



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released arrest warrants today charging two inmates at McCormick Correctional Institution with murder.

Jonathan Sentel Dominick, 35, and Darius Rasean Ransom, 31, are both charged with murder in the Nov. 3 death of inmate Deshawn Livaughn Simmons. Arrest warrants charge that Ransom assaulted Simmons with his closed fist as Dominick stabbed him in the back with a homemade edged weapon. Simmons, 28, died later that day in a local hospital.

Dominick also is charged with possessing a weapon during a violent crime and carrying a concealed weapon by a prisoner.

Dominick is serving a 25-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter, third-degree burglary and grand larceny. Ransom is serving a 30-year sentence for first-degree burglary and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

The cases will be prosecuted by the 11th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office.

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

2020A3510100404

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Jonathan Sentel Dominick

Address: 386 Redemption Way McCormick, SC 29899-

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 190 DL State: DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146 Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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 Jonathan Dominick on December 4 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 [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jonathan Sentel Dominick did within this county and state on or about 11/3/2020 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) 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: Jonathan W Sentel Dominick That on November 3, 2020 in the county of McCormick, one Darius Resean Ransom did, with malice aforethought, cause the death of victim by (stabbing victim with homemade edged weapon). See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent R. Cox of the SCDoc. PLS

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] 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 11/3/2020 defendant Jonathan Sentel Dominick did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick) 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 12/3/2020 Signature of Issuing Judge John Cliff Long Judge Code: 7261

(L.S.)

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29835- Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16 Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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

Date of Offense: November 3, 2020	Case Number: 34-2020-079
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Defendant Name: Jonathan Sentel Dominick	Address: 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899
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Race: B	Sex: M	Height: 5'08"	Weight: 190	Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	SCDC #: 337875
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Affiant Name: Agent Roy "Travis" Cox	Affiant Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Victim Name: Deshawn Livaughn Simmons	Victim Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Witness Name:	Witness Address:	Telephone:

Description of Offense: Murder	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 16-03-0010 116
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Affidavit:

Agent Roy Cox states that the defendant, Jonathan Sentel Dominick, did in the county of McCormick, S.C. on November 3, 2020 commit the offense of murder. Jonathan Dominick, a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, assigned to McCormick Correctional Institution, did with malice and aforethought, murder inmate Deshawn Simmons by stabbing him in the back with a homemade edged weapon. This incident occurred at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, S.C., 29899. This crime being in violation of S.C. code of laws 16-03-0010. Probable cause is based on witness statements, security footage, the autopsy report, and the investigation.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable): 	Affiant Signature: 
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 3rd day of December, 2020

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Jonathan Sentel Dominick

Address: 386 Redemption Way

McCormick, SC 29899-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 190

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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 Jonathan Dominick on December 4, 2020

Signature of Constable/Civil 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

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 3, 2020 in the city/county of McCormick, one Jonathan Sentel Dominick did knowingly and willfully possess and display what appeared to be a firearm or a knife during the commission of a violent crime. Defendant was has been convicted of a violent crime. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent R. Cox of the SCDoc.

Signature of Affiant

Roy Cox

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 11/ 3/2020 defendant Jonathan Sentel Dominick 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: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 12/ 3/2020

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

Date of Offense: November 3, 2020	Case Number: 34-2020-079
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Defendant Name: Jonathan Sentel Dominick	Address: 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899
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Race: B	Sex: M	Height: 5'08"	Weight: 190	Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	SCDC #: 337875
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Affiant Name: Agent Roy "Travis" Cox	Affiant Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Victim Name Deshawn Livaughn Simmons	Victim Address [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Witness Name	Witness Address	Telephone:

Description of Offense Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 16-23-490 549
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Affidavit:

Agent Roy Cox states that the defendant, Jonathan Sentel Dominick, did in the county of McCormick, S.C. on November 3, 2020, commit the offense of carrying or concealing weapon by inmate. Dominick a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, assigned to McCormick Correctional Institution, did possess and use a homemade edged weapon to murder Deshawn Simmons by means of stabbing him in the back. This incident occurred at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C., 29899. This crime being in violation of SC code of laws 16-23-490. Probable cause is based on witness statements, security footage, the autopsy report, and this investigation.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable) 	Affiant Signature 
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 3rd day of December, 2020

