



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 a chaplain working at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood.

Jefferson Kwamina-Crystal, 65, of Spartanburg, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate.

Kwamina-Crystal is charged with having a sexual relationship with an inmate at Leath CI. He was fired after his arrest.

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

2020A2410200138

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

THE STATE

34-2020-11

against

Jefferson Kwamina-Crystal

Address:

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 195

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00266

Offense: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state

Offense Code: 0461

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(1)

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 JEFFERSON KWAMINA-CRYSTAL

on

2/11/2020

AGENT J. Harris
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
528 Monument Street
Room 114
Greenwood, SC 296462623

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jefferson Kwamina-Crystal

did within this county and state on or about 12/31/2019

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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:

In that Jefferson Kwamina-Crystal did, in the County of Greenwood, South Carolina, between August 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, commit the offense of (Sexual Misconduct 1st Degree) to wit: that (Jefferson Kwamina Crystal) a Chaplain within the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did voluntarily engage in sexual intercourse with the victim, a current inmate within the South Carolina Department of Corrections by allowing to preform oral sex on him while in his office. This offense occurred at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, SC. Probable cause is based on investigation, victim's statement, and defendant's admission.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone (803) 667-0467

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 12/31/2019

defendant Jefferson Kwamina-Crystal

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenwood

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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 2/11/2020

Belinda Johnson Strong (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Belinda Johnson Strong

Judge Code: 7251

Judge's Address 528 Monument Street (Room 100)

Greenwood, SC 29646-

Judge's Telephone (864) 942-8655

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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