



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

June 29, 2023

For immediate release

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for two people in unrelated cases involving contraband charges at Lieber Correctional Institution.

Phillip Michael Kirby, 38, of Charleston, is charged with providing contraband to prisoners, operating a drone near a prison and criminal conspiracy. The charges involve flying a drone containing tobacco and cigar wraps onto the prison yard early this morning.

Emily Yvonne Ford, 52, of Myrtle Beach, is charged with providing contraband to prisoners. The charges involve sending a package containing tobacco, marijuana and other contraband to an inmate in 2021.

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

2023A1810200756

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE  
against

Phillip Michael Kirby

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 155

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00880

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law  
conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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 Phillip Kirby

on 6-29-23

Cory Fogleboch

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.  
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Phillip Michael Kirby

did within this county and state on or about 6/29/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 June 29, 2023, while in proximity of Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) off of Two Way Road Dorchester SC, 29472, in the  
County of Dorchester the defendant Phillip Kirby did violate section 16-17-410 of the South Carolina code of laws, Criminal  
Conspiracy, to wit: The Defendant did conspire with the purpose of committing an unlawful act by unlawful means. The Affiant,  
while responding to an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone) alert from LCI, observed the defendant walking down Two Way Road  
towards Campbell Thicket Road carrying a black drone case, containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, and a  
backpack, containing two contraband packages wrapped in camouflage tape. The contraband packages contained tobacco and cigar  
wraps. The Defendant admitted post Miranda that he was paid by an inmate to fly the contraband packages into LCI.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 6/29/2023 defendant Phillip Michael Kirby

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester ) 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

on 6/29/2023

Tara Leigh Frost (L.S.)

Judge Code: 7479

Judge's Address 339 South Railroad Avenue  
Ridgeville, SC 29472-

Judge's Telephone (843)871-4854

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2023A1810200757

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE  
against

Phillip Michael Kirby

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 155

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00880

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,  
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused  
is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

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Cory Fogleboch  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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## AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Phillip Michael Kirby

did within this county and state on or about 6/29/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester )

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:

On June 29, 2023, while in proximity of Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) off of Two Way Road Dorchester SC, 29472, in the County of Dorchester, the defendant Phillip Kirby did violate section 24-3-950 of the South Carolina code of laws, Introduction of Contraband, to wit: The Affiant, while responding to an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone) alert from LCI, observed the defendant walking down Two Way Road towards Campbell Thicket Road carrying a black drone case, containing an Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, and a backpack, containing two contraband packages wrapped in camouflage tape. The contraband packages contained tobacco and cigar wraps. The Defendant admitted post Miranda that he was paid by an inmate to fly the contraband packages into LCI. These items are deemed contraband by the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) Director and published by him in a conspicuous place available to inmates and civilians at LCI.

Signature of Affiant

Cory Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 6/29/2023 defendant Phillip Michael Kirby

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester ) as set forth below:

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

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 6/29/2023

Tara Leigh Frost  
Signature of Issuing Judge

Tara Leigh Frost

Judge Code: 7479

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 339 South Railroad Avenue  
Ridgeville, SC 29472-

Judge's Telephone (843)871-4854

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

## ARREST WARRANT

2023A1810200758

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE  
against

Phillip Michael Kirby

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 9 Weight: 155

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Cory N Fogleboch - S00880

Offense: Prisoners / Operating an unmanned aerial vehicle  
within a certain distance of a Department of

Offense Code: 3896

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-01-0300(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused  
is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [REDACTED]

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on 6-29-23Cory N Fogleboch  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Cory N Fogleboch who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Phillip Michael Kirby  
did within this county and state on or about 6/29/2023 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester )  
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Operating an unmanned aerial vehicle within a certain distance of a Department of  
Corrections facilityI 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 June 29, 2023, while in proximity of Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) off of Two Way Road Dorchester SC, 29472, in the  
County of Dorchester, the defendant Phillip Kirby did violate section 24-01-0300 of the South Carolina code of laws, unmanned  
aerial vehicle over corrections, to wit: The Affiant, while responding to an unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone) alert from LCI,  
observed the defendant walking down Two Way Road towards Campbell Thicket Road carrying a black drone case, containing an  
Orange Autel Evo II Drone with controller, and a backpack, containing two contraband packages wrapped in camouflage tape. The  
contraband packages contained tobacco and cigar wraps. The Defendant admitted post Miranda that he was paid by an inmate to fly  
the contraband packages into LCI by drone. The Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections did not give the  
defendant permission to fly over the institution.

Signature of Affiant

Cory N Fogleboch

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787  
Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]

## 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 6/29/2023 defendant Phillip Michael Kirby  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester ) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Operating an unmanned aerial vehicle within a certain distance of a Department of  
Corrections facilityHaving 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 6/29/2023Tara Leigh Frost (L.S.)  
Signature of Issuing Judge  
Tara Leigh Frost  
Judge Code: 7479Judge's Address 339 South Railroad Avenue  
Ridgeville, SC 29472-

Judge's Telephone (843)871-4854

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A1810200348

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

against

Emily Yvonne Ford

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 208

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S00950

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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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 Emily Ford

on 6-29-23

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.

St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant William C Pruitt who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Emily Yvonne Ford

did within this county and state on or about 8/9/2021 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester)

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:

On August 9th 2021, the Defendant, Emily Yvonne Ford, did violate section 24-03-0960, of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with. On August 9th, 2021, the Lieber Correctional Institution, located at 136 Wilburn Ave, Ridgeville SC, 29472, county of Dorchester, State of South Carolina, did receive a package via FedEx that contained 2,101 grams of tobacco, 846 grams of green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, 7 seven phone, 2 digital scales, and 2 ear pods. The Defendant did admit post Miranda, during an audio recorded interview with the Affiant, to sending the packages to the institution at the request of an inmate assigned to Lieber Correctional. Probable cause for this charge is based on the admission of the crime post Miranda during the interview.

Signature of Affiant [Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 8/9/2021 defendant Emily Yvonne Ford

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:

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

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 5/25/2022

[Signature] (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Ryan Douglas Templeton

Judge Code: 7413

Judge's Address 212 Demming Way, Box 10

Summerville, SC 29483-

Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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BY [Signature]