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100406

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Jonathan Sentel Dominick

Address: 386 Redemption Way

McCormick, SC 29899-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 8 Weight: 190

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

Offense Code: 0441

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0440

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 Jonathan Dominick on December 4 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 Roy E Cox, III who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jonathan Sentel Dominick

did within this county and state on or about 11/ 3/2020 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 / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

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 3, 2020, in the county of McCormick, one Jonathan Sentel Dominick did commit the crime of Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates in that he did have in possession a homemade edged weapon. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent R. Cox 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 11/ 3/2020 defendant Jonathan Sentel Dominick

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 / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

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 12/ 3/2020

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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Roy Cox

Jonathan Dominick December 4 2020

John Cliff Long

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

Date of Offense: November 3, 2020	Case Number: 34-2020-079
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Defendant Name: Jonathan Sentel Dominick	Address: 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899
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Race: B	Sex: M	Height: 5'08"	Weight: 190	Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #:	SCDC #: 337875
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Affiant Name: Agent Roy "Travis" Cox	Affiant Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Victim Name: Deshawn Livaughn Simmons	Victim Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Witness Name:	Witness Address:	Telephone:

Description of Offense: Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 24-13-0440 441
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Affidavit:

Agent Roy Cox states that the defendant, Jonathan Sentel Dominick, did in the county of McCormick, S.C. on November 3, 2020, commit the offense of carrying or concealing weapon by inmate. Dominick a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, assigned to McCormick Correctional Institution, did possess and use a homemade edged weapon to murder Deshawn Simmons by means of stabbing him in the back. This incident occurred at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C., 29899. This crime being in violation of S.C. code of laws 24-13-0440. Probable cause is based on witness statements, security footage, and the autopsy report.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable) [Signature]	Affiant Signature Roy Cox
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 3rd day of December, 2020

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100403

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Darius Rasean Ransom

Address: 386 Redemption Way

McCormick, SC 29899-

Phone: [] SSN: []

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 193

DL State: [] DL #: []

DOB: [] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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 []

on []

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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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Mccormick

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Darius Rasean Ransom

did within this county and state on or about 11/3/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Mccormick)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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That on November 3, 2020 in the county of McCormick, one Darius Rasean Ransom did, with malice aforethought, cause the death of victim by (stabbing victim with homemade edged weapon). See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent R. Cox of the SCDOC.

Signature of Affiant

Roy Cox

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

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Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone []

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

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 12/3/2020

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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: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Date of Offense: November 03, 2020	Case Number: 34-2020-079
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Defendant Name: Darius Rasean Ransom	Address: 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899
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Race: B	Sex: M	Height: 6' 2"	Weight: 193	Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	SCDC #: 00351629
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Affiant Name: Agent Roy "Travis" Cox	Affiant Address: [REDACTED]	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Victim Name Deshawn Livaughn Simmons	Victim Address 386 Redemption Way McCormick, S.C. 29899	Telephone: [REDACTED]
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Witness Name	Witness Address	Telephone:

Description of Offense Murder	Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code: 16-03-0010 116
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Affidavit:

Agent Roy Cox states that the defendant, Darius Rasean Ransom, did in the county of McCormick, S.C. on November 3, 2020 did commit the crime of murder. Darius Ransom, a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, assigned to McCormick Correctional Institution, did with malice and aforethought aid, abet, and conspire to murder Deshawn Simmons by assaulting the victim with a closed fist as Jonathan Sentel Dominick stabbed the victim in the back with a homemade edged weapon. This incident did occur at McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, S.C., 29899. This crime being in violation of S.C. code of laws 16-01-0010. Probable cause is based on witness statements, security footage, the autopsy report and the investigation.

Signature of Judge (If Applicable) 	Affiant Signature Roy Cox
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 3rd day of December, 2020