



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrant today for Markeshia Lawanda Young, a correctional officer at Kershaw Correctional Institution.

Young, 25, of Camden, is charged with misconduct in office. Her charges involve accepting money and gifts from an inmate and communicating with him on a contraband cell phone. 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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2020A2910100350

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE

32-2020-004

against

Markeshia Lawanda Young

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 123

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Laura M Casares - S00407

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 Markeshia Young on 2-11-2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
104 N. Main St.
P O Box 1809
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Laura M Casares

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Markeshia Lawanda Young

did within this county and state on or about 1/23/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

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

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:

That on January 23, 2020, the Defendant, Markeshia L. Young, a sworn officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office to Wit: The Defendant did willfully, dishonestly, and with corrupt intent, engage in misconduct in the form of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, by committing acts in violation of his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer, by communicating with an inmate lawfully incarcerated at the Kershaw Correctional Institution (KerCI) via telephone, accepting money from said inmate through the Zelle application, along with gifts from said inmate sent to a residence. Statements and self-admission will prove the same. This incident occurred at KerCI, located at 4848 Gold Mine Highway, Kershaw, SC, Lancaster County.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone (803)429-3554

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 1/23/2020 defendant Markeshia Lawanda Young

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster

) 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 2/7/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge

Douglas Michael Vecchio

Judge Code: 7225

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East

Lancaster, SC 29721-1809

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

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