

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Lieber Correctional Institution.

John Charles Meyers, 30, of Cottageville, is charged with trafficking Fentanyl, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, criminal conspiracy and providing contraband to prisoners. The charges involve bringing 10 grams of Fentanyl, 212 grams of marijuana, vapes, THC wax, a cellphone, digital scales and other contraband into the prison when he reported for work. 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.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CA	ROLINA)					ORIGINAL	Form Approved by
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2025A1810201008	Dorchester)						SCCA 518
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA		before me the affiant		Joshua T And	lercon				
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THE STATE 01-2026-07			X	County/	Mu	nicipality of	Dorchester)
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John Charles Meyers	- DESCRIPTION OF OF	Prisoners / C	Contraba	and, possession	by priso	ner, furnishing	or attempt to furnis	sh prisoner with	
Address:									
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Observation	. I further state the	it there is probable	cause		that the	defendant na	med above did	commit	
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DL State: DL #:	 On October 28, 202 	5, in the County of Dorch	hester, I	Town of Ridgev	ville, Johr	C. Meyers did	commit the offens	e of attempt to fur	nish
	 contraband to a pris 	oner at Lieber Correction	nal Insti	tution located a	t 136 Wi	born Ave, Ridg	eville, SC, 29472.	Defendant did ent	er
300400930	_ the institution under	the premise for the purp	ose of v	vorking as a So	outh Caro	lina Department	of Corrections Co	orrectional Officer	
The state of the s	Incident to a search	of defendant's person de	fendant	was found to b	e in unla	wful possession	of five electronic	scales, one blue	
70311da 17411d013011 - D01022	South Carolina Dan	white charging cable, fou	ır electro	onic THC inhal	ation dev	rices, and two ja	rs of THC wax. Th	ne Director of the	
Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,	code of laws as ame	artment of Corrections handed. The above is evident	as acem	ed these items	as contra	Clausian Clausian	g in violation of SC	C Statute 24-03-09	50
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with	interviews with defe	endant and staff. Affiant,	witness	es and Others to	n prove s:	ci suiventante	video, seizure of p	ackages, and	
Offense Code: 0074	_		***************************************	777	o prove s				
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950	-	Signature of Affi	ant	(//x	_ /		- 53		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the				1//				-	
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CA			Afriant's Add	ress	P.O. Box 217	87		
. The accused	X County/	Municipality of			_	Columbia, SC			
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Dorchester			Affiant's Tele			43 151	1	
dealt with according to the law.						007	13 131	7	
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(L.S.	.)			ARR	REST WA	RRANT			
Signature of Judge									
Date:	TO ANY LAW ENFOR	CEMENT OFFICER OF THIS	STATE	OR MUNICIPALI	ITY OR AN	Y CONSTABLE C	F THIS COUNTY:		
	-	lt e	appearing	from the	above	affidavit that	there are rea	asonable grounds	to believe that
RETURN									
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to		3/2025		defendant		Charles Meyer	s		
defendant , III WWW		nal laws of the State of	f South	Carolina (or o	ordinance	of			
on 10/24/701	_ X County/	Municipality of	Dorch	ester) as set fo	rth below:	
	DESCRIPTION OF OF	FENSE: Prisoners /	Contrah	and possession	n by nrise	ner furnishing	or attempt to furni	ch pricopar with	
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	Having found probable	cause and the above affiant	having s	worn before me,	you are en	powered and dire	cted to arrest the said	defendant and bring	him or
Signature of ConstableAsw Enforcement Officer	soon thereafter as is pr	to be dealt with according to acticable	PIRIW, A.C	opy or this Arrest	vvarrant s	nali de delivered (d	the defendant at the	time of its execution	, or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscrib	ed before me		}					
General Sessions	on 10/29/2025) Judge's Add	rece	Teau Valabe 1	udicial C1		
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.		>	(L.S.))			udicial Complex	<u> </u>	
St. George, SC 29477	Signature of leaving Judge	**************************************	,	Judge's Tele		Summerville,			
	Juliana Beeks Stewa)	production and	(843)832-037	υ		
	Judge Code: 750)2) Issuir	ng Court:	X Magistra	te	Municipal	Circuit
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<u>2025A1810201009</u>	Dorchester)				
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the	affiant J	oshua T Anderson			
X County/ Municipality of	being duly sworn deposes and says			ies Meyers		
Dorchester	did within this county and state on o		0/28/2025	ies Meyers	violate 1	he criminal laws of the
	State of South Carolina (or ordinance or			unicipality of Dorchest		ne caminal laws of the
