

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrant today for inmate Kenneth David Blackmon, 35, charging him with escape.

Blackmon walked away from his job on Freedom Boulevard in Florence on Wednesday. He was captured without incident several hours later.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

SCDC thanks local law enforcement in Florence County for their assistance.

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