

## **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 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.

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DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	his duties	as a Correctional Officer by sn	nuggling	g in contraband (a	Galaxy Note 5 Smart G	luide, a cell phone Sim (	Card, and a Sim	
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Div	vision Card Key)	into the institution. These iter	ns were	discovered by SCI	DC officers while cond	ucting a search of items	being brought into	
Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S00243  Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasand		ion by the defendant as he was	s reporti	ing for duty. Police	e Service case is Number	er 32-2020-042.		
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RETURN WARRANT TO:  General Sessions	on 4/22/20	020	)	Judge's Address	Post Office Box 2			
123 South Main Street	Shirle	y C. Davidson (	L.S.)		Bishopville, SC 29	010-		
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Bishopville, SC 290100387	Similey Code:		)	Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit	
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## Form Approved by STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ARREST WARRANT ORIGINAL S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 County/ Municipality of AFFIDAVIT SCCA 518 2020A3110100119 Lee STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Lynda K Brown Personally appeared before me the affiant County/ Municipality of X being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Stephan Wells did within this county and state on or about 4/16/2020 violate the criminal laws of the Lee State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Lee THE STATE 32-2020-042 in the following particulars: against DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with Stephan Wells Address: the defendant named above did commit there is probable cause to believe that Phone SSN: the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: M 180 On April 16, 2020 the defendant, (Correctional Officer Stephan Wells) did commit the offense of introduction of Contraband into a DL State: DL #: Prison to wit: The defendant while reporting for duty was found to have in his possession hidden inside of his property a cell phone DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C SIM card, SIM card key and directions for installation of those items were discovered by officers conducting the security checks Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division 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 Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S00243 as witness statements will prove the same. Police Service Case Number 32-2020-042. Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with 0074 Offense Code: 24-03-0950 Code/Ordinance Sec: Signature of Affiant CERTIFIED FOR This warrant is SERVICE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Municipality of County/ P.O. Box 21787 Affiant's Address County/ Municipality of The accused Columbia, SC 29221-1787 be arrested and brought before to be Lee Affiant's Telephone with according to the law. (L.S.) ARREST WARRANT Signature of Judge TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY: Date: It appearing from the above affidavit that there reasonable grounds to believe RETURN 4/16/2020 Stephan Wells on or about defendant this arres warrant was delivered to A copy of did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of defendant X County/ Municipality of Lee ) as set forth below: DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with 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 **RETURN WARRANT TO:** on 4/22/2020 General Sessions Judge's Address Post Office Box 2 123 South Main Street 49 Bishopville, SC 29010-PO Box 387 Judge's Telephone (803)-48-4-64 x 63 Shirley Cockman Davidson Bishopville, SC 290100387 7269 Judge Code: **Issuing Court:** Magistrate Municipal Circuit ORIGINAL **ORIGINAL ORIGINAL ORIGINAL** ORIGINAL **ORIGINAL ORIGINAL**