Ransom is serving a 30-year sentence for first-degree burglary and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

The cases will be prosecuted by the 11th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office.

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		TH CAROLINA)		ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003
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THE STATE	in the following	Carolina (or ordinance of X) ng particulars:	County	funicipality of Mccor	mick	,,
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Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146						PLS
Offense: Murder / Murder						PL-
Offense Code: 0116 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010		Signature of Affiant	Ros	Cox		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of . The accused	STATE OF SOU	TH CAROLINA Municipality of) Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787 Columbia, SC 29221-1	787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.	Mccormick		Affiant's Telephone			
(L.S.)			ARREST W	/ARRANT		
Signature of Judge						
Date:	TO ANY LAW E	NFORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH. It appearing from			reasonable grounds	to believe that
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Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension	11-	(L.S.)	/ Judge's Address	P. O. Box 1116 McCormick, SC 2983	5-	
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Mccormick, SC 29835		7261) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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Race: Sex:	Height: 5'08"	Weight:	Date of Birth:	Social Security #	: Driver's Lic	ense #: SCDC #: 337875		
Affiant Name	e:		Affiant Addr	ess:		Telephone:		
Agent Roy "T	ravis" Cox							
Victim Name			Victim Addr	ess		Telephone:		
Deshawn Liva	aughn Sim	mons						
Witness Name			Witness Add	ress		Telephone:		
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Signature of	Judge (Ii	f Applicab	le)	Affiant Signature				

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THE STATE	in the following	particulars:	_			_	
against Jonathan Sentel Dominick	DESCRIPTION OF	OFFENSE: Weapons / Pos	ss. weapon durit	ng violent crime, if not	also sentenced	to life without pa	role or death
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DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C		See attached affidavit. Inc					
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division Roy E Cox, III - S00146							
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not also sentenced to life without parole or death							
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Signature of Judge			7444				
Date:	TO ANY LAW EN	FORCEMENT OFFICER OF T	HIS STATE OR M	UNICIPALITY OR ANY O	ONSTABLE OF T	HIS COUNTY:	
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Signature of Constable/Carr Enforcement Officer		with to be dealt with according t					
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subse)				
Mccormick Magistrate	on 12/3/2020) Judge's Ad	dress P.O. Box 1	116		
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	1/21	(L.S	3.))	McCormick			
Post Office Box 1116	John Cliff Long	De .	Judge's Te	lephone (864)-85-2-	23 x 16		
Mccormick, SC 29835		261) Issuir	g Court: X Magistr	ate	Municipal	Circuit
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Agent Ro	oy "Travis" Cox							
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Witness Name		Witness Address			Telephone:			
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ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUT	TH CAROLINA)		ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Altorney General
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick	eared before me the affiant	Roy E Cox, III			who
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THE STATE	State of South in the following	Carolina (or ordinance of	County/	unicipality of Mccorr	nick)
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Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division Roy E Cox, III - S00146	<u>on</u>					
Offense: Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates	_					
Offense Code: 0441	_					
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0440	_	Signature of Affiant	ı	Rou Co	0	
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Post Office Box 1116	Signature of Issuing	udge	Judge's Telephone	(864)-85-2-23 x 16		
Mccormick, SC 29835	John Cliff Long Judge Code:	g 7261) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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Arrest Warrant Affidavit Sheet Date of Offense: Case Number: November 3, 2020 34-2020-079 **Defendant Name:** Address: Jonathan Sentel Dominick 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899 Weight: Date of Birth: Social Security #: Driver's License #: SCDC #: Race: Sex: Height: M 5'08" 337875 В **Affiant Address: Affiant Name:** Telephone: Agent Roy "Travis" Cox Victim Name Victim Address Telephone:

Deshawn Livaughn Simmons

Witness Name Witness Address Telephone:

Description of Offense

Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:

Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

24-13-0440

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Affidavit:

Agent Roy Cox states that the defendant, Jonathan Sentel Dominick, did in the county of McCormick, S.C. on November 3, 2020, commit the offense of carrying or concealing weapon by inmate. Dominick a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, assigned to McCormick Correctional Institution, did possess and use a homemade edged weapon to murder Deshawn Simmons by means of stabbing him in the back. This incident occurred at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C., 29899. This crime being in violation of S.C. code of laws 24-13-0440. Probable cause is based on witness statements, security footage, and the autopsy report.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable)	Affiant Signature	
//w C. 2	Roy Cox	
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Offense: Murder / Murder							
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Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03	-0010		Signature of Affiant	Day 1	2		
This warrant is CERTIFIE	ED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH		7	××		
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Signatu	ure of Judge						
Date:	**	TO ANY LAW ENF	ORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH				
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Post Office Box 111		John Cliff Long		Judge's Telephone	(864)-85-2-23 x 16		
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Date of Offense:	Case Nu	mber:
November 03, 2020	34-2020-0	79
Defendant Name:	Address:	
Darius Rasean Ransom	386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 298	
	: Date of Birth: Social Security	y #: Driver's License #: SCDC #:
B M 6'2" 193		00351629
Affiant Name:	Affiant Address:	Telephone:
Agent Roy "Travis" Cox		
Victim Name	Victim Address	Telephone:
Deshawn Livaughn Simmons	386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899	
Witness Name	Witness Address	Telephone:
Description of Offense		Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:
Murder		16-03-0010 116
Affidavit:		
S.C. on November 3, 2020 did inmate with the South Carolina Institution, did with malice and assaulting the victim with a close a homemade edged weapon. TRedemption Way, McCormick,	commit the crime of murder. Da Department of Corrections, ass aforethought aid, abet, and con sed fist as Jonathan Sentel Don his incident did occur at McCor S.C., 29899. This crime being i	som, did in the county of McCormick, arius Ransom, a lawfully incarcerated signed to McCormick Correctional spire to murder Deshawn Simmons by ninick stabbed the victim in the back with mick Correctional Institution, 386 in violation of S.C. code of laws security footage, the autopsy report and

Sworn to and ascribed before me this 30 day of December, 2020

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the investigation.