



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrants today for Denzel Marquise Jones, a correctional officer at Broad River Correctional Institution.

Jones, 26, of Blythewood, is charged with third-degree assault and battery and misconduct in office. His charges involve hitting a handcuffed inmate on the face. He was fired after his arrest. The inmate sustained minor injuries and was treated at the institution. He did not require hospitalization.

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

2021A4010500212

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

33-2021-076

against

Denzel M Jones

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 216

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian M Rowe - S02775

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance,

misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 DENZEL JONES

on 4/8/21

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian M Rowe

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Denzel M Jones

did within this county and state on or about 4/2/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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:

On April 2, 2021, the defendant Denzel Marquise Jones, who is a certified officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) did willfully, knowingly, dishonestly and unlawfully commit, with malfeasance, the common law offense of Misconduct in Office by battering [REDACTED], a lawfully incarcerated inmate with SCDC. Denzel Marquise Jones struck [REDACTED] multiple times, while he was engaged in the official duties of his job, with closed fists while [REDACTED] was handcuffed behind his back. The investigation was aided by video surveillance. This incident occurred at Broad River Correctional Institution, 4460 Broad River, Columbia, SC 29210, located within the County of Richland being in violation of S.C. Code of Laws 17-25-30. Probable cause based on the investigation, statements and video surveillance.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 4/2/2021 defendant Denzel M Jones

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 4/8/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District
Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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2021A4010500213

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DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian M Rowe - S02775

Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

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Dutch Fork Magistrate
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Columbia, SC 29210

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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