



South Carolina Department of Corrections

March 31, 2021

For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – A Spartanburg man was arrested today after trying to break into Tyger River Correctional Institution.

Nathaniel Jose Perez, 19, was found inside the fence at Tyger River, bleeding from apparent cuts from the fence's razor wire. A large hole had been cut into the fence, and some pieces of what appeared to be Perez's clothing were found stuck there.

Institution staff found Perez between an inner and outer fence after being alerted to activity in the upper prison yard. He was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, where he was treated, released and transported to the Spartanburg County detention center.

Perez is charged by the SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence with trespassing onto a correctional facility, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and attempting to furnish prisoners with contraband.

Officers also confiscated four backpacks filled with contraband, including marijuana, cellphones, tobacco, alcohol and other items.

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 thanks the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department for their quick response and assistance in this apprehension.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2021A4210100845

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE 342021033

against

Nathaniel Jose Perez

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: Height: 6 Weight: 230

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S01660

Offense: Prisoners / Trespass or loitering on or refusal to leave state correctional properties

Offense Code: 0545

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-01-0270

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 Perez, Nathaniel Jose on 3-31-21

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 180 Magnolia Street P O Box 3483 Spartanburg, SC 29304

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Spartanburg)

Personally appeared before me the affiant John M Harris who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Nathaniel Jose Perez

did within this county and state on or about 3/31/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Trespass or loitering on or refusal to leave state correctional properties

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:

On March 31, 2021, the defendant Nathaniel Jose Perez did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully trespass on the property of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) with the intent of introducing contraband into the institution. Nathaniel Jose Perez was found inside the fenced in area of a SCDC institution by officers during the course of their duties. The property is conspicuously posted with appropriate "No Trespassing" signs. After Miranda Warnings were waived, Nathaniel Jose Perez admitted to cutting the exterior fence of the prison to gain entry to drop off contraband for inmates inside, for monetary gain. This incident occurred at Tyger River Correctional Institution, 200 Prison Road, Enoree, SC 29335, which is located within the county of Spartanburg, SC, being in violation of SC Code of Laws 24-1-270. Probable cause based on witnesses, admission from the defendant and the investigation./trh

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

[X] County/ [] Municipality of)

Spartanburg)

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 3/31/2021 defendant Nathaniel Jose Perez

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

[X] County/ [] Municipality of Spartanburg) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Trespass or loitering on or refusal to leave state correctional properties

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 3/31/2021)

[Signature] (L.S.))

Charles William Jones)

Judge Code: 7084)

Judge's Address Spartanburg County Judicial Center

Spartanburg, SC 29306-2335

Judge's Telephone (864)596-2564

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: M Race: Height: 6 Weight: 230

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S01660

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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On March 31, 2021, the defendant Nathaniel Jose Perez did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully attempt to furnish contraband to prisoners within the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). Nathaniel Jose Perez was found by SCDC staff inside the fenced in area of an institution, after cutting a hole in the fence to gain access, with tobacco, alcohol, cell phones, a green leaf like substance believed to be marijuana, and other items that are deemed to be contraband by SCDC. After Miranda Warnings were waived, Nathaniel Jose Perez admitted to bringing the items in with the intent of furnishing them to inmates for monetary gain. This incident occurred at Tyger River Correctional Institution, 200 Prison Road, Enoree, SC, which is located within the county of Spartanburg, SC, being in violation of SC Code of Laws 24-3-950. Probable cause based on witnesses, admission from the defendant and the investigation./trh

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THE STATE 342021033

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Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

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DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: John M Harris - S01660

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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On March 31, 2021, the defendant Nathaniel Jose Perez did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess, with the intent to distribute a green leaf like substance believed to be marijuana. Nathaniel Jose Perez was found inside the fenced in area of a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) institution by SCDC staff. Nathaniel Jose Perez was found to be in possession of a green leaf like substance believed to be marijuana and after Miranda Warnings were waived, Nathaniel Jose Perez admitted to attempting to deliver the substance to inmates inside the institution for payment. This incident occurred at Tyger Correctional Institution, 200 Prison Road, Enoree, SC, which is located within the county of Spartanburg, SC, being in violation of SC Code of laws 44-53-370. Probable cause based on witnesses, admission from the defendant and the investigation/trh

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