



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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For immediate release

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**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.

## ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010201725

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

03-2025-038

against

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III  
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions  
1701 Main Street  
P O Box 192  
Columbia, SC 29202

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Ronald K Steele

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

did within this county and state on or about

4/ 8/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correctional Institution, located at 4460 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC in Richland County, the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Section 44-53-0370 (PWID) of SC Code of Laws. The defendant brought in a green leafy substance that weighed more than 28 grams, believed to be marijuana. The defendant admitted to being paid for bringing contraband in. Probable cause is based on witness statements, video footage, defendants' confession post Miranda, and OIG investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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 4/ 8/2025

defendant

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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) as set forth below:

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Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 4/ 8/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Shanita Denise Grimes

Judge Code: 7507

(L.S.)

Judge's Address

201 John Mark Dial Drive L

Columbia, SC 29209-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-3281

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010201722

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

03-2025-036

against

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

Address:

Phone:

SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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Date:

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correctional Institution, located at 4460 Broad River rd. Columbia, SC in Richland County, the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Section 24-03-0950 of SC Code of Laws, and he did Attempt to Furnish a Prisoner with Contraband. The defendant placed the contraband in a salad container and a burrito container and placed it in a trash bag in the Wateree Dorm. The defendant then placed the trash bag with the contraband inside of it in the main living quarters where inmates reside. Located in the food containers were brown plant like material believed to be Tobacco, green plant like material believed to be Marijuana, cigarettes, and rolling paper. Probable cause is based on witness statements, video footage, defendants' confession post Miranda.

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## ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010201724

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

03-2025-036

against

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

Address:

Phone:

SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 170

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correctional Institution, located at 4460 Broad River rd. Columbia, SC in Richland County,  
the defendant, Zyaire Lopez who was a certified officer for the South Carolina Department of Corrections with a certification date of  
7/14/2023, did violate Section 08-01-0080 (misconduct of public officer) of SC Code of Laws. The defendant placed a trash bag that  
contained contraband in the main living area where inmates reside. The defendant admitted to being paid for bringing contraband in.  
Probable cause is based on witness statements, video footage, defendants' confession post Miranda, and OIG investigation.

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

03-2025-036

against

Zyaire Nathaniel Lopez

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

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DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: Ronald K Steele - S03201

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law  
conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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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 April 8, 2025, while at Broad River Correctional Institution, located at 4460 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC in Richland County, the defendant, Zyaire Lopez did violate Section 16-17-0410 (Criminal Conspiracy) of SC Code of Laws. The defendant did assist in bringing in contraband for inmates at the Broad River Institution. The defendant placed a trash bag that contained contraband in the main living area where inmates reside. The defendant admitted to being paid for bringing contraband in. Probable cause is based on witness statements, video footage, defendants' confession post Miranda, and OIG investigation.

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