

# Jasper County Sheriff's Office

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### Narcotics Search Warrant Leads to Seizure of Guns, Drugs, and Cash

**RIDGELAND, S.C.** — On August 22, 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Team, with assistance from the Jasper County Tactical Response Team and the Hardeeville Police Department CID Unit, executed a narcotics search warrant at a residence on Hickory Street in Ridgeland.

The Sheriff's Office Special Response Team was deployed due to the nature of the narcotics trafficking investigation, which involved weapons, drugs, and the criminal history of the occupant, **Juan Marquise Clarke**, **36**, **of Ridgeland**.

During the search, investigators seized an AR rifle, a 30-06 rifle, four handguns, body armor, ammunition, an extended magazine drum, \$645 in U.S. currency, home surveillance equipment, fentanyl, Schedule II narcotics, MDMA, marijuana, and three jars of THC wax.

## **Charges:**

- (2) counts of Possession of Stolen Pistol
- (5) counts of Possession of Weapon by Person Convicted of Certain Crimes
- (5) counts of Possession of Weapons During Commission of a Violent Crime
- Possession of a Machine Gun
- Trafficking in MDMA (100–500 dosage units)
- Trafficking Fentanyl (over 28 grams)
- Possession of Schedule II Narcotics (over 50 pills)
- Possession of Marijuana (less than one ounce)