



## **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 a former inmate on contraband charges involving a drone at Lieber Correctional Institution.

Alex Wartara Nash, 43, of Spartanburg, is charged with providing contraband to prisoners and criminal conspiracy. His charges involve attempting to fly a drone carrying tobacco onto the Lieber prison yard.

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

2023A1810201040

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE  
against

Alex Wartara Nash

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00988

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law  
conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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

on

Alex Wartara Nash  
8/11/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.  
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard M Darling who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Alex Wartara Nash  
did within this county and state on or about 8/16/2023 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester )  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 August 16, 2023, the Defendant, Alex Wartara Nash, did commit the offense of Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law  
, in that: The Defendant while located on Coburn Town Road, Dorchester County, Ridgeville South Carolina 29472. was found to  
be in possession of an orange unmanned aerial device (drone), a drone controller, and quantity of packaged tobacco. The defendant  
did admit post miranda, that he was in the area attempting to fly the package into Lieber Correctional Institution located at 136  
Wilburn Ave, Ridgeville SC 29472, located 2,814 feet away, and was conspiring to do so with an inmate who is currently  
incarcerated at Lieber Correctional.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 8/16/2023 defendant Alex Wartara Nash

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 8/16/2023Signature of Issuing Judge  
Jacquelyn G. Jenkins  
Judge Code: 7070

Judge's Address

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court:

St. George, SC 29477-2443

(843)563-0130

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

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Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00988

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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