

CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Kristin Graziano
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405



NON-EMERGENCY
843-202-1700

DISPATCH
843-743-7200

CRIME STOPPERS
843-554-1111

Arrest yields 2.5 pounds of fentanyl – largest CCSO seizure of the deadly drug

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, April 24, 2023

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County deputies have disrupted a significant drug-trafficking operation in West Ashley with the seizure of more than \$170,000 worth of illicit items, including guns and large amounts of fentanyl, marijuana and prescription drugs.

Sheriff Kristin Graziano on Monday announced that a search warrant had uncovered 2.5 pounds of fentanyl, which is enough to kill 570,000 people – far more than the population of Charleston County. Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl can cause a fatal overdose, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (source: <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>).

Graziano joined other local officials at a news conference announcing the development, which marked the single largest seizure of pure fentanyl for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

"We will continually and aggressively pursue persons that are distributing this poison in our community," Graziano said. "We and our law enforcement partners are committed to arresting and prosecuting anyone in this community that puts our citizens and residents at risk."

Deputies from CCSO's Warrants Unit initially went to an apartment complex at 35 Folly Road Blvd. on Wednesday, April 19, to serve bench warrants for the arrest of Tyrell Javon Sistrunk, 27. The bench warrants had been issued for failure to appear in a 2019 CCSO case involving charges of distributing cocaine base, unlawfully carrying a weapon, child endangerment and assaulting an officer while resisting arrest.

About 11 a.m. that day, deputies entered the apartment where Sistrunk had been staying. No one was there, but they received information indicating Sistrunk may have jumped moments earlier from a fourth-story balcony, hoping to elude capture. Additional law enforcement personnel — including K-9 units, CCSO's helicopter and Charleston police officers — searched the area for more than an hour but did not find Sistrunk. No information developed by the

CONTACT Andrew Knapp | Public Information Officer | 843-666-1990 | aknapp@charlestoncounty.org

CONNECT WITH CCSO



CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Kristin Graziano
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405




NON-EMERGENCY
843-202-1700


DISPATCH
843-743-7200


CRIME STOPPERS
843-554-1111

deputies indicated Sistrunk was armed at the time. The nearby campus of Porter-Gaud School initiated lockdown procedures as a precaution.

The deputies saw guns and drugs in the apartment, and detectives from CCSO's Metro Major Case Unit obtained a search warrant for the home. They found three firearms, more than 2.5 pounds each of fentanyl and marijuana, hundreds of prescription pills, drug-manufacturing equipment, scales, ammunition and other paraphernalia.

Later in the day, deputies received information indicating Sistrunk had returned to the apartment community. They soon spotted the suspect, and he was captured about 6:45 p.m. after a foot pursuit a few miles from the apartment complex. A search of the man revealed \$7,700 in cash.

Sistrunk faces additional charges of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, trafficking Schedule IV drugs and three counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

Graziano thanked the Charleston Police Department for its help securing the area and searching for the suspect. The sheriff was joined during Monday's announcement by Chanda Funcell of the Charleston Center, Nanci Shipman of WakeUp Carolina and Charleston County Coroner Bobbi Jo O'Neal.

A more detailed list of the items seized, including approximate street values, follows:

- 1,143 grams of fentanyl (\$114,300)
- 1,249 grams of marijuana (\$12,499)
- 682 Xanax pills (\$34,640)
- AK-47-style rifle (\$1,500)
- 9mm pistol (\$670)
- 5.7x28mm pistol (\$1,500)
- \$7,700 in cash
- Drug-manufacturing equipment, including pill presses
- Ammunition

Arrest affidavits for Sistrunk's new charges, along with those from the 2019 case, are attached.

CONTACT Andrew Knapp | Public Information Officer | 843-666-1990 | aknapp@charlestoncounty.org

CONNECT WITH CCSO



CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Kristin Graziano
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405




NON-EMERGENCY
843-202-1700


DISPATCH
843-743-7200


CRIME STOPPERS
843-554-1111

Narcan can help save someone suffering an opioid overdose. The following is a list of community distributors of the life-saving drug in Charleston County. For a full statewide list, visit <http://naloxonesavessc.org/community-distributors/>.

