

## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

April 14, 2025 For immediate release Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206 <u>Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov</u>

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Broad River Correctional Institution.

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez, 25, of Elgin, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, providing contraband to prisoners, criminal conspiracy and misconduct in office. Charges against him involve bringing marijuana, tobacco and rolling papers into the institution hidden in a food container, then leaving it in a trash bag in an inmate living area. He was fired.

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.

The arrest warrants are attached.

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ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )		ře elo Avit	DEFENDANT	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003
2025A4010201725			AFFIDAVIT	COPY	SCCA 518
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Richland Bond Court	Ronald K Steele			who
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant being duly swom deposes and says that defendated		hanial Lanan		who
Richland Bond Court	did within this county and state on or about	4/ 8/2025	haniel Lopez	violate th	e criminal laws of the
	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	(TTT)	unicipality of	Richland Bond Court	)
THE STATE 03-2025-036	in the following particulars:		-		^
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., po	oss. of other sub. in Sch. I	I, II, III or flunitraze	pam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st off	fense
Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez	5			•	
Address:					
Phone: SSN:	I further state that there is probable cause the crime set forth and that probable cause is		e defendant named facts:	above did commit	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170	On April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correction	al Institution, located at 4	460 Broad River Rd	. Columbia, SC in Richland Cour	nty.
DL State: DL #:	the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Section 44		A STATE AND A STAT	THE PARTY AND A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIP	
Agency ORI #: SC040095C	substance that weighed more than 28 grams, believ				and
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201	in. Probable cause is based on witness statements,	video toolage, detendant	s' contession post M	iranda, and OIG investigation.	
Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III					
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Offense Code: 0186		1			
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)	Signature of Affiant S	4 Socole -			
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the		7.5/00			
County/ Municipality of		) Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
The accused	X County/ Municipatity of	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Columbia, SC 292	21-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Richland Bond Court	Affiant's Telephone			
dealt with according to the law.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·····	
(L.S.)		ARREST W			
Signature of Judge		ARREST	ANNANT		
Date;	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STAT	TE OR MUNICIPALITY OR A	NY CONSTABLE OF T	HIS COUNTY:	
	It appear	ting from the above	affidavit that th	nere are reasonable grounds	s to believe that
RETURN	on or about 4/8/2025	defendant Zyair	re Nathaniel Lopez	7	
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	did violate the criminal laws of the State of Sou			2	
defendant		hland Bond Court		) as set forth below;	
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	soon thereafter as is practicable	)	The state of the s		
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me on 4/8/2025	)			
Richland County General Sessions		Judge's Address	201 John Mark I		
1701 Main Street	Ing(LS.		Columbia, SC 2	9209-	
P O Box 192	Signature of the units of the second se	Judge's Telephone )	(803)576-3281		
Columbia, SC 29202	Judge Code 7507	) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Richland Bond Court	Ronald K Steele			who
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	being duly sworn deposes and says that did within this county and state on or about		athaniel Lopez	violate ti	ne criminal laws of the
Richland Bond Court	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of		Municipality of R	ichland Bond Court	)
THE STATE 03-2026-036	in the following particulars:		Numerica de la companya de la		′
against	•				
Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners /	Contraband, possession by pr	isoner, furnishing or atte	empt to furnish prisoner with	
Address:					
Phone: SSN	I further state that there is probable the crime set forth and that probable cau	use is based on the followin		above did commit	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170   DL State: SC DL#: Image: Control of the state of the	On April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Con the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Sec	rectional Institution, located a tion 24-03-0950 of SC Code	t 4460 Broad River rd. ( of Laws, and he did Atte	Columbia, SC in Richland Cour mpt to Furnish a Prisoner with	ity,
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	Contraband. The defendant placed the contra	raband in a salad container and	d a burrito container and	I placed it in a trash bag in the	
Prosecuting Agency: SCDC Office Of The Inspector Genera	Wateree Dorm. The defendant then placed t	the trash bag with the contraba	and inside of it in the ma	in living quarters where inmate	is a ha
Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201	reside. Located in the food containers were Marijuana, cigarettes, and rolling paper. Pro-	brown plant like material belt	leved to be labacco, gre	en plant like material believed t	o de Ist
Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,	Marijuana, cigarettes, and rolling paper. Pro Miranda.	odable cause is based on with	ess statements, video io	Mage, determines contession pe	
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Offense Code: 0074					>
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950	Signature of A	utiant SA Steek			
