



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 Jerl Lynn Dickerson, brother of an SCDC inmate who escaped by walking away from a work crew last year.

Dickerson, 31, of Simpsonville, is charged with criminal conspiracy. His charges involve helping his brother, Eric Ryan Dickerson, plan to escape from a Richland County work crew. Eric Dickerson was captured several hours after he walked away from his work detail near Caughman Road in Columbia on Dec. 27, 2019.

Jerl Dickerson is currently detained at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Columbia on these and unrelated charges from Anderson County.

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.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

33-2019-145

against

Jerl Lynn Dickerson

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 11 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard C Devors - S00024

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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 Jerl Dickerson

on 3/5/20

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard C Devors who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jerl Lynn Dickerson

did within this county and state on or about 12/13/2019 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 between December 13, 2019 and December 27, 2019 the defendant, Jerl Dickerson, did conspire to effect the escape of his brother, Eric Dickerson, an inmate lawfully incarcerated at the South Carolina Department of Corrections, from a prison work crew. The defendant and his brother made multiple phone calls to plan for the escape, which occurred on December 27, 2019. The escape occurred at 2800 Caughman Road, Columbia, Richland County, SC. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 12/13/2019 defendant Jerl Lynn Dickerson

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 1/3/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District
Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518