



South Carolina Department of Corrections

Dec. 14, 2022

For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Perry Correctional Institution.

Zuleika Marie Santiago, 28, of Spartanburg, is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate. The charges involve an ongoing sexual relationship from Sept. 1 to Dec. 13 with an SCDC inmate who was housed at the Union County Detention Center. She was fired.

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

2022A4410200247

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

THE STATE

34-2022-123

against

Zuleika Marie Santiago

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: Height: 4 11 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Zuri E Gebert - S00410

Offense: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state

Offense Code: 0461

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(1)

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 Zuleika Santiago on 12/13/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
210 W. Main Street
P O Box 703
Union, SC 29379

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Union

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone

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TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

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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 12/13/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge

Joseph F. Hart

Judge Code: 7470Judge's Address 210 West Main StreetUnion, SC 29379-Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Signature of Issuing Judge
Jimmy Dean Crocker (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 5934

Judge's Address Union County Courthouse

Union, SC 29379-

Judge's Telephone (864)429-1648

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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