



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 Karen H. Tuttle, a former correctional officer at Goodman Correctional Institution.

Tuttle, 55, of Columbia, is charged with misconduct in office. The charges against her involve using various cash applications to exchange money with an inmate at Turbeville Correctional Institution and communicating with him by telephone. She is no longer employed by the department.

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

2020A4010500207

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

33-2020-057

against

Karen H Tuttle

Address:

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Laura M Casares - S02072

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 Karen H Tuttle

on 7-22-2020

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Laura M Casares

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Karen H Tuttle

did within this county and state on or about 1/29/2020

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

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 between the months of January 29, 2020 and June, 2020, the Defendant, Karen H. Tuttle, 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 her duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer, by communicating with an inmate lawfully incarcerated at the Turbeville Correctional Institution via telephone, and sending/accepting money from said inmate through multiple applications (to include Cash App and Walmart Money Pak). Electronic evidence will prove the same. This incident occurred at 8100 Bayfield Rd., Apt. 14G, Columbia, SC, 29223, Richland County.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

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 1/29/2020

defendant Karen H Tuttle

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) 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 7/20/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge
Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

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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