

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 on contraband charges involving inmates at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Brian Francis Williams Jr., 31, is charged with:

- Trafficking in methamphetamine/cocaine more than 100 grams.
- Trafficking in heroin more than 28 grams.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Criminal conspiracy.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.

The charges involve operating a drone just off Interstate 95 near Ridgeland CI. Officers confiscated five pounds of a substance that tested positive for marijuana, about 100 grams of Fentanyl, 118 grams of meth, one drone, eight drone batteries and one drone controller.

At the time of his arrest, Williams <u>was out on bond on similar charges</u> from an incident at McCormick Correctional Institution in January 2023. His charges for that arrest include:

- Trafficking in methamphetamines more than 100 grams.
- Trafficking in crack/cocaine more than 100 grams.
- Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- Criminal conspiracy.
- Providing contraband to prisoners.

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	_	UTH CAROLINA)			ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Form Approved by ORIGINAL S.C. Attorney Ger County/ Municipality of April 21 2003 AFFIDAVIT 2023A2710200092 Jasper STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA William C Pruitt Personally appeared before me the affiant County/ Municipality of being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Brian Francis Williams, Jr Jasper did within this county and state on or about 3/23/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Municipality of Jasper THE STATE 06-2023-025 in the following particulars against DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense Brian Francis Williams, Jr Address there probable cause the defendant named above did commit that to believe that Phone SSN the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: Race: B Sex: M Height: 5 160 On March 23, 2023, the Defendant Brian Williams, did commit the offense of Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or DL State DL #: SC flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense, in that: The Defendant while located on I-95 Northbound between mile markers 21 DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C and 22, while in proximatey of Ridgeland Correctional Institution, Ridgeland SC, 29936, during a lawful arrest was found to be in S C Department Of Corrections Division Prosecuting Agency: possession of aproximately 5 pounds of a green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana. Prosecuting Officer William C Pruitt - S00534 Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense 0186 Offense Code: 44-53-0370(b)(2) Code/Ordinance Sec: Signature of Affiant This warrant is 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 Jasper Affiant's Telephone with according to the (L.S.) ARREST WARRANT Signature of Judge TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY: Date ahove affidavit reasonable believe RETURN 3/23/2023 on or about Brian Francis Williams, Jr. defendant this arrest warrant was delivered to A copy violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Williams 2 X County/ Municipality of Jasper) as set forth below: DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense 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: on 3/23/2023 General Sessions Judge's Address 265 Russell Street Ridgeland, SC 29936-Po Box 248 Judge's Telephone (843)726-5800 Rhonda Yvonne Edwards (Magistrate) Ridgeland, SC 299360248 Judge Code: 7463 **Issuing Court:** Magistrate Municipal Circuit ORIGINAL ORIGINAL ORIGINAL **ORIGINAL** ORIGINAL

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