Charleston Center

5 Charleston Center Drive, Charleston
843-958-3300

Charleston Police Department

180 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston
843-577-7434

The Hope Project

1964 Ashley River Road, Ste. B, Charleston
843-284-6526

St. James Health & Wellness

1189 Tibwin Road, McClellanville
843-887-3274

Tidewater Health

1435 Stuart Engals Blvd., Ste. 101, Mount Pleasant,
843-800-5686

Transcendence Treatment Center

3900 Leeds Ave., Ste. 101, North Charleston,
854-222-3773

WakeUp Carolina

857 Coleman Blvd., Ste. D, Mount Pleasant
843-972-8154

CONTACT Andrew Knapp | Public Information Officer | 843-666-1990 | aknapp@charlestoncounty.org

CONNECT WITH CCSO



CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Kristin Graziano
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405



NON-EMERGENCY
843-202-1700

DISPATCH
843-743-7200

CRIME STOPPERS
843-554-1111



Fentanyl seized.



Items seized, including photos of fentanyl.

CONTACT Andrew Knapp | Public Information Officer | 843-666-1990 | aknapp@charlestoncounty.org

CONNECT WITH CCSO





Tyrell Javon Sistrunk, 27

June 3, 2019

- >>> Led CCSO on pursuit in North Charleston with child, crack cocaine & pistol in vehicle**
- >>> Assaulted arresting deputy**
- >>> Charged with distributing cocaine base, unlawfully carrying a weapon, child endangerment & assaulting an officer while resisting arrest**

June 5, 2019

- >>> Posted \$65,000 bail on above charges**

March 2, 2023

- >>> Bench warrants issued by circuit court for failure to appear on 2019 charges**

April 19, 2023

- >>> CCSO deputies attempted to serve bench warrants at 35 Folly Road Blvd., where Sistrunk was living under alias**
 - >>> Sistrunk fled, initially escaping capture**
 - >>> Drugs, guns found in apartment home**
 - >>> Sistrunk caught after returning to complex**

Charleston County Sheriff's Office



3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K. Guth, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE FENTANYL
(44-53-370)


The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a quantity of a greenish powdery substance which field tested presumptive for Fentanyl and had a gross, aggregate weight of approximately 1143 grams. The seized Fentanyl was located in several locations throughout the residence, individually packaged appearing to be prepared for distribution, along with multiple scales.

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023



Signature of Judge



Affiant

Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston County Sheriff's Office



3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K.Guth, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
44-53-370**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a quantity of a green plant like substance which field tested presumptive for Marijuana and had a gross, aggregate weight of approximately 1249 grams. The seized Marijuana was located in several locations throughout the residence, individually packaged appearing to be prepared for distribution, along with multiple scales.

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Affiant

Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K.Guth , who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
TRAFFICKING SCHEDULE IV DRUGS
44-53-370

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a quantity of white rectangular pills with identifying imprints of "G 372 2" which was identified via Drugs.com as Alprazolam, and had an approximate total of 682. ^(24390 was) According to state statute trafficking of a scheduled narcotic is considered a violent crime. (ASB)

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023

AMA
Signature of Judge

Karl Guth
Affiant
Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston County Sheriff's Office



3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K.Guth , who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING VIOLENT CRIME
16-23-490

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a FA-Cugir M10P assault rifle bearing serial number DF334219, was located on the bed in the bedroom. The firearm had a loaded magazine inserted in it, and had a round in the chamber. A search of the residence also revealed approximately 682 white rectangular pills identified as Alprazolam via Drugs.com. State statute identifies 100 or more ^(293 grams) units of a Scheduled narcotic as Trafficking, which is considered a violent crime. grams ASH

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Affiant
Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston County Sheriff's Office



3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K. Guth , who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING VIOLENT CRIME
16-23-490

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a Glock 17 9mm pistol bearing serial number BXFB780, was located on the bed in the bedroom. The firearm had a loaded magazine inserted in it, and had a round in the chamber. A search of the residence also revealed approximately 682 white rectangular pills identified as Alprazolam via Drugs.com. State statute identifies 100 or more ~~units~~ ^(243 grams) of a Scheduled narcotic as Trafficking, which is considered a violent crime.

grams (PSA)

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023

[Signature]

Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Affiant

Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston County Sheriff's Office



3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

OCA: 2023-005240

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one K.Guth , who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

Did within this County and State on the 19th day of April 2023, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING VIOLENT CRIME
16-23-490

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on April 19, 2023, Detective Guth with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and assisting law enforcement personnel, executed a search warrant of Defendant Tyrell Javon Sistrunk's residence. A subsequent search of the residence was conducted and a FN 5.7 round pistol bearing serial number 386411277, was located on the bed in the bedroom. The firearm had a loaded magazine inserted in it, and had a round in the chamber. A search of the residence also revealed approximately 682 white rectangular pills identified as Alprazolam via Drugs.com. State statute identifies 100 or more ^(643 grams) ~~units~~ grams of a Scheduled narcotic as Trafficking, which is considered a violent crime.

