

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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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 <u>Nov. 7 death of Donnel Geoffrey Brown</u>. 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.

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ARREST WARR	ANT	STATE OF SOUT	H CAROLINA)			ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General
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<u>2024A40105</u>	00072	Richland / Di	itch Fork Magistrate				
STATE OF SOUTH CA		Personally appr	eared before me the affiant	William C Pruitt			who
X County/	dunicipality of	being duly swi	orn deposes and says that defendar	nt Marquez	Quantez Heath		
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate		did within this	county and state on or about	11/ 7/2023	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	violate	the criminal laws of the
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THE STATE against	03-2023-100	in the following	g particulars:				
Marquez Quantez Heath		DESCRIPTION C	F OFFENSE: Murder / Murder				
Address							
		I further state			e defendant named	above did commit	
Phone: Sex: M Race: B Height:	5 10 Weight: 200	•	forth and that probable cause is b	·			
DL State: DL#:	200	• On Novmeber	7th, 2023, at the Broad River Correct		2.373 22		F
DOB: Agency ORI	I#: SC040095C		ounty of Richland, the Defendant, Ma tment of Corrections (SCDC), did co	 - 202 - 203 	5 C	ally incarcerated with the Sout lant, did murder the Victim, Do	
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office O	f The Inspector Genera		ID 311291), also an inmate lawfully				*******
Prosecuting Officer: William Cody Pru	1itt - S03439		resulting in Brown's death. At the tir				ne
Offense: Murder / Murder			e Monticello unit, and were the only t				
		Correctional st	aff, video footage showing no other p	ersons entered or exite	d the cell, and the coro	noers report of manner of deat	n.
Offense Code: 0116				111	0		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0010			Signature of Affiant	L CI	X		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR	SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUT					
County/ Municipality of		County/	Municipality of	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
	. The accused			ý	Columbia, SC 2922	1-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before	e me to be	Richland / Di	tch Fork Magistrate	Affiant's Telephone	(803)206-2182		
dealt with according to the law.							•••
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Signature of Judge	<u></u>			ARREST	PARKANI		
Date:		TO ANY LAW EF	FORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE	OR MUNICIPALITY OR	ANY CONSTABLE OF THI	S COUNTY:	
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RETURN							
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered	ed to		11/ 7/2023		quez Quantez Heath		
defendant		did violate the X County/	criminal laws of the State of South Municipality of Richl-) as set forth below:	
on			Kiena	and / Dutch Fork Ma	igistrate	_	
		DESCRIPTION	F OFFENSE: Murder (Murder				
		Having found pro	bable cause and the above affiant having s	worn before me , you are	empowered and directed to	o arrest the said defendant and brin	g him or
Signature of Constable/Law Enlard	cement Officer	her before me for	thwith to be dealt with according to law. A		*		*
RETURN WARRANT TO:		soon thereafter a Swom to and su	bscribed before me)			
Richland County General Session	7 .0	on 2/26/2024	1)	Dutch Prob Dire	-	
1701 Main Street	115		(L.S.)	Judge's Address	Dutch Fork Distric		
PO Box 192		Signature of Issuing		/ Judge's Telephone	Columbia, SC 292 (803)576-2540	10-	
Columbia, SC 29202		Michael David	Scott)			
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Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate	did within this	county and state on or about	11/ 7/2023		violate	the criminal laws of the
THE STATE 03-2023-1		Carolina (or ordinance of X	County/	Municipality of	Richland / Dutch Fork Mag	istrate)
against	DESCRIPTION O	271	. 2 3	8 %a		
Marquez Quantez Heath		Weapons / Poss_v	veapon during violent o	rime, if not also sente	need to life without parole or do	ath
Address	_					
Phone: SSN:	I further state the crime set			the defendant name g facts:	d above did commit	
Sex: <u>M</u> Race: <u>B</u> Height: <u>5 10</u> Weight: <u>2</u> DL State: DL#:		7th, 2023, at the Broad River Corre		CI) located at 4460 Br	oad River Road, Columbia, SC	
DOB: Agency ORI # SC040095C		ounty of Richland, the Defendant, M tment of Corrections (SCDC), did (wfully incarcerated with the Sou during violent crime to wit. Or	
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera		023, the Defendant while in possess				
Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S03439	The charge mu witness to prov	rder is considered a violent crime a	s defined by 16-1-60 in	the South Carolina C	ode of Laws. Affiant and others	s are
Offense: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death	withess to prov	e the same				
Offense Code: 0549			1121 102 10	~		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490	_	Signature of Affiant	Un a	2/1_		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the			-	~~		
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUT	Municipality of	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
. The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be			ý	Columbia, SC 292	221-1787	
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Signature of Judge		FORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STAT		ANY CONSTARLE OF 1		
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RETURN	on or about	11/ 7/2023	Maria Maria		L.	
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defendant on	County/		land / Dutch Fork M) as set forth below:	
	DESCRIPTION C	F OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss.	weapon during violent	crime, if not also sent	enced to life without parole or d	eath
	Having found or	bable cause and the above affiant having	sworn before me vou are	empowered and directe	to arrest the said defendent and br	no hum or
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me for soon thereafter a	thwith to be dealt with according to law. /				
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and sul on 2/26/2024	scribed before me	2			
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P O Box 192 Columbia, SC 29202	Michael David		Judge's Tetephone)	(803)576-2540		
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate		(11) (2 B (4			
X County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the affiant	_	filliam C Pruitt			who
	being duly sworn deposes and says that o did within this county and state on or about			Quantez Heath	violate	the criminal laws of the
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of		/ 7/2023	unicipality of	Richland / Dutch Fork Magi	
THE STATE 03-2023-1000	in the following particulars:			-	Kicinanu / Duten Fork Magn	/ / /
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / C	arrying o	r concealing weapon	by inmates		
Marquez Quantez Heath	Thomas -	any ing o	enteening neapon	oy minutes		
Address:						
	I further state that there is probable	cause to	o believe that th	e defendant named	above did commit	
Phone: SSN: SSN: SSN: SSN: SSN: SSN: SSN: SS	the crime set forth and that probable caus	e is basi	ed on the following	facts		
Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 200 DL State: DL #:	On November 7th, 2023, at the Broad River (
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	 29210, in the county of Richland, the Defend Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). 		·		fully incarcerated with the Sout	
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera	On November 7, 2023, Correctional Officers					wit
Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S03439	possession of a homemade edged weapon (sh					
Offense: Prisoners / Carrying or concealing weapon by	Monticello Unit at Broad River Correctional			-	on the witness statements and	
inmates	recovery of the homemade edged weapon. At	ffiant and	others are witness to	prove same		
Offense Code: 0441			. / .	\cap		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0440	Signature of Affi	ant /	110	ha		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA			K		
County/ Municipality of	County/ Municipality of)	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
The accused)		Columbia, SC 292	21-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law,	Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate	_	Affiant's Telephone	(803)206-2182		
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Signature of Judge						
Date:	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS	STATE O	R MUNICIPALITY OR A	NY CONSTABLE OF T	IS COUNTY:	
	lt a	ppearing	from the above	affidavit that the	ere are reasonable ground	ls to believe that
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to soon thereafter as is practicable	aw, A cop	by of this Arrest Warrant	shall be delivered to the	defendant at the time of its execution	, or as
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