



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrants today a man who tried to help an inmate escape from Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Brandon Jameson Lee, 36, of Inman, is charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer and aiding in an escape. The charges involve identifying himself as a federal law enforcement officer and attempting to take custody of an inmate. Lee was turned away from the institution and arrested. The inmate is being investigated internally.

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

2022A2720200119

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 31-2022-090

against

Brandon Jameson Lee

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: Height: 5 10 Weight: 225 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jamie L Fragale - S00544

Offense: Escape / Aiding escapes from prison, for prisoners charged with capital offenses

Offense Code: 0464

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0410(C)(1)

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 Brandon Jameson Lee on July 29, 2022

Sgt. [Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 265 Russell Street Po Box 248 Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jamie L Fragale who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Brandon Jameson Lee

did within this county and state on or about 7/28/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Ridgeland)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Escape / Aiding escapes from prison, for prisoners charged with capital offenses

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 July 28, 2022, in the County of Jasper, City of Ridgeland, one Brandon Jameson Lee did commit the offense of Aiding & Abetting Escape from a State Correctional Facility. Defendant did enter the property of Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936 and once therein did identify himself as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and attempted to take custody of South Carolina Department of Corrections inmate Defendant in doing so did violate SC Statute 16-09-0410 Code of Laws as Amended, Aiding and Abetting an Escape from a State Correctional Facility. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 7/28/2022 defendant Brandon Jameson Lee

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

County/ Municipality of Ridgeland) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Escape / Aiding escapes from prison, for prisoners charged with capital offenses

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 7/28/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Thomas L Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843)726-7500

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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

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