



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Juanita Benbow, a correctional officer at Lee Correctional Institution.

Benbow, 42, of Lynchburg, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office.

Benbow is charged with having a sexual relationship with an inmate inside the prison dorm where he is housed. She was fired after her arrest.

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

2019A3110100409

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2019-091

against

Juanita Benbow

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 148

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Thomas E Horne, Jr - S00169

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 Juanita Benbow on 11-13-19

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
123 South Main Street
P O Box 387
Bishopville, SC 290100387

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Thomas E Horne, Jr who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Juanita Benbow

did within this county and state on or about 9/1/2019 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 and during the month of September 2019, The Defendant (Correctional Officer Juanita Benbow) did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office to wit: Defendant, a public official employed with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did have sexual intercourse with a state inmate, inside the prison dorm where he was housed. Benbow also sent and received numerous text messages with the inmate through WhatsApp. Probable cause is based evidence and self-admittance. This incident did occur at at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Hwy, Lee County, SC, Correctional Police Services Case Number 32-2019-091

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
Columbia, SC 29221-1787

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 9/1/2019 defendant Juanita Benbow

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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 11/13/2019

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Shirley Cockman Davidson

Judge Code: 7269

Judge's Address Post Office Box 2
Bishopville, SC 29010-

Judge's Telephone (803)-48-4-64 x 63

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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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)

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