



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 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.

ARREST WARRANT
2025A2110201533
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Florence

THE STATE 02-2025-092
against
Kenneth David Blackmon
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 220
DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera
Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S01180
Offense: Escape / Escape, attempted escape or possess tools
to escape from prison, recaptured
Offense Code: 2527
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0410

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:

General Sessions Court
181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100
Florence, SC 29501

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Florence

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew P Wentzel who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kenneth David Blackmon
did within this county and state on or about 9/10/2025 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Florence)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Escape / Escape, attempted escape or possess tools to escape from prison, recaptured

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 September 10, 2025, the Defendant, Kenneth David Blackmon, a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina
Department of Corrections (SCDC) did willfully and knowingly and unlawfully commit the offense of Escape while assigned to a
work release at Florence County Park and Recreation [REDACTED] within Florence County, SC to Wit:
The defendant did while working for Florence County Parks Recreation and Grounds Department leave his designated area. The
defendant did so by leaving unauthorized on foot prior to being transported back to Palmer Pre-Release Center.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Florence

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 9/10/2025 defendant Kenneth David Blackmon
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Florence) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Escape / Escape, attempted escape or possess tools to escape from prison, recaptured

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 9/10/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge
John E. Follin III

Judge Code: 7538

Judge's Address 345 S. Ron McNair Blvd.
Lake City, SC 29560-
Judge's Telephone (843)665-6690

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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