

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Columbia man arrested on drone and contraband charges involving inmates at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Arnez Jaakim Thompson, 24, is charged with:

- Trafficking in heroin, morphine, etc., more than 28 grams.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Criminal conspiracy.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.

Thompson was arrested on a dirt path outside McCormick CI. Officers confiscated a backpack containing a drone and two bags of contraband including:

- 113 grams of a substance that field tested positive for Fentanyl.
- About four pounds of marijuana.
- About six pounds of tobacco.
- Cellphones, cigarettes, cigars, rolling papers, lighters 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 McCormick County Sheriff's Department for assistance in these arrests.

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			h Carolina (or ordinance of		Municipality of Mi	ccormick	
T	THE STATE	in the follow	ing particulars		-		
Arnez Jaakim Thompson	against	DESCRIPTIO	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Traf	ficking in Heroin, morph	ine, etc., 28 g or more		
Address							
Phone	SSN	I further st	ate that there is probable of		hat the defendant following facts	named above did comm	mit
Sex M Race B DL State SC DL#	Height 5 9 Weight	On January 2	24, 2023, while in the wood	line in proximity of McC	ormick Correctional I	nstitution (MCCI) off of F	amily Rd
DOB	Agency ORI # SC040095C	McCormick	SC, 29899, in the County of na Code of Laws, Drugs/ Tra	McCormick the defenda	nt Arnez Thompson di	d violate section 44-53-37	70 (e)(3)(C) of the
Prosecuting Agency S C De	epartment Of Corrections Di	vision investigating	recent attempts to introduce	Contraband/narcotics by	an unmanned aerial v	vehicle (Drone). The defer	adant was observed
	N Fogleboch - S00339	by Law Enfo	reement approximately with	in 20 feet of two bags co	ntaining an Orange Au	itel Evo II Drone with con	traband packages
Offense Drugs / Trafficking	g in Heroin, morphine, etc.,		contained 113 grams of an	off white rock like substa	nce which did field te	st presumptive for Fentany	/l. Probable cause
or more		is based on p	hysical and visual evidence.				
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Code/Ordinance Sec 44-53-	-0370(e)(3)(c)		Signature of Affi	ant Coex For	leded		
This warrant is CERTIFIE	D FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SO	UTH CAROLINA				
County/ Municipa	ality of		Municipality of	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
041-00-00	The ac	ccused		íl	Columbia, SC 2922	21-1787	
	brought before me to be	Mccormick		Affiant's Telephone			
dealt with according to the	law			•			
		(L.S.)		ARREST V	VARRANT		
Signature	re of Judge						
Date		TO ANY LAW	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF				
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	RETURN	on or about	1/24/2023	defendant Am	ez Jaakim Thompso	n	
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defendant Arncz	Thompson	X County/	Municipality of	Mccormick) as set forth below:	
on 1-25-23		DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Tra	fficking in Heroin, morpl	nine, etc., 28 g or more	· •	
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Signature of Chall	lable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me soon thereafter	orthwith to be dealt with according as is practicable	g to law A copy of this Arrest	Warrant shall be delivered	d to the defendant at the time of	of its execution, or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:		Sworn to and s	ubscribed before me)			
Mccormick Magistra	ite	on 1/25/202	3) Judge's Address	Post Office Box 1	116	
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Post Office Box 1116		Signature of ssur	g Judge	Judge's Telephone		7550 1110	
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Form Approved by ARREST WARRANT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ORIGINAL S C Attorney General April 21, 2003 Municipality of County/ AFFIDAVIT 2023A3510100053 Mccormick STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch X County/ Municipality of being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson Mccormick violate the criminal laws of the did within this county and state on or about 1/24/2023 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Mccormick THE STATE in the following particulars against DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined Arnez Jaakim Thompson Address state that probable cause defendant named above did commit there is to believe that the Phone the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts Sex Race Height 5 M 13 9 Weight 189 On January 24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd DL State DL# McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 16-17-410 of the South DOB Agency ORI # SC040095C Carolina code of laws, Criminal Conspiracy, to wit: The Defendant did conspire with the purpose of committing an unlawful act by Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division unlawful means. While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339 vehicle (Drone), The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Offense Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law Autel Evo II Drone with controller, contraband packages containing Fentanyl, Marijuana, Tobacco and other contraband items that are commonly introduced into South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) prisons. Probable cause is based on physical and conspiracy defined visual evidence. 0049 Offense Code 16-17-0410 Code/Ordinance Sec Signature of Affiant This warrant CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of P.O. Box 21787 Affiant's Address County/ Municipality of The accused Columbia, SC 29221-1787 arrested and brought before to be Mccormick Affiant's Telephone dealt with according to the law (L.S.) ARREST WARRANT Signature of Judge TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY: Date appearing above affidavit that there are reasonable believe RETURN 1/24/2023 on or about defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson this arrest warrant was delivered to laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of violate the criminal defendant Municipality of County/ Mccormick) as set forth below DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined 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 **RETURN WARRANT TO:** 125/2023 Post Office Box 1116 Judge's Address Mccormick Magistrate (L.S.) McCormick, SC 29835-1116 211 West Augusta Street, Extension

