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November 20, 2025

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SLED CHARGES FORMER GREENVILLE COUNTY DETENTION OFFICER WITH SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH INMATES

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Jamil Chereze Higginbotham Mckenzie, 34, with First Degree Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate and Second Degree Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate on Thursday, November 20, 2025. The Greenville County Detention Center requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Mckenzie was booked into the Greenville County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



ARREST WARRANT

2025A2310300055

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

2024-00510

against

Jamil Chereze Higginbotham Mckenzie

Address:

Greenville, SC 29611-5237

Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 Weight: 340

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1991 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jacob W Drake - S02345

Offense: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state

Offense Code: 0461

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(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

on

J. Lewis (SLED)
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jacob W Drake

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jamil Chereze Higginbotham Mckenzie

did within this county and state on or about 6/6/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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 or about, June 6, 2024, the defendant, Jamil Chereze Higginbotham McKenzie, did willfully and unlawfully violate SC Code of Laws 44-23-1150(C)(1), Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate First Degree, by engaging in an act of sexual intercourse with an inmate, under his supervision, for the purpose of sexual gratification. At the time of the incident, Jamil Chereze Higginbotham McKenzie was employed as a Detention Officer at the Greenville County Detention Center. The incident occurred at the Greenville County Detention Center located at 20 McGee Street, Greenville, SC, within Greenville County.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

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 6/6/2024 defendant Jamil Chereze Higginbotham Mckenzie

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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 11/17/2025

Matthew Bruce Hubbard (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7003

Judge's Address 320 West Main St

Taylors, SC 29687-

Judge's Telephone (864)467-4625

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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Prosecuting Officer: Jacob W Drake - S02345

Offense: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

Offense Code: 2893

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(2)

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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JS Lewis (SLED)
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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