



## South Carolina Department of Corrections

Dec. 29, 2023

For immediate release

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for two Greenville men on contraband charges involving a drone at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Tavis Barnette, 42, and Joshua Bryan Lay, 33, were arrested in a solar panel field near Ridgeland Correctional Institution while flying a drone carrying contraband toward the prison.

Barnette is charged with:

- Trafficking in methamphetamines.
- Two counts of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.
- Criminal conspiracy.

Lay is charged with:

- Trafficking in methamphetamines.
- One count of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.
- Criminal conspiracy.

Officers confiscated a drone, narcotics, tobacco, cellphones and other contraband items during the arrest. The drugs included 30 grams of meth, 10.4 grams of cocaine and 875.3 grams of marijuana.

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 thanks the Ridgeland Police Department for its partnership and help in these arrests.

## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200194

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

06-28-2023

Tavis Barnette

against

Address:

Phone:

Sex: M

Race: B

Height: 5

Weight: 220

DL State:

DL #: 7

DOB:

Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency:

S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Richard M Darling - S00238

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g

or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

Offense Code:

0392

Code/Ordinance Sec:

44-53-0375(C)(2)(a)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law. The accused

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Tavis Barnette on 12/28/23

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 Richard M Darling

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Tavis Barnette

did within this county and state on or about 12/28/2023

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

in the following particulars: Ridgeland

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

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 December 28, 2023, in County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Tavis Barnette did commit the offense of Drugs/ Trafficking in Meth. or cocaine base 28 g or more, but less than 100g 1st offense. Defendant was located in a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. This area is monitored by police because of known unlawful drone drug activity associated with RCL. Police confronted the defendant and a co-defendant and as result of a probable cause search, police located (1) orange in color airtel device and several large black cloth bags containing contraband to include 30 gross grams of clear crystal substance wrapped in clear plastic bags which did field test presumptive for Methamphetamine. This being in violation of SC Statute 44-53-0375(C)(2)(a) code of laws as amended. 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 12/28/2023

defendant Tavis Barnette

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: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas L. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code 6563

(L.S.)

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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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200196

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE  
against

Tavis Barnette

Address

Phone:                      SSN:                       
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 Weight: 220  
DL State:                      DL #:                     DOB:                      Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division  
Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,  
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner withOffense Code: 0074  
Code/Ordinance Sec. 24-03-0950This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the  
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofis to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to the law The accused

Signature of Judge

Date

RETURN

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in the following particulars: violate the criminal laws of theDESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner withI 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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Tavis Barnette did furnish or attempt to furnish  
contraband to a prisoner at Ridgeland Correctional Institution and/or possess contraband to include narcotics, tobacco, and cell  
phones. Defendant Barnette was arrested by police and charged said items as well as Trafficking in Methamphetamine, PWID  
Cocaine, PWID Marijuana and Criminal Conspiracy associated with attempted distribution of unlawful drugs items into RCI located  
at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936 by using flight drone activity. This being in violation of SC Statute 24-03-0950 code  
of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787Affiant'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 12/28/2023 defendant Tavis Barnette  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Ridgeland) as set forth belowDESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner withHaving 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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Officer

Thomas L. Jennings (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119Judge's Telephone (843)726-7500Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200197

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 06-28-2023  
against

Tavis Barnette

Address: 4130 [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 220  
DL State: DL #:

DOB: [redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division  
Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238

Offense: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) &amp; (c),

LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0183

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

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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dealt with according to the law. The accused

Signature of Judge

Date:

(L.S.)

## RETURN

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Signature of Constable/Deputy Constable Officer

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## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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did within this county and state on or about 12/28/2023

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

violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) &amp; (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Tavis Barnette did commit the offense of Possession of  
Intoxicant to Distribute Cocaine or Cocaine base 1st. Defendant was located at a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional  
Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Property is monitored by police because of aerial drone drug  
activity associated with RCI. Defendant and a co-defendant were confronted by police and as a result of a probable cause search  
defendant was found to be in possession of a quantity of approximately 1.4 grams of a white powdery substance that tested  
presumptive positive for cocaine. This being in violation of SC Statute 44-53-0370(b)(1) code of laws as amended.

