



South Carolina Department of Corrections

July 19, 2023

For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today for two former officers in unrelated incidents at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Jada Nicole James, 22, of Edgefield, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office. Her charges involve an inappropriate relationship with an inmate between Jan. 14, 2022-Dec. 26, 2022. She resigned before charges were filed.

Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart, 59, of Plum Branch, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office. Her charges involve an inappropriate relationship with an inmate between Dec. 1, 2021-March 1, 2022. 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

2023A3510100154

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

against

Jada Nicole James

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 10 weight: 243

DL State: SC DL #: SC040095C

DOB: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Julie L Swank - S00347

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 Jada James

on July 14 2023

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

McCormick Magistrate
211 West Augusta Street, Extension
Post Office Box 1116
McCormick, SC 29835

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

Personally appeared before me the affiant Julie L Swank

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jada Nicole James

did within this county and state on or about 1/14/2022

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

McCormick

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

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:

Between the months of 01/14/2022 and 12/26/2022, the defendant, Correctional Officer Jada James, employed by the State of South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did commit the offense of Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate 1st Degree to wit: The defendant did have sexual intercourse with state inmate [REDACTED] located in the Town of McCormick, SC. 29899. The victim has been housed at MCI since 08/21/2019 and remains incarcerated at MCI. The defendant was employed by SCDC in March of 2021 and worked as a State Correctional Officer at MCI until April of 2022. Probable cause is based audio recorded phone calls between the victim and the defendant, Jada James, and a confession post miranda by the defendant she had a relationship with the victim. This incident did occur at MCI. The Affiant is witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

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 1/14/2022

defendant Jada Nicole James

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of McCormick

) as set forth below:

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

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 7/11/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Patty L Smith

Judge Code: 5924

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-1116

Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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2023A3510100153

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE
against

Jada Nicole James

Address:

Phone: SSN: 243

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 243

DL State: SC DL #: SC040095C

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Julie L Swank - S00347

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

Between the months of 01/14/2022 and 12/26/2022, the defendant, Correctional Officer Jada James, employed by the State of South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did commit the offense of Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate 1st Degree 44-23-1150(C)(1) to wit: The defendant did have sexual intercourse with state inmate [REDACTED] t McCormick Correctional Institution (MCI) located in the Town of McCormick, SC. 29899. The victim has been housed at MCI since 08/21/2019 and remains incarcerated at MCI. The defendant was employed by SCDC in March of 2021 and worked as a State Correctional Officer at MCI until April of 2022. Probable cause is based audio recorded phone calls between the victim and the defendant, Jada James, and a confession post miranda by the defendant she had a relationship with the victim. This incident did occur at MCI. The Affiant is witness to prove the same.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3510100159

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

against

Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart

Address:

Phone:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 3 weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: SC Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Zuri E Gebert - S00348

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 Shirlee Craig on 7-19-23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart

did within this county and state on or about 12/1/2021

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

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That between December 1, 2021 and March 1, 2022, in the county of McCormick, one Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart did commit the crime of Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility in that he/she did (see attached affidavit). Incident investigated by SA Gebert of the SCDOC.

Signature of Affiant

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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 12/1/2021 defendant Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart

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

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 7/14/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
John Cliff Long

Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P.O. Box 1116
McCormick, SC 29835-

Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3510100160

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

against

Shirlee Renee Craig-Hart

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 5 Weight: 125

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Zuri E Gebert - S00348

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Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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

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