South Carolina Department of Corrections

May 30, 2024
For immediate release
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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Charleston, S.C., man on charges involving contraband at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Leonard Gregory, 38, is charged with providing or attempting to provide contraband to an inmate and criminal conspiracy. Gregory is a former inmate at SCDC.

Gregory's charges involve furnishing or attempting to furnish a package containing 145 grams of tobacco, 208 grams of suspected marijuana and 115 grams of suspected crack cocaine. Law enforcement with the Office of Inspector General and the SCDC Contraband Team intercepted the package and subsequently found the contraband.

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.

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 06-2023-055

against

Leonard Gregory

Address: [redacted]

Phone:

SSN: [redacted]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 312

DL State: DL #:

DOB: [redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S00534

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 Leonard Gregory on 5/23/24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
265 Russell Street
Po Box 248
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of)
Ridgeland)

Personally appeared before me the affiant William C Pruitt who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Leonard Gregory did within this county and state on or about 7/21/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Ridgeland) 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 July 21, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Leonard Gregory did commit the offense of Criminal Conspiracy. Defendant listed as SCDC # [redacted] while incarcerated at Ridgeland Correctional Institution, (RCI) located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936 did conspire with a co-defendant [redacted] in a plan to jointly introduce unlawful drugs and other contraband items into RCI. Defendant and co-defendants actions were completed by the use of text messages while both subjects were incarcerated as inmates at RCI. The package that was associated with the conspiracy was shipped into RCI and contained 145 grams of tobacco, 208 grams of suspected marijuana, and 115 grams of suspected crack cocaine. Probable cause is based on cell telephone communication between the defendant Gregory and co-defendant [redacted] Affiant, witness statements, and the confiscation of the seized package that was used in the conspiracy 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 7/21/2023 defendant Leonard Gregory 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

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 1/23/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas A. 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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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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That on July 21, 2023, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Leonard Gregory did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a prisoner at and/or possess contraband and said contraband is listed on a published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. Defendant was an inmate [redacted] being housed at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Defendant did conspire with a co-defendant through text messages to introduce unlawful items listed as contraband into RCI and said contraband was shipped and delivered to RCI with defendants as recipients. Package was intercepted by law enforcement and contained approximately 145 grams of tobacco, 208 grams of marijuana and 115 grams of crack cocaine. This being in violation of SC Statute 24-03-0950 code of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

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