



South Carolina Department of Corrections

March 22, 2024

For immediate release

Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206

Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today charging an inmate with murder in the death of his cellmate.

Marques Quantez Heath, 40, is charged with murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and possession of a weapon by an inmate in the [Nov. 7 death of Donnel Geoffrey Brown](#). Brown was found unresponsive in his cell at Broad River CI the morning of Nov. 7.

Heath is currently serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for numerous drug and assault charges.

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.

SCDC thanks the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Crime Scene Unit for its assistance in this investigation.

ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500072

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

03-2023-100

against

Marquez Quantez Heath

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State:

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera

Prosecuting Officer: William Cody Pruitt - S03439

Offense: Murder / Murder

Offense Code: 0116

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010

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
on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

William C Pruitt

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Marquez Quantez Heath

did within this county and state on or about

11/ 7/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 Novmeber 7th, 2023, at the Broad River Correctional Institution (BRCI) located at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC, 29210, in the county of Richland, the Defendant, Marquez Heath, while lawfully incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did commit the crime of Murder, to wit: the Defendant, did murder the Victim, Donnel Brown (SCDC ID 311291), also an inmate lawfully incarcerated with SCDC, by stabbing the Victim multiple times to the head, neck, and chest resulting in Brown's death. At the time of the incident the Defendant and the Victim were secured within the same cell (257) in the Monticello unit, and were the only two occupants. Probable cuase is based on the Defendant's confession to Correctional staff, video footage showing no other persons entered or exited the cell, and the coroners report of manner of death.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone (803)206-2182

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 11/ 7/2023

defendant Marquez Quantez Heath

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 2/26/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge
Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
Apr 21, 2003
SCCA 516

ORIGINAL

AFFIDAVIT

ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500073

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

03-2023-100

against

Marquez Quantez Heath

Address:

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State: DL #:

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S03439

Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if
not also sentenced to life without parole or death

Offense Code: 0549

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

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

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions

1701 Main Street

P O Box 192

Columbia, SC 29202

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

William C Pruitt

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Marquez Quantez Heath

did within this county and state on or about

11/ 7/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 November 7th, 2023, at the Broad River Correctional Institution (BRCI) located at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210, in the county of Richland, the Defendant, Marquez Heath [REDACTED], while lawfully incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did commit the crime of Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime to wit: On November 7, 2023, the Defendant while in possession of a homemade edged weapon (shank), did commit the offense of murder. The charge murder is considered a violent crime as defined by 16-1-60 in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone (803)206-2182

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 11/ 7/2023

defendant Marquez Quantez Heath

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 2/26/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 516

AFFIDAVIT

ARREST WARRANT

2024A4010500074

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

03-2023-1000

against

Marquez Quantez Heath

Address:

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 200

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: _____ Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector GeneraProsecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S03439Offense: Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmatesOffense Code: 0441Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0440This 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 _____
on _____

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

William C Pruitt

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Marquez Quantez Heath

did within this county and state on or about

11/7/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

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 November 7th, 2023, at the Broad River Correctional Institution (BRCI) located at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210, in the county of Richland, the Defendant, Marquez Heath, while lawfully incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did commit the crime of Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates to wit: On November 7, 2023, Correctional Officers with the South Carolina Department of Corrections did witness the Defendant in possession of a homemade edged weapon (shank), during a physical altercation between the Defendant and other inmates in the Monticello Unit at Broad River Correctional Institution. Probable cause for the charge is based on the witness statements and recovery of the homemade edged weapon. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787Affiant's Telephone (803)206-2182

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 11/7/2023defendant Marquez Quantez Heath

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by inmates

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 2/26/2024Signature of Issuing Judge
Michael David ScottJudge Code: 7397Judge's Address Dutch Fork DistrictColumbia, SC 29210-Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

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

AFFIDAVIT