



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 warrants today for two Berkeley County men on contraband charges involving inmates at Lee Correctional Institution.

Christopher M. Meredith, 44, and John Charles Carrington, 31, are both charged with:

- Distribution of methamphetamines.
- Criminal conspiracy.
- Providing contraband to a prisoner.

The charges involve four pounds of tobacco attached to a drone near Lee CI. Officers also confiscated 1.8 grams of a substance that tested positive for meth.

Meredith is a former inmate who has served four different stints in SCDC, mostly on drug charges.

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.

SCDC's Inspector General thanks the Lee County Sheriff's office and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, as well as the SCDC Division of Security, for assistance in this case.

ARREST WARRANT

2023A3110100087

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE 06-2023-032 against

Christopher M Meredith

Address [REDACTED]

Phone. [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 11 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: SC Department Of Corrections Investig

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00440

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

Date:

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Cory Fogleboch Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 4/12/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge Windi King

Windi King

Judge Code: 7454

(L.S.)

Judge's Address P.O. Box 2 Bishopville, SC 29010- Judge's Telephone (803)484-5905

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Lee

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Address. [Redacted]

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DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig;

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00440

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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Lee

THE STATE 06-2023-032

against

Christopher M Meredith

Address

Phone SSN

Sex M Race W Height 5 11 Weight 160

DL State SC DL #

DOB Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig;

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00440

Offense Drugs / Distribution, etc. of methamphetamine, 2nd (Excludes manufacturing meth; see CDR Code

Offense Code 3199

Code/Ordinance Sec. 44-53-0375 (B) (2)

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Date:

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3110100084

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE 06-2023-032 against

John Charles Carrington

Address:

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 208 DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig; Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00440

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Date:

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Address [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

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