



South Carolina Department of Corrections

March 6, 2025

For immediate release

Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206

Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrant today for an inmate charged with killing his cellmate.

Javontay Savon Rogers, 31, is charged with murder in the death of Patrick Chase Massey on Dec. 10, 2024. Rogers and Massey were cellmates at Ridgeland Correctional Institution. The charges allege Rogers strangled Massey with a nylon strap.

Rogers was serving a five-year sentence for assault and battery and pointing a firearm. He was released to the custody of the Jasper County Sheriff's Department last week because his sentence with SCDC ended. He is being held in the Jasper County Detention Center.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

ORIGINAL

AFFIDAVIT

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

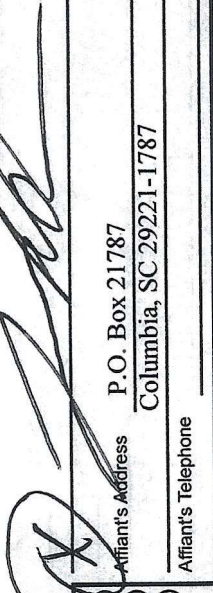
who

Personally appeared before me the affiant James R Davis)
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Javontay Savon Rogers)
did within this county and state on or about 12/10/2024)
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of)
in the following particulars:)
Ridgeland)

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 10, 2024 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Javontay Savon Rogers did, with malice aforethought, cause the death of the victim listed as [redacted] Defendant is an inmate # [redacted] being housed at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Defendant Rogers and victim [redacted] were being housed together in the same locked and secured cell, # 21 in the Georgetown II wing within RCI. Defendant Rogers did with malice and aforethought take the life of victim [redacted] by using a nylon strap to wrap around [redacted] neck and cause his death by strangulation. Probable cause is based on RCI incident reports, witness statements, surveillance video footage, photographs of the scene, victim body and pathology reports. This being in violation of SC Statute 16-03-0010 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 12/10/2024 defendant Javontay Savon Rogers)
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: Murder / Murder

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 1/15/2025)


Signature of Issuing Judge
Thomas L. 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

ORIGINAL ORIGINAL ORIGINAL

ARREST WARRANT

2025A2720200012

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

01-2024-089

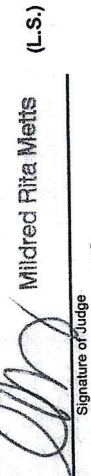
THE STATE
against

Javontay Savon Rogers
Address: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]
Sex: M Race: [redacted] Height: 6 Weight: 190
DL State: SC DL #: [redacted] SSN: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C
Prosecuting Agency: SCD C Office Of The Inspector Genera
Prosecuting Officer: James R Davis - S00710
Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the)
County/ Municipality of)
The accused

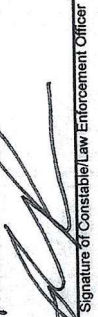
is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.


Signature of Judge
Mildred Rita Metts (L.S.)

Date: 2/27/25

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Javontay Rogers)
on 2/27/25)


Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

ORIGINAL ORIGINAL ORIGINAL