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Judge Code:

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Judge's Telephone

Magistrate

(864)852-2316

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ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) ORIGINAL Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick)
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson
Mccormick	did within this county and state on or about 1/24/2023 violate the criminal laws of the
THE STATE	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Mccormick)
against	in the following particulars
Arnez Jaakim Thompson	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with
Address	
Phone SSN	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
Sex M Race B Height 5 9 Weight 189	On January 24, 2023, while in the wood line in proximity of McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) off of Family Rd
DL State SC DL # DOB Agency ORI # SC0.40095C	McCormick SC, 29899, in the County of McCormick the defendant Arnez Thompson did violate section 24-3-950 of the South
Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division	Carolina code of laws, Prisoners/ Contraband, to wit: While in the area of MCCI investigating recent attempts to introduce Contraband/narcotics by an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone). The defendant was observed by Law Enforcement approximately
Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339	within 20 feet of two bags containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, contraband packages containing Fentanyl,
Offense Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,	Marijuana, Tobacco and other contraband items that are commonly introduced into South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) prisons. Tobacco and narcotics are considered contraband by the Director of SCDC and therefore are illegal to introduce or
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with Offense Code 0074	attempt to introduce into SCDC prisons. Probable cause is based on physical and visual evidence
Code/Ordinance Sec 24-03-0950	Signature of Affiant Com- For Oliv
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA X County/ Municipality of) Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787 Columbia SC 20221 1787
The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Columbia, SC 29221-1/8/
dealt with according to the law	Mccormick / Affiant's Telephone
(L.S.)	ARREST WARRANT
Signature of Judge	
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 believe that
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A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 1/24/2023 defendant Arnez Jaakim Thompson did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
defendant Arnez Thompson	X County/ Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below
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((1	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
Signaple of Contrabilities 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, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me on 1/25/2023
Mccormick Magistrate	Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	Full (L.S.) McCormick, SC 29835-1116 Signal are of 155 pg Judge Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316
Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835	Patty L. Smith
Micconnick, SC 27033	Judge Code 5924) Issuing Court X Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT 2023A3510100055 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA X County/ Municipality of Mccormick THE STATE against Arnez Jaakim Thompson Address Phone Sex M Race В Height 5 9 Weight 189 DL State DL# DOB Agency ORI # SC040095C S C Department Of Corrections Division Prosecuting Agency Prosecuting Officer Cory N Fogleboch - S00339 Offense Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 2nd offense Offense Code 0187 44-53-0370(b)(2) Code/Ordinance Sec This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE County/ Municipality of The accused arrested and brought before dealt with according to the law (L.S.) Signature of Judge Date RETURN A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA X County/ Municipality of)	AFFIDAVIT	ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518
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I further state that there is probable the crime set forth and that probable call		nat the defendant named	above did commi	ıt
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her before me forthwith to be dealt with according soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me)	Warrant shall be delivered to the	defendant at the time of	its execution, or as
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Patty L. Smith	Judge's Telephone)	(864)852-2316		
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