



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 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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

072024073

against

Ainsworth A. Atkinson

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 170

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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

Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S03650

Offense: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

Offense Code: 2893

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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Personally appeared before me the affiant

Amanda N Gabbard

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Ainsworth A. Atkinson

did within this county and state on or about

11/12/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

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 or about 11/12/2024 while at the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) pavilion, located at 4444 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC, in the County of Richland, South Carolina, the defendant, Ainsworth Atkinson, did violate the South Carolina Code of Laws 44-23-1150(C)(2) Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate 2nd Degree to wit: The defendant had sexual contact with inmate [REDACTED] (victim), who is lawfully incarcerated by SCDC. The sexual contact was limited to groping the victim's buttocks, which is defined as "intimate parts" in the SC Code of Laws, through the outer clothing of the victim with the intent of sexual gratification. This act occurred during an inmate work detail where the defendant was the sole supervising authority over the victim. Probable cause is based on victim's statement, post-Miranda confession from the defendant, and the investigation. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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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 11/12/2024

defendant Ainsworth A. Atkinson

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

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Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

as set forth below:

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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 5/5/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
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