



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today Dionne Benjamin Martin, 30, of Florence.

Martin is charged with providing contraband to a prisoner and aiding in his escape on Dec. 3, 2018. Her charges involve allowing inmate James Russell to use her car to leave his work-release job and providing him with a fifth of liquor. He was captured about an hour after he left the job site.

Russell, who was housed at Palmer Pre-Release Center, was serving the remainder of a seven-year sentence for violating probation on grand larceny and accessory after the fact of a felony. He pleaded guilty to escape and received a one-year sentence. He was released from SCDC on Nov. 4.

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.

ARREST WARRANT

2018A2110100844

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Florence

THE STATE

32-2018-169

against

Dionne Benjamin Martin

Address

Phone

SSN

Sex F

Race B

Height 5

Weight 280

DL State SC

DL #

DOB

Agency ORI #

SC040105C

Prosecuting Agency

SC Department Of Corrections Police S

Prosecuting Officer:

Cody J Wilson - S00603

Offense:

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

Offense Code:

0074

Code/Ordinance Sec:

24-03-0950

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

Dionne Benjamin Martin

on

11-22-19

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Court

181 North Irby Street, Suite 1100

Florence, SC 29501

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/

Municipality of

Florence

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Cody J Wilson

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Dionne Benjamin Martin

did within this county and state on or about

12/3/2018

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

Florence

in the following particulars

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

On December 3, 2018, the defendant, Dionne Benjamin-Martin did commit the offense of Furnishing a prisoner with contraband to Wit: Benjamin-Martin did furnish, James Russell an inmate incarcerated in SCDC with a fifth of E/J brand liquor. This incident took place at McCall Farms 6615 South Irby Street, Effingham, SC 29541, where inmate Russell is assigned to work night shift. This item has been deemed contraband by the Director of SCDC. SCDC case 32-2018-169.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/

Municipality of

Florence

Affiant's Address

4444 Broad River Rd.

Columbia, SC 29212-

Affiant's Telephone

(803)543-2333

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 12/3/2018

defendant Dionne Benjamin Martin

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

County/

Municipality of

Florence

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 12/6/2018

Signature of Issuing Judge
Peter E Becker

Judge Code:

7282

Judge's Address

180 North Irby Street (MSC-W)

Florence, SC 29501-

Judge's Telephone

(843)665-0031

Issuing Court:

Magistrate

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DL State SC DL #

DOB: Agency ORI # SC040105C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Police S

Prosecuting Officer: Cody J Wilson - S00603

Offense Escape / Aiding escapes from prison, for prisoners charged with noncapital offenses

Offense Code: 0465

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-09-0410(C)(2)

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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 December 3, 2018, the defendant, Dionne Benjamin-Martin did commit the offense of Aiding escape from a prison by telling inmate James Russell, an inmate incarcerated with SCDC, the location of her vehicle keys. Once inmate Russell took possession of the vehicle keys he did escape from McCall Farms, his assigned work location in Benajmin-Martin's 2019 Jeep Cherokee. This incident did take place at 6615 South Irby Street, Effingham, SC 29451. SCDC case 32-2018-169.

Signature of Affiant

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