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

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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: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) &amp; (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas L. Scroggins (Ridgeland)

Judge's Address

Judge Code: 0563

Judge's Telephone

(843)726-7500

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200193

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 06-28-2023  
against

Tavis Barnette

Address

Phone

Sex M Race B Height 5 7 Weight 220

DL State Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Richard M Darling - S00238

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 of

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

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Signature of Constable Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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did within this county and state on or about 12/28/2023

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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:

That on December 28, 2023 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Tavis Barnette did with another unlawfully plan or scheme to accomplish the crime of Criminal Conspiracy by unlawful means. Defendant and a co-defendant were arrested by police and charged with furnishing or attempting to furnish unlawful drugs into Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Defendants were found to be in a solar panel field located adjacent to the property of RCI with a acrii drone flight device, packaged contraband and unlawful drugs to include Methamphetamine, Crack Cocaine, Cocaine and Marijuana. 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

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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: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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on 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Officer

Thomas L. McGee (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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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200198

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

06-28-2023

Tavis Barnette

against

Address:

Phone:                      SSN:                     Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 220DL State:                      DL #:                     DOB:                      Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238Offense: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c),LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offenseOffense Code: 0183Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(1)This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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 Tavis Barnette  
on 12/28/23

Signature of Constable and Return to Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

265 Russell Street

Po Box 248

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offenseI 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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Tavis Barnette did commit the offense of Possession of  
Intent to Distribute Cocaine of Cocaine base 1st. Defendant was located if a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional  
Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Property is monitored by police because of aerial drone drug  
activity associated with RCI. Defendant and a co-defendant were confronted by police and as a result of a probable cause search  
defendant was found to be in possession of a quantity of approximately 9 gross grams of a white rock like substance that field tested  
presumptive positive for cocaine. This being in violation of SC Statute 44-53-0370(b)(1) code of laws as amended.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787Affiant'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 12/28/2023 defendant Tavis Barnette

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of RidgelandDESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas L. Scroggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119Ridgeland, SC 29936-Judge's Telephone (843) 726-7500Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200195

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

06-28-2023

Tavis Barnette

against

Address:

Phone:

Sex: M

Race: B

DL #: 5

Height: 7

Weight: 220

DOB: [REDACTED]

Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238

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)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Tavis Barnette, did commit the offense of Possession with intent to Distribute Marijuana (PWID). The Defendant was located in a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional Institution within the Town of Ridgeland, SC 29936 in the area of Fordville Road. This area is monitored by police because of the proximity to RCI to deter unlawful known drone flight activity. Defendant Lay and another were confronted by police and a probable cause search was conducted. Search results found defendant to be in possession of (1) orange drone and several large black cloth bags containing several items of contraband to include 875.3 gross grams of green leafy substance wrapped in clear plastic bags which did field test positive for Marijuana. This being in violation of South Carolina Statute 44-53-0370(b)(2) codes of laws as amended. 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

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Judge Code: 6563

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone

(843)726-7500

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit



## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200192

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE  
against 06-28-2023

Joshua Bryan Lay

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: [REDACTED] Height: 5 11 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer Richard M Darling - S00238

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 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 Joshua Bryan Lay  
on 12/28/23

Signature of Confidential Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

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Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200188

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 06-2023-102  
against

Joshua Bryan Lay

Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: [REDACTED] Height: 5 11 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III

or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.l.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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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

Joshua Bryan Lay

12/28/2023

Signature of Constable or Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

265 Russell Street

Po Box 248

Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard M Darling

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Joshua Bryan Lay

did within this county and state on or about 12/28/2023

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in the following particulars: ☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.l.d. - 1st offense

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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Joshua Bryan Lay, did commit the offense of Possession

with intent to Distribute Marijuana (PWID). The Defendant was located in a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional

