



South Carolina Department of Corrections

May 19, 2020

For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Zatwon Mason Jr., a cadet at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Mason, 19, of Johnston, is charged with trafficking cocaine, manufacturing/distribution of marijuana and attempting to furnish contraband to a prisoner. His charges involve 550 grams of marijuana, 143 grams of cocaine, 10 cell phones, cigarettes, rolling papers and loose tobacco. 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.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100117

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE
against

Zatwon Mason, Jr.

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 124

DL State: [REDACTED] DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S00252

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in cocaine, 100 g or more, but
less than 200 g

Offense Code: 0280

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(e)(2)(c)

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: [REDACTED]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant ZATWON MASON
on 5/18/2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

McCormick Magistrate
211 West Augusta Street, Extension
Post Office Box 1116
McCormick, SC 29835

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Harris

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Zatwon Mason, Jr.

did within this county and state on or about 5/18/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in cocaine, 100 g or more, but less than 200 g

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 May 18, 2020, in the city/county of McCormick, one Zatwon Mason Jr. did knowingly sell, manufacture, deliver, bring into
this state and/or possess 100 grams or more, but less than 200 grams of cocaine, a schedule II controlled substance, without
authority to do so. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent J. Harris of the SCDOC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]

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 5/18/2020 defendant Zatwon Mason, Jr.

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of McCormick) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in cocaine, 100 g or more, but less than 200 g

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 5/18/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

John Cliff Long

Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-

Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Police Services
Arrest Warrant Affidavit Sheet**

Date of Offense:

Case Number:

May 18, 2020

34-2020-034

Defendant Name:

Address:

Zatwon Mason Jr

Race: Sex: Height: Weight: Date of Birth: Social Security #: Driver's License #: SCDC #:

B

M

5' 4"

124

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Affiant Name:

Affiant Address:

Telephone:

Agent John Harris

4444 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29221

(803)896-4766

Victim Name

Victim Address

Telephone:

State of South Carolina

Witness Name

Witness Address

Telephone:

Description of Offense

Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:

Trafficking in cocaine over 100 grams but less than 200 grams

44-53-0370(e)(2)(c) 280

Affidavit:

On May 18, 2020, Zatwon Mason Jr. did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess approximately 143 grams of an off white substance that field tested positive for cocaine. The substance was found during a search after Mason was caught trying to introduce contraband into McCormick Correctional Institution. Mason admitted to attempting to furnish contraband to inmates for payment. This incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in violation of SC Code of laws 44-53-370(e)(2)(c). Probable cause based off of evidence seized, admission from the defendant and the investigation.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable)

Affiant Signature

Sworn to and ascribed before me this 18 day of May, 2020

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100119

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

against

Zatwon Mason, Jr.

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 124

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S00252

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
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on 5/18/2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Zatwon Mason, Jr.

did within this county and state on or about 5/18/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 May 18, 2020, in the county of McCormick, one Zatwon Mason Jr. did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a
prisoner at McCormick Correctional Facility and/or possess contraband, Cocaine and Marijuana and Cell phones. The contraband is
listed on a published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent J.
Harris of the SCDOC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

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 5/18/2020 defendant Zatwon Mason, Jr.

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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
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Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Police Services
Arrest Warrant Affidavit Sheet**

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| Date of Offense: May 18, 2020 | Case Number: 34-2020-034 |
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| Defendant Name: Zatwon Mason Jr | Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
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|----------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Race: B | Sex: M | Height: 5' 4" | Weight: 124 | Date of Birth: [REDACTED] | Social Security #: [REDACTED] | Driver's License #: [REDACTED] | SCDC #: |
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|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Affiant Name: Agent John Harris | Affiant Address: 4444 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29221 | Telephone: (803)896-4766 |
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| Victim Name State of South Carolina | Victim Address | Telephone: |
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| Witness Name | Witness Address | Telephone: |
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| Description of Offense Attempt to furnish a prisoner with contraband | Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 24-03-0950 74 |
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Affidavit:

On May 18, 2020, Zatwon Mason Jr. did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully attempt to furnish inmates with contraband at McCormick Correctional Institution. Mason was found to be in possession of approximately 550 grams of marijuana, approximately 143 grams of a substance that tested positive for cocaine, ten cell phones and chargers, cigarettes, rolling papers and loose tobacco. These items are deemed as being contraband by South Carolina Department of Corrections. Mason admitted to attempting to furnish the contraband to inmates for payment. This incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in violation of SC Code of laws 24-3-950. Probable cause based off of evidence seized, admission from the defendant and the investigation.

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| Signature of Judge (If Applicable) [Signature] | Affiant Signature [Signature: John M. Harris] |
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 18 day of May, 2020

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100118

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE
against

Zatwon Mason, Jr.

Address:

Phone: SSN:
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 124
DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S00252

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on May 18, 2020 in the city/county of McCormick, one Zatwon Mason Jr. did aid, abet, attempt or conspire to manufacture,
distribute, dispense, deliver, purchase and or possess Marijuana, with the intent to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or
purchase Marijuana, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analogue classified in Schedule I (b) and (c) which is a
narcotic drug or in Schedule II which is a narcotic drug. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent J. Harris of the
SCDOC.

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Affiant Address:

Telephone:

Agent John Harris

4444 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29221

(803)896-4766

Victim Name

Victim Address

Telephone:

State of South Carolina

Witness Name

Witness Address

Telephone:

Description of Offense

Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:

Possession with intent to distribute marijuana 1st offense

44-53-0370(b)(2) 186

Affidavit:

On May 18, 2020, Zatwon Mason Jr. did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess with the intent to distribute approximately 550 grams of a green leaf like substance believed to be marijuana. The substance was found during a search after Mason was caught trying to introduce contraband into McCormick Correctional Institution. Mason admitted to attempting to furnish contraband to inmates for payment. This incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in violation of SC Code of laws 44-53-370(b)(2). Probable cause based off of evidence seized, admission from the defendant and the investigation.

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