



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrant today for inmate Samuel Simmons, SCDC #302393, for murder.

Simmons, 46, is charged with assaulting and strangling inmate Allen Fulton, who was his cellmate at Ridgeland Correctional Institution on Nov. 14. Simmons is now housed at Perry Correctional Institution.

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.

## ARREST WARRANT

2019A2720200164

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

31-2019-156

against

Samuel Simmons

Address:

Phone:

Sex: M

Race: B

Height:

SSN:

6

Weight:

213

DL State:

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roosevelt L Jenkins - S00179

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

RICHLAND

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to the law.

Mildred Rita Metts

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to  
defendant Samuel Simmons  
on 12-17-19

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
265 Russell Street  
Po Box 248  
Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roosevelt L Jenkins

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Samuel Simmons

did within this county and state on or about 11/14/2019

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 November 14, 2019 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Samuel Simmons did, with malice aforethought, cause  
the death of the victim listed as Allen Fulton. Defendant is an inmate # 302393 being housed at Ridgeland Correctional Institution  
located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936 and does share a cell with victim Fulton. That while defendant and victim  
were locked down and secured in their cell block area defendant did without just cause feloniously and with malice aforethought  
physically assault and strangle victim Fulton causing victims death. Probable cause is affirmed associated with post Miranda  
self-admission by the defendant and supported by forensic pathology examination of the victim. This being against the peace and  
dignity of the state. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 11/14/2019

defendant Samuel Simmons

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Ridgeland

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 11/18/2019

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Thomas L. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843)726-7500

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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