



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrant today for a Colleton County man arrested on contraband charges near Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Leonard Wayne Scott Jr., 20, of Smoaks, is charged with providing contraband to a prisoner. His charges involve attempting to fly a drone into Ridgeland to drop contraband on the prison yard. Scott was arrested in a field near the institution with 1,079 grams of a leafy substance that field tested to be marijuana, five pounds of tobacco, a drone and other items.

Scott fled the prison area after he was discovered and led law enforcement on a chase through three counties before he was arrested. SCDC thanks the sheriff's departments in Jasper, Hampton and Colleton counties, as well as the Yemassee Police Department for their assistance.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2022A2720200170

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

36-2022-089

against

Leonard Wayne Scott, Jr

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race:

Height: 5

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Weight: 120

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #:

SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S00534

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 ofThe 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 Leonard Wayne Scott Jr

on 11-17-22

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant William C Pruitt

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Leonard Wayne Scott, Jr

did within this county and state on or about 11/15/2022

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

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 November 15, 2022, in the County of Jasper, City of Ridgeland, one Leonard Wayne Scott Jr. did furnish or attempt to
furnish contraband to a prisoner at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Road in Ridgeland, SC 29936 and/or
possess contraband. The Defendant was observed on video surveillance and by a Jasper County Deputy Sheriff in the Solar Panel
field located directly behind RCI which is a known location for individuals to introduce contraband into the institution via drone.
Defendant fled from Police and after a vehicle pursuit was found to be in unlawful possession of 1,079 grams of green plant material
that field tested for marijuana, approximately 5 pounds of tobacco, 1 orange Evo Drone, 6 Drone batteries, 2 cellular devices, black
duct tape, and green fishing line. The contraband is listed on a published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. Affiant,
witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

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 11/15/2022 defendant Leonard Wayne Scott, 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: 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 11/15/2022

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

