



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrant today for a former inmate on charges involving contraband at Kershaw Correctional Institution.

Yah’Quann Jonte Gantt, 28, of Columbia, is charged with providing contraband to a prisoner. His charge involves positioning a drone carrying contraband outside Kershaw CI. During the arrest, the drone, which was being operated remotely, took off and flew to the prison.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

## ARREST WARRANT

2022A2910102080

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

36-2002-074

against

Yah'Quann Jonte' Gantt

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 145DL State: SC DL #: DOB:  Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: William J Welch - S00556Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner withOffense Code: 0074Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950This 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 Yah'Quann Jonte' Gantton 9/11/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
104 N. Main St.  
P O Box 1809  
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant William J Welch whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Yah'Quann Jonte' Ganttdid within this county and state on or about 9/11/2022 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 9-11-2022 in Lancaster County, the Defendant, Yah'quann Gantt, did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a prisoner and/or possess contraband at Kershaw Correctional Institution (Ker CI), located at 4848 Goldmine Highway, Kershaw, South Carolina. Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Deputies rsponded to a suspicious vehicle call at Sandhill Baptist Church Cemetery located at 4143 Uriah Road, in the County of Lancaster. Deputies identified the defendant as the sole occupant of the vehicle and observed an unmaned aierl device (drone) near his vehicle with a contraband package attached. The defendant was arrested by LCSO Deputies for possession of marijuna after given verbal consent to search his vehicle. During this interaction the drone powered up and flew from the location. The defendant admitted under Miranda to bringing the drone to the location with the package for the intent to introduce it to Ker CI. Probable Cause is based the defendant's admission under Miranda along with video

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787  
Columbia, SC 29221-1787Affiant's Telephone (803)602-2901

## 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 9/11/2022 defendant Yah'Quann Jonte' Gantt

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner withHaving 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 meon 9/12/2022Judge's Address 761 Highway 521 Lancaster Bypass East  
Lancaster, SC 29721-1809Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ CircuitSignature of Issuing Judge Fredrick Asgill Thomas (L.S.)Judge Code: 7180 7215

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