THE STATE 01-2026-072	in the following particulars:			Unicipality of Dorchest	er	,
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:			. 19		
John Charles Meyers	Consp	piracy / Crimina	al Conspiracy, Comm	on Law conspiracy defined		
Address:						
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Phone; SSN:			to believe that th	e defendant named above	did commit	
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 180	the crime set forth and that probable					
DL State: CC DL#:	On October 28, 2025, in the County of	f Dorchester, To	own of Ridgeville, Jol	n C. Meyers did commit the o	ffense of Criminal	
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	Conspiracy, in that defendant did alon	g with another,	unlawfully plan or so	heme to accomplish an unlawf	ul act by introducing	+ 5
Prosecuting Agency: SCDC Office Of The Inspector Genera	unlawful contraband to inmates incarc	Carolina Dane	Correctional Institut	ion. Defendant did enter the ins	stitution under the pren	nise
Prosecuting Officer: Joshua T Anderson - S01022	for the purpose of working as a South person defendant was found to be in u	nlawful nossess	unent of Corrections	Correctional Officer, incident t	o a search of defendan	t's
Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law	approximately 10 grams of Fentanyi, o	one blue iPhone	17 pro one whitech	scales, approximately 212 gran	ns or manjuana,	and
conspiracy defined	two jars of THC wax. This being in vio	olation of SC S	tatute 16-17-0410 coo	le of laws as amended. The abo	ve is evidenced by LC	a.iu T
Offense Code: 0049	incident reports, LCI surveillance vide	o, seizure of pa	ckages, and interview	s with defendant and staff.		•
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410			(11 .	1		
	Signatur	e of Affiant	4M			
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA		17	9		
County/ Municipality of	X County/ Municipality of	of	Afriant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
The accused				Columbia, SC 29221-1787		
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Dorchester		Affiant's Telephone	867 547	1514	
dealt with according to the law.				77 - 7		
(L.S.)						
Signature of Judge			ARREST W	ARRANT		
Date:						
Date.	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Υ:	
		It appearing	from the above	affidavit that there are	reasonable grounds	to believe that
RETURN	on or about 10/28/2025		defendant John	Charles Meyers		
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant them.	did violate the criminal laws of the S	itate of South	Carolina (or ordinance			
on 10/2 still 7	X County/ Municipality of	Dorche			set forth below:	
10/04/05		-				
	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Cons	piracy / Crimin	al Conspiracy, Comm	on Law conspiracy defined		
	Having found probable cause and the above	affiant having sw	om before me - vou are e	mnowered and directed to exect the	s said defendant and being	him or
Signature of Constabler aw Entoncement Officer	her before me forthwith to be dealt with acco	ording to law. A co	py of this Arrest Warrant	shall be delivered to the defendant	at the time of its execution	, or as
	soon thereafter as is practicable Swom to and subscribed before me)			
REFTURN WARRANT TO:	on 10/29/2025		,)			
General Sessions			Judge's Address	Troy Knight Judicial Com	plex	
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.		(L.S.))	Summerville, SC 29483-		
St. George, SC 29477	Juliana Beeks Stewart		Judge's Telephone	(843)832-0370		
	Judge Code: 7502) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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2025A181	10201011	X County/	Municipality of)		AFFIDAVIT		April 21, 2003 SCCA 518
STATE OF SOUT		_ Dorchester	ared before me the affiant		oshua T Anderson			
X County/	Municipality of	- ''	n deposes and says that		John Charl	loe Morrows	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	who
Dorchester			county and state on or abou		0/28/2025	les Meyers	violate	the criminal laws of the
			arolina (or ordinance of			unicipality of De	orchester)
THE ST		72 in the following	particulars:			_		
John Charles Meyers	131	DESCRIPTION OF	OFFENSE: Drugs / Ma	anuf poss	of other sub in Sch.	I, II, III or flunitrazepa	ım or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st o	ffense
Address:	7						788488	
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Dhong	0011	I further state	that there is probable		to believe that the	defendant named	above did commit	
Phone: Sex: M Race: W Heigh	ht: 5 7 Weight: 18	20	orth and that probable ca		1000			
DL State: CC DL#:		 On October 28, 	2025, in the County of Dor	chester, To	own of Ridgeville, Joh	n C. Meyers did comm	nt the offense of Possession w	/ith
DOB: Agend	cy ORI #: SC040095C	SC. 29472 unde	r the premise of working as	nt aid ente : a South C	er the Lieber Correction Carolina Department of	nal Institution, located f Corrections	at 136 Wilborn Ave, Ridgevil anal Officer, Incident to a sear	le, ch of
	ice Of The Inspector Genera	defendant's pers	on defendant was found to	be in unla	wful possession of app	proximately 212 grams	of Marijuana. In close proxin	natv
