

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for an employee who worked in the food service warehouse on Broad River Road.

Ainsworth A. Atkinson, 46, of Columbia, is charged with two counts of second-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate. The charges involve groping an inmate who was working in the warehouse. 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 and a photo are attached.

ARREST WARRANT 2025A4010500110 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Municipality of X County/ Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate 072024073 THE STATE against Ainsworth A. Atkinson Address: Phone SSN: 1() Weight: Height: 5 170 Sex: В DL#: DL State: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera Prosecuting Agency Prosecuting Officer Amanda N Gabbard - S03650 Offense: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient Offense Code: 2893 44-23-1150(C)(2) Code/Ordinance Sec: This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE 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 defendant **RETURN WARRANT TO:** Richland County General Sessions 1701 Main Street PO Box 192 Columbia. SC 29202

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