



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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For immediate release

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

Wells, 58, of Sumter, is charged with introducing contraband into a prison and criminal conspiracy. His charges involve bringing a telephone SIM card, a SIM card key and installation instructions into the prison. He was fired after his 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

2020A3110100118

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

32-2020-042

against

Stephan Wells

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S00243

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 Stephan Wellson 4-23-2020 10:12 amAgent Lynda Brown  
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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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

Personally appeared before me the affiant Lynda K Brown whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Stephan Wellsdid within this county and state on or about 4/16/2020 violate the criminal laws of theState 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 April 16, 2020 at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, South Carolina, the Defendant, SCDC Correctional Officer Stephen Wells, did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office to wit: The Defendant did not perform his duties as a Correctional Officer by smuggling in contraband (a Galaxy Note 5 Smart Guide, a cell phone Sim Card, and a Sim Card Key) into the institution. These items were discovered by SCDC officers while conducting a search of items being brought into the institution by the defendant as he was reporting for duty. Police Service case is Number 32-2020-042.

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 4/16/2020 defendant Stephan Wells

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 4/22/2020Signature of Issuing Judge Shirley C. Davidson (L.S.)

Shirley Cockman Davidson

Judge Code: 7269Judge's Address Post Office Box 2Bishopville, SC 29010-Judge's Telephone (803)-48-4-64 x 63Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

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DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S00243

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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(L.S.)

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Agent Lynda Brown  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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On April 16, 2020 the defendant, (Correctional Officer Stephan Wells) did commit the offense of introduction of Contraband into a Prison to wit: The defendant while reporting for duty was found to have in his possession hidden inside of his property a cell phone SIM card, SIM card key and directions for installation of those items were discovered by officers conducting the security checks prior to individuals entering the institution. These items have been deemed as contraband by the Director of SCDC. This offense did occur at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Hwy., Bishopville, SC in the County of Lee. Evidence obtained as well as witness statements will prove the same. Police Service Case Number 32-2020-042.

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