



## South Carolina Department of Corrections

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a Stone Mountain, Ga., woman on charges involving contraband at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Portia R. Davis, 62, is charged with trafficking in Fentanyl, providing contraband to an inmate and criminal conspiracy.

Davis's charges involve bringing 56 grams of Fentanyl and Newport cigarettes into Saturday visitation. The contraband was found by officers operating the body scanners at the front gate.

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.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 01-2024-028 against

Portia R Davis

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 160

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Joshua Tyler Anderson - S00549

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 28 grams or more

Offense Code: 4096

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(e)(9)

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 5-11-2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 265 Russell Street Po Box 248 Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant Joshua Tyler Anderson who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Portia R Davis did within this county and state on or about 5/11/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Ridgeland) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 28 grams or more

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 May 11, 2024, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Portia R. Davis did commit the offense of Trafficking in Fentanyl a schedule controlled substance listed under SC Statute 44-53-0370( e )(9). Defendant did enter the property of Ridgeland Correctional Institution (RCI) located at 5 Correctional Rd, Ridgeland, SC, 29936 for the purpose of inmate visitation. Incident to body scanning protocol by RCI staff, defendant Davis was found to be in unlawful possession of a quantity of approximately 28 grams of a powder substance and approximately 28 grams of a rock like substance, both substances tested presumptive positive for Fentanyl. The above is evidenced by RCI incident reports, RCI surveillance video, seizure of package, and interviews with defendant and staff. This being in violation of SC Statute code of laws as amended. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 5/11/2024 defendant Portia R Davis did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Ridgeland) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 28 grams or more

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 5/11/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Thomas L. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119 Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE 01-2024-028 against

Portia R Davis

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 Weight: 160

DL State: [Redacted] DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Joshua Tyler Anderson - S00549

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

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Date:

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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:

That on May 11, 2024 in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Portia R. Davis, did commit the offense of Criminal Conspiracy, in that, defendant did along with another, unlawfully plan or scheme to accomplish an unlawful act by introducing unlawful contraband to inmates incarcerated at Ridgeland Correctional Institution, located at 5 Correctional road in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Defendant did enter the Institution under the premise for the purpose of inmate visitation. Incident to body scanning protocol by RCI Staff, defendant was found to be in unlawful possession of a quantity of approximately 56 grams of Fentanyl, and a quantity of New Port Cigarettes. This being in violation of SC Statute 16-17-0410 code of laws as amended. The above is evidenced by RCI incident reports, RCI surveillance video, seizure of package, and interviews with defendant and staff. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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

Affiant's Telephone [Redacted]

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on or about 5/11/2024 defendant Portia R Davis

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

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

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THE STATE 01-2024-028 against

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Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 160

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DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Joshua Tyler Anderson - S00549

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

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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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:

That on May 11, 2024, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one, Portia R Davis did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a prisoner at Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. Defendant did enter the Institution under the premise for the purpose of inmate visitation. Incident to body scanning protocol by RCI Staff, defendant was found to be in unlawful possession of a quantity of approximately 56 grams of Fentanyl, and a quantity of New Port Cigarettes. A list of Contraband Items is published and conspicuously located for viewing by all persons entering the Institution. This being in violation of SC Statute 16-17-0410 code of laws as amended. The above is evidenced by RCI incident reports, RCI surveillance video, seizure of package, and interviews with defendant and staff. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

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