	derson - S01022	on the defendan	ts body were packaged digi	tal scales	This being in violation	n of SC Statute 44-53-3	370(b)(2) code of laws as	
Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of o		amended. The a	bove is evidenced by LCI is aff. Affiant, witnesses and	ncident rep	oorts, LCI surveillance	video, seizure of pack	ages, and interviews with	
or flunitrazepam or analog	gue, w.i.t.d 1st offense	— Gerendani and S	an. Amani, withesses and	omers to b	rove same.	1	\	
Offense Code: 0186 44-53-0370(b	h)(2)	-			/ / / / .	1	1	
		=	Signature of A	ffiant		At .	<i>/</i>	
	FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH	CAROLINA					
County/ Municipality of	. The accused	County/	Municipality of		Affigint's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
is to be arrested and brought	before me to be				/	Columbia, SC 29221		
dealt with according to the law.		Dorchester		_	Affiant's Telephone	803 54	3 1517	
	(LS	5.)			ARREST W	ARRANT		
Signature of Judg	ge							
Date:		TO ANY LAW EN	FORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH	IIS STATE C	OR MUNICIPALITY OR A	NY CONSTABLE OF THIS	COUNTY:	
		_	it -	appearing	from the above	affidavit that there	are reasonable ground	s to believe that
RETUR		on or about 1	0/28/2025		defendant John	Charles Meyers		
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on /0) # 9/ 2 5/		County/	Municipality of	Dorche	ster) as set forth below;	
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		soon thereafter as	is practicable	10 1211, 71 00)	WINTER DO CONTRETED TO THE CO.	inclinearit at the time of its execution	., or as
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St. George, SC 29477		Juliana Beeks S	*		Judge's Telephone)	(843)832-0370		
		Judge Code:	7502) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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ARREST W	ARRANT	STATE OF SOU	TH CAROLINA)		ORIGINAL	Form Approved by
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2025A181	0201012	Dorchester)			
STATE OF SOUT		Personally app	eared before me the affiant	Joshua T Anderson			who
X County/	Municipality of	being duly sv	orn deposes and says that de	fendant John Char	les Meyers		WIIO
Dorchester		did within this	county and state on or about	10/28/2025	110) 013	violate t	ne criminal laws of the
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THE ST		5-072 In the following	g particulars:		207011031		·'
John Charles Meyers	st	DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Traffic	king in Fentanyl 4 grams o	r more, but less than 14 grams	Lat officer	
John Charles Meyers			Drugo Traine	orang in a circuity i, 4 grants o	i more, our less than 14 grains	- 1st offense	
Address:		_					
Phone:	SSN:	I further state the crime set	e that there is probable cause	suse to believe that the is based on the following	e defendant named above facts:	did commit	
Sex: M Race: W Heigh		180		- NO OW			
DL State: CC DL#:		On October 21	3, 2025, in the County of Dorche	ster, Town of Ridgeville, Joh	in C. Meyers did commit the o	ffense of Trafficking in	
DOB: Agend	y ORI# SC040095C	Defendant did	than 4 grams less than 14 grams enter the Lieber Correctional Ins	titution located at 126 William	ance listed under SC Statute 44	4-53-0370 (c)(9).	
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Offi	ce Of The Inspector Genera	working as a S	South Carolina Department of Co	rrections Correctional Office	on Ave, rangevine, SC, 29472	ior the purpose of	n t
	lerson - S01022		e in unlawful possession of a qu	antity of approximately 10 g	rams of a white powdery subs	tance This white nowd	erv
Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in Fen	tanyl, 4 grams or more,	substance test	ed presumptive positive for Fenta	myl. The above is evidenced	by LCI incident reports, LCI:	surveillance video, seiz	ure
but less than 14 grams - 1:		of the package	, and interviews with defendant	and staff. Thi e be ing in viola	tion of SC Statue code of laws	as amended. Affiant,	
Offense Code: 4083		witnessess and	l others to prove same.				
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(e	:)(9)						
This warrant is CERTIFIED F	AD SERVICE in the	=	Signature of Affian				
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		(LS.)					
Signature of Judge				ARREST W	ARRANT		
Date:	•						
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			it app	earing from the above	affidavit that there are	reasonable grounds	to believe that
RETUR A copy of this arrest warrant was de		on or about	10/28/2025	defendant John	Charles Meyers		
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defendant on /// 23) 3-	yers young	X County/	14	orchester		set forth below:	
10/27/25	0, //	<i>_</i>	_				
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4/12/1		Having found pro	bable cause and the above affiant ha	ving swom before me , you are e	moowered and directed to arrest the	e said defendant and bring	him or
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St. George, SC 29477		Juliana Beeks		Judge's Telephone	(843)832-0370		
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