

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 |
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| STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA | Richland Bond Court | Ronald K Steele | | | who |
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| 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 | |
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| Classics of Provide Market and Philips | Having found probable cause and the above affiant having her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. | | | | |
| 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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| ARREST WARRANT | |) | | DEFENDANT | Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 |
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| STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA | Richland Bond Court | Ronald K Steele | | | who |
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| 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 | |
| furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with | Iven anoa. | Television Television | | | |
| 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 |) | | | |
| Richland County General Sessions | | - Judge's Address | 201 John Mark E | and the second | |
| 1701 Main Street | (Agr | (L.S.) | Columbia, SC 29 | 209- | |
| P O Box 192 | Signature of Issuing Judge Shanita Denise Grimes | Judge's Telephone | • <u>(803)576-3281</u> | | |
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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 | | | | |
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| Offense Code: 0115 Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080 | | Mahilen (| | 25995 | |
| | Signature of Affiant. | A sale | | | |
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| (L.S.) | | ARREST W | ARRANT | | |
| Signature of Judge | | | | | |
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| defendant | County/ Municipatity of Ric | hland Bond Court | |) as set forth below: | |
| on | DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public of | official, misconduct in offi | ce | _ | |
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| | Having found probable cause and the above affiant havin her before me fonthwith to be dealt with according to law. | ng sworn before me, you are e A copy of this Arrest Warrant | impowered and directed shall be delivered to the | to arrest the said defendant and one defendant at the time of its executio | ng nim or in , or as |
| 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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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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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| defendant | | chland Bond Court | |) as set forth below: | |
| on | | | | | |
| | DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Cr | riminal Conspiracy, Con | nmon Law conspiracy | y defined | |
| | Having found probable cause and the above affiant having | ng swom before me , you ar | re empowered and direct | ted to arrest the said defendant and brin | ng him or |
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