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA				
County/ Municipality of	County/ Municipality of	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
. The accused		ý	Columbia, SC 2922	21-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Richland Bond Court	Affiant's Telephone			
dealt with according to the law.					
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Signature of Judge	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH	HIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OF	R ANY CONSTABLE OF TH	IS COUNTY:	
Date:				are are reasonable ground	is to believe that
RETURN					
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 4/ 8/2025		aire Nathaniel Lopez		
defendant	did violate the criminal laws of the State		nce of	) as set forth below:	
on	X County/ Municipality of	Richland Bond Court		) is set to the below.	
	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners	/ Contraband, possession by	prisoner, furnishing or a	ttempt to furnish prisoner with	
	Having found probable cause and the above affia	ant having swom before me, you a	re empowered and directed	to arrest the said defendant and brin	ig him or
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me forthwith to be dealt with according soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me	g to law. A copy of this Arrest Warr )	ant shall be delivered to the	detendant at the time of its execution	n,oras
RETURN WARRANT TO:	on 4/ 8/2025	)			
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P O Box 192	Signature of Issuing Judge Shanita Denise Grimes	Judge's Telephone	• <u>(803)576-3281</u>		
Columbia, SC 29202	Judge Code: 7507	) Issuing Co	wrt: X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Richland Bond Court	Ronald K Steele			who
County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant being duly sworn deposes and says that defendate		aniel Lopez		
	did within this county and state on or about	4/ 8/2025		violate ti	he criminal laws of the
Richland Bond Court	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	and the second	nicipality of R	ichland Bond Court	)
THE STATE 03-2025-036	in the following particulars:				
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public off	ficial, misconduct in office			
Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez		((),(ii), iii), bootoobe iii oirioo			
Address:					
	I further state that there is probable cause is the crime set forth and that probable cause is		defendant named acts:	above did commit	
Phone: SSN Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170	On April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correction	and the second s		Columbia SC in Richland Cour	ntv.
DL State: SC DL #:	the defendant, Zyaire Lopez who was a certified of	fficer for the South Carolin	na Department of Co	rrections with a certification da	te of
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	7/14/2023, did violate Section 08-01-0080 (miscor	nduct of public officer) of	SC Code of Laws. Th	he defendant placed a trash bag	that
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera	contained contraband in the main living area when	e inmates reside. The defe	ndant admitted to be	ing paid for bringing contraban	d in.
Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201	Probable cause is based on witness statements, vid	leo footage, detendants' co	miession post mirant	ia, and OIG investigation.	
Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office	14 Miles - 14				
Offense Code: 0115 Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080		Mahilen (		25995	
	Signature of Affiant.	A sale			
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Signature of Judge					
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defendant	County/ Municipatity of Ric	hland Bond Court		) as set forth below:	
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	soon thereafter as is practicable	1			
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P O Box 192	Signature of leading Judge Shapita Dispice Grimes	Judge's Telephone	(803)576-3281		
Columbia, SC 29202	Shanita Denise Grimes Judge Code: 7507	) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Richland Bond Court	Ronald K Steele			who
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	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	and the second se	Municipality of	Richland Bond Court	)
THE STATE 03-2025-036	in the following particulars:				
against Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Crim	minal Conspiracy, Comr	non Law conspiracy	defined	
Address:					
Phone: SSN:	I further state that there is probable cause the crime set forth and that probable cause is			ed above did commit	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170	On April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correction the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Section 16	nal Institution, located as	t 4460 Broad River R	d. Columbia, SC in Richland Cou	inty, st in
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	bringing in contraband for inmates at the Broad R	liver Institution. The def	fendant placed a trash	bag that contained contraband in	the
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera	main living area where inmates reside. The defend	dant admitted to being p	baid for bringing cont	raband in. Probable cause is based	l on
Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201	witness statements, video footage, defendants' cor	nfession post Miranda, a	ind OIG investigation		
Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law					
conspiracy defined					
Offense Code: 0049 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410				Contractor	
	Signature of Affiant	A) Tech			
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the Country Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	) Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 2178	7	
. The accused	X County/ Municipality of	) Aniancis Address	Columbia, SC 29		
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dealt with according to the law.					
(LS.)					
Signature of Judge		ARREST	WARRANT		
Date:	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STA	ATE OR MUNICIPALITY OF	RANY CONSTABLE OF	THIS COUNTY:	
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