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SLED CHARGES FORMER JASPER COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICER WITH FURNISHING OR POSSESSING CONTRABAND, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Today agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Cody Weston Smith, 30, of Ridgeland, SC, for Furnishing or Possessing Contraband and Misconduct in Office.

Details from the investigation can be found in the attached warrants.

The SLED investigation was requested by Director Arthur Benjamin of the Jasper County Detention Center.

Smith was booked at the Jasper County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

A copy of this news release can be found on SLED's website: www.sled.sc.gov

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ARREST WARRANT

2022A2710200423

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Jasper

THE STATE 31-22-0103 against

Cody Weston Smith

Address: [Redacted] Ridgeland, SC 29936-5336

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] 1992 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Akil A Crosby - S00571

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited

Offense Code: 0437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-07-0155

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 Cody Smith on 10-20-22 @ 8:10 AM

[Signature] Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [] Municipality of Jasper

Personally appeared before me the affiant Akil A Crosby who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Cody Weston Smith did within this county and state on or about 6/23/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Jasper) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited

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 23, 2022, the defendant did commit the offense of Furnishing or Possessing Contraband. On August 23, 2022, while acting in his official capacity as a Corrections Officer at the Jasper County Detention Center, the defendant did admit to furnishing an inmate confined in the Detention Center with items declared by the director to be contraband. On June 23, 2022, the defendant furnished a prisoner with contraband between July 7- 23, 2022. The defendant received text messages from an unknown party instructing him to meet at an unknown location to pick up the contraband items. Once at unknown location, the defendant would receive the contraband items in exchange for money. The defendant transported the contraband in his coat pockets into Jasper County Detention Center to conceal them. Once inside, the defendant would wait till the middle of his shift when the inmates were confined, walk up to the inmate's cell door, open the slide door, reach into his jacket pocket, and place the items in the cell.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA [X] County/ [] Municipality of Jasper

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- 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 6/23/2022 defendant Cody Weston Smith did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Jasper) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited

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 10/19/2022

[Signature] (L.S.) Signature of Issuing Judge Jacqueline S Lec Judge Code: 7301

Judge's Address 12008 North Jacob Smart Boulevard Ridgeland, SC 29936- Judge's Telephone (843)726-7737

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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

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Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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