This information provided through the investigative measures of Detective Guth of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, being witness to prove the same, all against the form and dignity of the State of South Carolina, aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 20 day of April, 2023

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Affiant

Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Det. B. Hashim, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

did within this County and State on or about the 3rd day of June, 2019, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE


**POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE BASE
(44-53-375)**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:


That on June 3, 2019, at approximately 1643 hours, while near the intersection of Napoleon Drive and Bonaparte Drive, which is located in the North Charleston section of the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, **TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK**, did commit the offense of violation section **44-53-375** of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE BASE**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously have in his possession and under his direct control, a clear plastic baggie containing approximately 3 grams of an off-white rock-like substance. The rock-like substance was located pursuant to a lawful traffic stop and subsequent pursuit for reckless driving (following too closely and improper lane change). A probable cause search was conducted due to the odor of Marijuana emanating from within the vehicle. The rock-like substance field tested presumptive for Cocaine.

Deputy Carter is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided for against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 4 day of June 2019



Signature of Judge



Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
Phone #: (843) 202-1700

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Dep. B. Hoshier, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

did within this County and State on or about the 3rd day of June, 2019, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE


**UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A PISTOL
(16-23-20)**

The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on June 3, 2019, at approximately 1643 hours, while near the intersection of Napoleon Drive and Bonaparte Drive, which is located in the North Charleston section of the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, **TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK**, did commit the offense of violation section **16-23-20** of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A PISTOL**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously have in his possession and under his direct control, a black Glock/Model 22 .40 Caliber semi-automatic handgun (Serial #: FWC797). The handgun was located pursuant to a lawful traffic stop and subsequent pursuit for reckless driving (following too closely and improper lane change). A probable cause search was conducted due to the odor of Marijuana emanating from within the vehicle. The firearm was not secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment in the vehicle. Furthermore, the defendant did not possess a concealed weapons permit.

Deputy Carter is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided for against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 4 day of June 2019



Signature of Judge



Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
Phone #: (843) 202-1700

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one Dep. B. (Hoskins), who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK

did within this County and State on or about the 3rd day of June, 2019, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

**OPPOSING/RESISTING WHILE ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER
(16-9-320)**


The affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on June 3, 2019, at approximately 1643 hours, while near the intersection of Napoleon Drive and Bonaparte Drive, which is located in the North Charleston section of the County and State aforesaid, the above named defendant, **TYRELL JAVON SISTRUNK**, did commit the offense of violation section **16-9-320** of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976 as amended, **OPPOSING/RESISTING WHILE ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER**, in that he did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously resist arrest while fighting a law enforcement deputy.

That on June 3, 2019, Deputy Carter attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a blue 2019 Kia Niro operated by the defendant for reckless driving (following too closely and improper lane change). The defendant then accelerated in speed in attempts to evade Law Enforcement, which resulted in a vehicle pursuit. After a brief pursuit, the defendant bailed out of the vehicle and fled on foot while it was still in motion. Deputy Carter then gave chase to the defendant. After a brief foot pursuit, Deputy Carter attempted to take the defendant into custody, however, the defendant continued to resist by pulling his arms away from Deputy Carter's grip and reaching underneath his body. The defendant also repeatedly pushed off the ground in attempts to stand back up. Despite Deputy Carter giving loud verbal commands for the defendant to "stop" and informing him that he was "under arrest", he remained combative, constantly pulling his arms away from Deputy Carter and trying to get back to his feet. At one point, the defendant was able to stand up momentarily. While attempting to gain control and escort the defendant back to the ground, he struck Deputy Carter with an elbow in the face.

Deputy Carter is witness to prove the same against the form of the statute in such case made and provided for against the peace and dignity of the state.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 4 day of June 2019



Signature of Judge



Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3691 Leeds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
Phone #: (843) 202-1700