



## South Carolina Department of Corrections

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

Emma Leah Cockrell, 23, of Greenwood, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, providing contraband to prisoners, misconduct in office and conspiring to obtain drugs. Charges against her involve bringing marijuana into the prison hidden inside cupcakes. 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.

The arrest warrants and photos are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2025A3510100016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Emma Leah Cockrell

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted] Sex: F Race: W Height: 5'11" Weight: 198

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: SCD Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330

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)

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 E. Cockrell on January 19, 2025

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 ) [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of ) Mccormick )

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Personally appeared before me the affiant Amanda N Gabbard who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Emma Leah Cockrell did within this county and state on or about 1/18/2025 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Mccormick ) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 January 18, 2025 in the city/county of McCormick, one Emma Leah Cockrell did aid, abet, attempt or conspire to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, purchase and or possess Marijuana, with the intent to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or purchase Marijuana, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analogue classified in Schedule I (b) and (c) which is a narcotic drug or lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) or in Schedule II which is a narcotic drug. See attached affidavit.

Signature of Affiant

A. Gabbard

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] 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 1/18/2025 defendant Emma Leah Cockrell did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Mccormick ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

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 1/19/2025

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: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3510100017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE

against

Emma Leah Cockrell

Address: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 1 Weight: 198

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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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 January 18, 2025, in the county of McCormick, one Emma Leah Cockrell did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in that he/she did (see attached affidavit).

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Mccormick

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

ARREST WARRANT

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on or about 1/18/2025 defendant Emma Leah Cockrell 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: 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

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[Handwritten Signature] (L.S.) John Cliff Long Judge Code: 7261

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Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3510100018

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Mccormick

THE STATE against

Emma Leah Cockrell

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSI [Redacted] Sex: F Race: W Height: 5'1" Weight: 198

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330

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

Offense Code: 0074 Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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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 January 18, 2025, in the county of McCormick, one Emma Leah Cockrell did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a prisoner at McCormick Correctional Facility and/or possess contraband, Marijuana. The contraband is listed on a published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. See attached affidavit.

Signature of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature: A. Gabbard]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of ) Mccormick )

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A3510100019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE against

Emma Leah Cockrell

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 1 Weight: 198

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector General

Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330

Offense: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisions of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive

Offense Code: 0027

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0420

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisions of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive offense)

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 January 18, 2025 in the city/county of McCormick, one Emma Leah Cockrell did attempt to obtain , a scheduled controlled substance by fraud, misrepresentation, forgery and/or subterfuge by ( see attached affidavit ).

Signature of Affiant

[Signature of A. Gabbard]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of )

McCormick )

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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