



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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

Leslie Morgan Roach, 33, of Anderson, is charged with furnishing contraband to a prisoner and criminal conspiracy. The charges involve narcotics, jewelry, oils and other contraband items, and the actions occurred while she worked at Lieber. She resigned before the illegal activity was discovered.

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.

ARREST WARRANT

2023A1810200152

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE against

Leslie Morgan Roach

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 8 Weight: 290

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00988

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:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Leslie Morgan Roach on 2/18/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd. St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Richard M Darling who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Leslie Morgan Roach did within this county and state on or about 9/13/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Dorchester)

In the following particulars:

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:

Between the dates of September 13, 2022 and October 5, 2022 Defendant Leslie Roach along with a Co Defendant did violate Section 24-03-950 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Contraband to wit: The Defendant did conspire with a Co-Defendant a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate via text messages to introduce contraband such as oils, jewelry, narcotics and other miscellaneous items into the Lieber Correctional Facility (LCI) located at 136 Wilborn Ave Ridgeville SC, 29472. The defendant did successfully introduce contraband into LCI according to text messages. Probable Cause is based on defendant being identified through text messages, cell phone extraction, and defendants self admitting to talking to Co-defendant on her phone. Narcotics, Jewelry, oils are deemed contraband by the director of SCDC. Signs prohibiting contraband are posted in a conspicuous areas for all visitors, inmates and employees to see.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Dorchester

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 9/13/2022 defendant Leslie Morgan Roach did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:

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

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 2/7/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge Amanda Michelle Leviner Judge Code: 7177

Judge's Address Troy Knight Judicial Complex Summerville, SC 29483-4707 Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

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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Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Richard M Darling - S00988

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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AFFIDAVIT

ORIGINAL Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 51B

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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 dates of September 13, 2022 and October 5, 2022 Defendant Leslie Roach along with a Co Defendant did violate Section 16-17-410 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Criminal Conspiracy, to wit: The Defendant did conspire with a Co-Defendant a South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) inmate with the purpose of committing an unlawful act by unlawful means. The Defendant did communicate and conspire via text messages with the Co-Defendant to introduce contraband such as oils, jewelery, narcotics and other miscellaneous items into the Lieber Correctional Facility (LCI) located at 136 Wilborn Ave Ridgeville SC, 29472. The defendant did successfully introduce contraband into LCI according to text messages. Probable Cause is based on defendant being identified through text messages, cell phone extraction, and defendants self admitting to talking to Co-defendant on her phone.

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