

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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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.

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2021A1810300591	County/ Municipality of) AFFIDAVIT SCCAS18	
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Dorchester	
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard A Darling	who
	being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Harry Watson	
Dorchester	did within this county and state on or about 7/9/2021 violate the criminal la State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Dorchester	ws of the
THE STATE 31-2021-171	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Dorchester in the following particulars:)
against		
Harry Watson	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined	
Address:		
	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit	
Phone: SSN:	the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 290	On July 9, 2021, while at Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) located at 136 Wilborn Ave, Ridgevi le, SC, 29472, Defendar	nt Harry
DL State: DL #:	Watson along with a Co Defendant did violate Section 16-17-410 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Criminal Conspiracy	
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division	The Defendant along with a Co Defendant did conspire with a purpose of committing an unlawful act by unlawful means. W	
Prosecuting Officer. Richard A Darling - S00310	conducting Drone detection operations due to recent attempts to introduce contraband to the facility by drone, agents with the Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) did observe an aerial vehicle (Drone) over and within 100 feet of LCI. Agents I	
Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law	the defendant and a Co Defendant across the street from LCI at a closed business. Agents located a controller that operates the	
conspiracy defined	within arm's reach of the defendant and Co Defendant. Director of SCDC did not give the Defendant and Co Defendant per	mission
Offense Code: 0049	to fly the drone over the Correctional facility.	
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410	Signature of Affiant # - # Down	•
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the		
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787	
The accused	County/ Municipality of Columbia, SC 29221-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Dorchester / Affiant's Telephone	T
dealt with according to the law.		
(L.S.)	ARREST WARRANT	
Signature of Judge	ARREST WARRANT	
Date:	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 belie	eve that
RETURN	on or about 7/9/2021 defendant Harry Watson	
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 7/9/2021 defendant Harry Watson	
defendant Ham watson	County/ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:	
on 7-9-0		
	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined	
AL C	Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and brit	
Signature of Constable Anna Enforcement Officer	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 executive soon thereafter as is practicable	on, or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me) on 7/9/2021	
General Sessions	Judge's Address 212 Deming Way, Box 10	
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.	Summerville, SC 29483-	
St. George, SC 29477	Signature of Issuing Judge Michael H. Murphy III Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370	
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard A Darling	
X County/ Municipality of		- who
Dorchester	being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Harry Watson did within this county and state on or about 7/9/2021 violate the criminal laws	of the
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THE STATE 31-2021-171	in the following particulars:	 ′
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Operating an unmanned aerial vehicle within a certain distance of a Department of	
Harry Watson	Corrections facility	
Address:		
	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit	
Phone: SSN:	the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 290	On July 9, 2021 while at the Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) located at 136 Wilborn Ave Ridgeville SC, 29472, the Defend	dant
DL State: DL #:	Harry Watson did violate Section 24-03-0300 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Prisoners/ Operating an unmanned aerial vel	hicle
Agency ORI #: SC040095C	within a certain distance of a Department of Corrections facility, Facts to wit: While conducting Drone detection operations due	
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division Prosecuting Officer: Richard A Darling - S00310	recent attempts to introduce contraband to the facility by drone, agents with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCI did observe an aerial vehicle (Drone) over and within 500 feet of LCI. Agents located the defendant and Co Defendant across the	
Offense: Prisoners / Operating an unmanned aerial vehicle	street from LCI at a closed business. Agents did locate a controller that operates the drone within arm's reach of the defendant a	
within a certain distance of a Department of	Co Defendant. Director of SCDC did not give the Defendant and Co Defendant permission to fly the drone over the Corrections	al
Offense Code: 3896	facility.	
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-01-0300(A)	Signature of Affiant R - 199	
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	Signature of Athanti V	
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787	
. The accused	County/ Municipality of Columbia, SC 29221-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Dorchester Affiant's Telephone	
dealt with according to the law,		_
(L.S.)	**	
Signature of Judge	ARREST WARRANT	
Date:	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:	
Date:	It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe	that
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A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 7/9/2021 defendant Harry Watson	
defendant Harry Walson	did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Dorchester) as set form below:	
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	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, coon thereafter as is practicable	
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	on 7/ 9/2021) Judge's Address 212 Deming Way, Box 10	
Summerville Magistrate 212 Deming Way, Box 10	Judge's Address 212 Deming Way, Box 10 Summerville, SC 29483-	
Summerville, SC 29483	Signature of Issuing Judge Judge Judge's Telephone (\$43)\$32-0370	
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the affiant	t Richard A Darling	who
X County/ Municipality of	being duly sworn deposes and says that	defendant Gary Hardaway	
Dorchester	did within this county and state on or about		violate the criminal laws of the
	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	X County/ Municipality of Dorches	ster)
THE STATE 31-2021-171	in the following particulars:		
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Gary Hardaway			S 2
Address*	410	8	
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Phone: SSN:	the crime set forth and that probable car	ause is based on the following facts:	
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 171		onal Institution (LCI) located at 136 Wilborn Ave, R	
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Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410	Signature of Affiar	ant R. Jer	20
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	Signature of Amar		12
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787	12
The accused	X County/ Municipality of	Columbia, SC 29221-17	87
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Dorchester	Affiant's Telephone	2
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5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.	Signature of Issuing Judge	,	3-
St. George, SC 29477	Michael H. Murphy III	(()) 	
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Date	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 rea-	sonable grounds to believe that
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