



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for a Gaffney man found outside of Lee Correctional Institution.

Rodney Tate Jr., 21, was arrested and charged with furnishing contraband to a prisoner and criminal conspiracy. His charges involve attempting to throw two footballs filled with tobacco, a digital scale and cigar wrappers over the perimeter fence at Lee CI.

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.

SCDC would like to thank the Lee County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in this arrest.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.



## ARREST WARRANT

2020A3110200053

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-051

against

Rodney Tate, Jr.

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 130

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Thomas E Horne, Jr - S00169

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 Rodney Tate  
on 5-13-2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
123 South Main Street  
P O Box 387  
Bishopville, SC 290100387

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Thomas E Horne, Jr who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Rodney Tate, Jr.  
did within this county and state on or about 5/13/2020 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee)  
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 on or about May 13, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Lee county, SC, one Rodney Tate,  
did commit the offense of Criminal Conspiracy to wit: The defendant did agree, assist and conspire to introduce contraband  
(tobacco) in to a State Prison. Probable cause is based on video, evidence and statements to Police serices South Carolina  
Department of Corrections. Case #32-2020-051.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787  
Columbia, SC 29221-1787  
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-4766

## 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 5/13/2020 defendant Rodney Tate, Jr.  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lee) 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 practicableSworn to and subscribed before me  
on 5/13/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

Lee Anna Tindal

Judge Code: 5769Judge's Address Sumter County Summary Court  
Sumter, SC 29151-1428Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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