Institution within the Town of Ridgeland, SC 29936, in the area of Fordville Road. This area is monitored by police because of the

proximity to RCI to deter unlawful known drone flight activity. Defendant Lay and another were confronted by police and a

probable cause search was conducted. Search results found defendant to be in possession of (1) orange drone and several large

black cloth bags containing several items of contraband to include 875.3 gross grams of green leafy substance wrapped in clear

plastic bags which did field test positive for Marijuana. This being in violation of South Carolina Statute 44-53-0370(b)(2) codes of

laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ ☒ Municipality of

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 12/28/2023

defendant Joshua Bryan Lay

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: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.l.d. - 1st offense

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 12/28/2023

Signature of Judge

Judge's Address

Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843) 726-7500

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S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
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## ARREST WARRANT

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☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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THE STATE

06-28-2023

against

Joshua Bryan Lay

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: [REDACTED] Height: 5 11 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g

or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0392

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375(C)(2)(a)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

## RETURN

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Signature of Court Clerk and Enforcement Officer

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

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 December 28, 2023, the Defendant, Joshua Bryan Lay, did commit the offense of Drugs/ Trafficking in Meth. or cocaine base 28 g or more, but less than 100g 1st offense in that The Defendant, while located in the solar panel field on Fordville Road, Jasper County, Ridgeland South Carolina 29936 in proximity to Ridgeland Correctional Institution (RCI), was found to be in a known flight location for introducing contraband into RCI. Ridgeland Police Department made contact with the defendant and upon a lawful search from where the Co-Defendant and defendant were standing located a orange drone with several large black cloth bags containing several items of contraband to include 30 gross grams of clear crystal substance wrapped in clear plastic bags which did field test presumptive for Methamphetamine. Probable cause is based on defendant's self-admission driving drone and packages containing Methamphetamine to solar panel field under Miranda. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone

## ARREST WARRANT

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Officer

Thomas L. Scoiggins (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

## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200191

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

06-28-2023

against

Joshua Bryan Lay

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: 5 11 Weight: 170DL State: SC DL # 10340000 Agency ORI #: SC040095CDOB: 10/24/1986Prosecuting Agency: S.C. Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00238Offense Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c),LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offenseOffense Code 0183Code/Ordinance Sec. 44-53-0370(b)(1)This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Signature of Judge

Date

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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 December 28, 2023 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Joshua Bryan Lay did possess, manufacture, distribute, purchase and/or possess with intent to distribute Cocaine a schedule ( I/II ) controlled substance. Defendant was located in a solar panel field adjacent to Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936 in the area of Fortville Road. This area is monitored by police because of the proximity to RCI to deter unlawful known drone flight activity associated with attempts to introduce contraband into RCI. Ridgeland Police Officers made contact with defendant Lay and upon a lawful search from where the defendant and co-defendant were standing police located a orange drone with several large black cloth bags containing several items of contraband to include 9 gross grams of white rock substance wrapped in clear plastic bags which did field test presumptive positive for cocaine. Affiant witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ ☒ Municipality of

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## ARREST WARRANT

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

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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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Magistrate Thomas L. Georgine (Ridgeland) (L.S.)Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119Ridgeland, SC 29936-(843)726-7500

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☒ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A2720200190

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

06-28-2023

Joshua Bryan Lay

Address

Phone

Sex

M Race

DL State

DL #

SSN

Height

Weight

DOB:

Agency ORI #

SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency:

S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Richard M Darling - S00238

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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The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

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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 December 28, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Joshua Bryan Lay did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a prisoner at Ridgeland Correctional Institution and/or possess contraband to include narcotics, tobacco, and cell phones. Defendant Lay was arrested by police and charged said items as well as Trafficking in Methamphetamine, PWID Cocaine, PWID Marijuana and Criminal Conspiracy associated with attempted distribution of unlawful drugs items into RCI located at 5 Correctional Rd in Ridgeland, SC 29936 by using flight drone activity. This being in violation of SC Statute 24-03-0950 code of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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as set forth below:

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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 12/28/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas L. Scroggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address

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