



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

July 6, 2020  
For immediate release  
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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Phyllis Omeka Warren, who worked for a private medical employment service and was contracted/assigned to work at Lee Correctional Institution. She no longer works at any SCDC institution.

Warren, 36, of Marion, is charged with trafficking methamphetamines, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and introducing contraband into a prison. Her charges involve more than 28 grams of meth, 229 grams of marijuana and rolling papers that were found in her work bag.

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.

2020A3110200069

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE 32-2020-063

against

Phylliss Omeka Warren

Address:

Phone:                      SSN:                     

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 6 Weight: 230

DL State: SC DL #: 011294663

DOB:                      Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Mathew P Wentzel - S00304

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III

or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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 Phylliss Omeka Warren

on 7-5-2020

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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April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

AFFIDAVIT

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of )  
Lee )

Personally appeared before me the affiant Matthew P Wentzel who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Phylliss Omeka Warren

did within this county and state on or about 7/4/2020 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 or about July 4, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Lee County SC, one Phylliss Warren a nurse with SCDC did commit the offense of Possession with intent to Distribute Marijuana to wit: The defendant did bring into a State Prison, a package containing a quantity of 229g field weight of marijuana to be distributed into the Prison: Probable cause is based on evidence and witness statements and a written confession from the defendant to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections. Case # 32-2020-063.

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 7/4/2020 defendant Phylliss Omeka Warren

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lee ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 7/5/2020

Judge's Address

Sumter County Summary Court

Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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THE STATE

32-2020-063

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against

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DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0392

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375(C)(2)(a)

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Date:

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RETURN WARRANT TO:

Common Pleas  
123 South Main Street  
P O Box 387  
Bishopville, SC 290100387

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That on or about July 4, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wiscacky Highway, Lee County SC, one Phyliss Warren a nurse with SCDC did commit the offense of Trafficking Methamphetamine to wit: The defendant did bring into a State Prison, a package containing a quantity of more than 28grams but less than 100grams of methamphetamine. This was discovered while conducting a lawful search of her property upon her entering the Institution. Probable cause is based on evidence, witness statements and a written confession from the defendant to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections. Case # 32-2020-063.

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Lee Anna Tindal  
Judge Code: 5769Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Prosecuting Officer: Matthew P Wentzel - S00304

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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That on or about July 4, 2020, at Lee Correctional Institution located at 990 Wiscacky Highway, Lee County SC, one Phylliss Warren a nurse with SCDC did commit the offense of Introduction of Contraband into a state prison to wit: The defendant did attempt to conceal entering the front gate of Lee Correctional Institution, inside her work bag marijuana, rolling papers and methamphetamine: Probable cause is based on evidence and witness statements and a written confession from the defendant to Police Services South Carolina Department of Corrections. Case # 32-2020-063.

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