

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Sumter man on charges involving contraband at Broad River Correctional Institution.

Rodney C. Butler, 34, is charged with providing contraband to an inmate and criminal conspiracy.

Butler's charges involve flying a drone carrying contraband onto the Broad River prison yard. He coordinated the drop location and payment through text messages to multiple inmates who were using illegal contraband cellphones.

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.

Thank you to Richland County Sheriff's Department for its assistance in this case.

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