



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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For immediate release

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Lee Correctional Institution.

Mary Louise McElveen, 59, of Lynchburg, is charged with possession of synthetic marijuana (K2) with intent to distribute, providing contraband to a prisoner and misconduct in office. The charges involve 1,266 grams of a substance believed to be K2 concealed in vacuum-sealed bags inside her work vest. 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.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

## ARREST WARRANT

2021A3110100260

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE

36-2021-085

against

Mary Louise McElveen

Address:

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig

Prosecuting Officer: William J Welch - S00350

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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 Mary McElveen

on 10/21/21

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

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## AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant William J Welch who  
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mary Louise McElveen  
did within this county and state on or about 10/21/2021 violate the criminal laws of the  
State 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:

That on October 21, 2021, in the County of Lee, the Defendant, Mary McElveen, did have in her possession vacuumed sealed bags in her vest containing contraband at Lee Correctional Institution, located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, South Carolina. The Defendant is employed by SCDC as a Sworn Officer and with the corrupt intent, engage in misconduct in the form of Malfeasance by committing acts in violation of her duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer. The defendant entered the lobby of the institution with her belongings and the officer processing the reporting shift began to search the defendants property locating several vacuumed sealed bags in her vest. Inside the sealed bags was a quantity of synthetic marijuana (K2). The defendant admitted under Miranda of concealing the vacuumed bags in her vest. Items are consistent with means used to introduce contraband inside an institution. Probable Cause is based on OII Investigation. Case#36-2021-085

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 10/21/2021 defendant Mary Louise McElveen  
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 10/21/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge

Windi King

Judge Code: 7454

(L.S.)

Judge's Address P.O. Box 2  
Bishopville, SC 29010-

Judge's Telephone (803)484-5905

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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## ARREST WARRANT

2021A3110100259

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lee

THE STATE  
against

36-2021-085

Mary Louise Mcelveen

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 2 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig:

Prosecuting Officer: William J Welch - S00350

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

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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:

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on 10/22/21

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 October 21, 2021, in the County of Lee, the Defendant, Mary McElveen, did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a  
prisoner and/or possess contraband at Lee Correctional Institution, located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, South Carolina.  
The Defendant is employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections as an officer. The defendant entered the lobby of the  
institution with her belongings and the officer processing the reporting shift began to search the defendants property locating several  
vacuumed sealed bags in her vest. Inside the sealed bags was a quantity of synthetic marijuana (K2). The defendant admitted under  
Miranda of concealing the vacuumed bags in her vest. Items are consistent with means used to introduce contraband inside an  
institution. All items are consider to be contraband as listed by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.  
Probable Cause is based on OII Investigation. Case # 36-2021-085.

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Windi King

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## ARREST WARRANT

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Lee

THE STATE

36-2021-085

against

Mary Louise McElveen

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Phone:

SSN

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DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Investig:

Prosecuting Officer: William J Welch - S00350

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)

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That on October 21, 2021, in the County of Lee, the Defendant, Mary McElveen, did her possession with intent to distribute synthetic marijuana at Lee Correctional Institution, located at 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, South Carolina. The Defendant is employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections as an officer. The defendant entered the lobby of the institution with her belongings and the officer processing the reporting shift began to search the defendants property locating several vacuumed sealed bags in her vest. Inside the sealed bags was a quantity of synthetic marijuana (K2) with a weight of 1266 gms. The defendant admitted under Miranda of concealing the vacuumed bags in her vest. Items are consistent with means used to introduce contraband inside an institution. All items are consider to be contraband as listed by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Probable Cause is based on OII Investigation. Case # 36-2021-085.

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