



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 11, 2023

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### **SLED CHARGES LANCASTER COUNTY INMATE WITH 3 COUNTS OF DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL**

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jonathan Levi Beam, 29, on Thursday, December 7, 2023, with 3 counts of Distribution of Fentanyl – 1<sup>st</sup> offense.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Beam remains at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2910102644

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/  Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE 32-23-0118  
against

Jonathan Levi Beam

Address: [Redacted]  
Lancaster, SC 29720-9420

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]  
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]  
DOB: [Redacted] 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division  
Prosecuting Officer: Paul B Knight - S00710

Offense: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c),  
LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0183  
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(1)

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 Jonathan Beam  
on December 7, 2023

SIA [Signature]  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
104 N. Main St.  
P O Box 1809  
Lancaster, SC 29720

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Paul B Knight who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jonathan Levi Beam  
did within this county and state on or about 8/13/2023 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  County/  Municipality of Lancaster)  
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense

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:

Between August 13, 2023 - August 14, 2023, the defendant, Jonathan Levi Beam did while an inmate (I/M) inside the Lancaster  
County Detention Center (LCDC) commit the offense of Distribution of Fentanyl a Schedule II controlled substance at 1941  
Pageland Hwy, Lancaster SC (Lancaster County). I/M Beam committed the offense when he unlawfully smuggled fentanyl upon his  
person into LCDC and distributed this narcotic to LCDC I/M [Redacted]. During a cell search on August 14, 2023, I/M  
[Redacted] was found in possession of 0.8 grams or 12.3 grams of a powdery substance that field tested positive for fentanyl. I/M  
[Redacted] identified to law enforcement that I/M Beam was the distributor of the narcotics found in his possession. LCDC  
documents, LCDC video surveillance, and witness statements support the information provided by I/M Beckham.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 County/  Municipality of )  
Lancaster )

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398  
Columbia, SC 29221-  
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-7250

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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 8/13/2023 defendant Jonathan Levi Beam  
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of  
 County/  Municipality of Lancaster) as set forth below:

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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 12/6/2023 )  
Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East )  
Lancaster, SC 29720- )  
Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983 )  
Issuing Court:  Magistrate  Municipal  Circuit )

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On August 13, 2023, at approximately 4:00p.m., the defendant, Jonathan Levi Beam did while an inmate (I/M) inside the Lancaster County Detention Center (LCDC) commit the offense of Distribution of Fentanyl a Schedule II controlled substance at 1941 Pageland Highway, Lancaster, SC (Lancaster County). I/M Beam committed the offense when he unlawfully smuggled fentanyl upon his person into LCDC and distributed this narcotic to I/M [redacted] I/M [redacted] s use of this narcotic would precipitate an unreversible medical emergency which caused his death. I/M Beam was identified as the person who provided I/M [redacted] the narcotic by surveillance footage and witness statements. This case was investigated by South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Special Agent (S/A) Paul B. Knight.

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[Signature]

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge Van Kevin Richardson

Judge Code: 7001

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Lancaster, SC 29720-

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

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

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Van Kevin Richardson Lancaster, SC 29720-

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Issuing Court: X Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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