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Lee had suspected methamphetamine and marijuana on his person. Additional suspected methamphetamine, marijuana, and a small

North Central High Senior to Join Prestigious "Call Me MiSTER" Program

WHAT: Formal Letter of Commitment Signing for MiSTER JaKeem Drakeford.
WHEN: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9 a.m.
WHERE: North Central High School

KERSHAW COUNTY, SC — Kershaw County School District invites the media to attend a special signing ceremony as North Central High School Senior JaKeem Drakeford officially commits to the nationally recognized Call Me MiSTER program at Columbia College.

Drakeford, the reigning 2025-2026 Mr. North Central, is a standout student leader involved in Student Government and the Beta Club. He will become the newest member of an elite cohort of educators dedicated to transforming public education in South Carolina. As a member of Call Me MiSTER, MiSTER Drakeford will receive tuition assistance, an academic support system to help ensure success, a cohort system to ensure social and cultural support, and assistance with job placement.

Call Me MiSTER Site Coordinator Craig King and Dean of the School of Education at Columbia College Dr. Tracy West will be in attendance, as well as North Central High School Principal David Branham and JaKeem Drakeford's family.



amount of fentanyl were found inside the house along with a digital scale and a smoking pipe. The suspected methamphetamine weighed 29.25 grams, the marijuana, 14.46 grams, and the fentanyl, 0.1 grams. Eargle and Lee were booked into the Lancaster County Detention Center. Eargle is charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine 10-28 Grams, Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, and two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance in Proximity to Brooklyn Springs Elementary School. Lee is charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine 10-28 Grams, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance in Proximity to Brooklyn Springs Elementary School. Both men appeared before a magistrate Wednesday afternoon and were denied bond. Their photographs and a photograph of the items seized are attached.

"The Task Force has been very busy lately, and this is another successful investigation based on complaints received from the community and information developed by the investigators," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "As long as we keep getting reports of drug sales, we'll keep showing up with search warrants and putting people in jail."

(All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.)

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 803-283-3388 and select Option 4 or submit a tip in one of the following ways: use the link www.p3tips.com/983 or download the P3Tips mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices. Crime tips may be made anonymously.

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