

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.

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