



South Carolina Department of Corrections

July 9, 2021

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrants today for two men arrested outside Lieber Correctional Institution today.

Harry Watson, 29, of Charleston, and Gary Hardaway, 29, of Huger, are both charged with operating an unmanned aerial vehicle near a prison and criminal conspiracy. The charges against them involve operating a drone near and over the prison yard.

SCDC agents made the arrests as part of an operation to investigate the recent increase in contraband entering the institution by drone.

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.

2021A1810300591

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

31-2021-171

against

Harry Watson

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 weight: 290

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard A Darling - S00310

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 on Harry Watson
7-9-21

Signature of Constable Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477

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Signature of Affiant

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

Affiant's Telephone

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 7/9/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael H. Murphy III

Judge Code: 7444

Judge's Address 212 Deming Way, Box 10
Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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