



## 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 a former inmate who was found on SCDC property with packages of drugs and contraband.

Jason Lloyd Thatcher, 42, of Rock Hill, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute and providing contraband to a prisoner.

Thatcher was arrested Monday on SCDC property in Columbia on the department's Walden Farm. He was carrying five packages containing:

- Eight new cellphones
- Three new cellphone SIM cards
- About six grams of a substance believed to be meth;
- 109 grams of a leafy substance believed to be marijuana;
- 767 grams of a leafy substance believed to be tobacco;
- Nine Ziz Zag cigar wraps;
- One set of headphones;
- And one set of digital scales.

Thatcher served time on a youthful offender sentence for marijuana distribution in 2004-2005.

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

2021A4010500399

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

36-2021-071

against

Jason Lloyd Thatcher

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI:

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C POLICE SERVICES

Prosecuting Officer: Clinton A Burden - S02888

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 Jason Thatcher

on 8/10/2021 e 13106

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Clinton A Burden

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jason Lloyd Thatcher

did within this county and state on or about 8/9/2021

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: 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:

Sr. Agnt Burden states the def., did in the County of Richland, on Aug. 09, 2021, commit the offense of (Violation of State Contraband Law) to wit: that Jason Lloyd Thatcher, did have in his poss. 5 containers packaged consistent with methods utilized in the introduction of contraband into state prison facilities. The 5 packages contained the following items: a crystal like substance believed to be Methamphetamine that weighed approx. 6 grams, a leafy plant like substance believed to be Marijuana that weighed approx. 109 gr, a brown leafy substance believed to be Tobacco that weighed approx. 767 gr, 9 Zig Zag cigar wraps, 8 new cellular telephones, 3 new cellular telephone sim cards, 1 set of headphones, and 1 set of digital scales. Thatcher was apprehended on SCDC property (Walden Farm). This offense occurred on the SCDC Walden Farm property, located at 4524, located at 4524 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Prob. cause is based on the investigation, witness statements, and the recovery of evidence.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P O BOX 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-

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 8/9/2021

defendant Jason Lloyd Thatcher

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: 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 8/10/2021

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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S.C. Attorney General  
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36-2021-071

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Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 220

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C POLICE SERVICES

Prosecuting Officer: Clinton A Burden - S02888

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)

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Sr Agent Burden states the defendant, did in the County of Richland, on Aug 09, 2021, commit the offense of (Poss with intent to Distribute Marijuana-2nd Off) to wit: that Jason Lloyd Thatcher, did have in his poss 5 containers packaged consistent with methods utilized in the introduction of contraband into state prison facilities. The 5 pkgs contained the following items: a crystal like substance believed to be Methamphetamine weight approx 6 grams, a leafy plant like substance believed to be Marijuana weight approx 109 grams, a brown leafy substance believed to be Tobacco weight approx 767 grams, 9 Zig Zag cigar wraps, 8 new cellular phones, 3 new cellular phone sim cards, 1 set of headphones, and 1 set of digital scales. Thatcher was apprehended on SCDC property (Walden Farm). This offense occurred on the SCDC Walden Farm property, located at 4524, located at 4524 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Probable cause is based on the investigation, witness statements, and the recovery of evidence.

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Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate )

Affiant's Address P O BOX 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (803)896-8507

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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

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

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Prosecuting Officer: Clinton A Burden - S02888

Offense: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c),  
LSD, and Sched. II - 2nd offense

Offense Code: 0184

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(1)

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