

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a

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.

correctional officer at McCormick Correctional Institution.

ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOU	TH CAROLINA)			ODIOMAI	Form Approved by
2025A3510100016	X County/	Municipality of)	AFFIDA		ORIGINAL	S C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick)				
X County/ Municipality of	Personally app	eared before me the affin	ant Amanda	N Gabbard			who
Mccormick	being duly sw	orn deposes and says th	at defendant	Emma Leah Cockre	ell		
Meconnick	■1	county and state on or ab	1710/2025			violate the	criminal laws of the
THE STATE	in the following	Carolina (or ordinance of	X County/	Municipality of	Mccormick)
against Emma Leah Cockrell			C C-4h		II 0:		
Address;		OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Ma	nui., poss. oi ou	ier sub. in Sch. I, II, I	ii or iiunitrazepam o	r analogue, w.i.	t.d 1st offense
Address:							
Phone: SSN:		that there is probable forth and that probable			defendant named ab	pove did comm	nit
Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 1 vveignt: DL State: SC DL#:	198 That on Janua	y 18, 2025 in the city/cou	nty of McCormi	ck, one Emma Leah (Cockrell did aid, abet	, attempt or con	ispire to
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	manufacture, o	istribute, dispense, delive	r, purchase and o	or possess Marijuana,	with the intent to ma	anufacture, distr	ribute, dispense,
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Ger		chase Marijuana, a control ug or lysergic acid diethyl					
Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330		ag or typergie dela diedity.	aimee (ESD) or	in Schedule II which	is a narcotte drug. 5	ec attached ann	uavit.
Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II,							
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st offens	se			1			
Offense Code: 0186 Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)					1-1		
		Signature of Aff	iant	1. (10	DO OUT		
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOU	TH CAROLINA	a a				
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is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Mccormick) Afficant's	Telephone	, SC 29221-1787		
dealt with according to the law.			- Alliants	Telephone			
(L	S.)		AR	REST WARRANT			
Signature of Judge							
Date:	TO ANY LAW E	NFORCEMENT OFFICER OF			Y CONSTABLE OF TH	HIS COUNTY:	
RETURN		It appearing	from the abo	ve affidavit that	there are reason	nable grounds	to believe that
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to		18/2025	defenda		ockrell		
defendant, E-Cockrell		criminal laws of the State	of South Caro	lina (or ordinance of			
on January 19, 7025	X County/	Municipality of	Mccormick) as set fo	orth below:	
	DESCRIPTION	of OFFENSE: Drugs / Ma	nuf., poss. of otl	ner sub. in Sch. I, II,	III or flunitrazepam o	or analogue, w.i	.t.d 1st offense
	Having found pro	pable cause and the above affi	ant having sworn b	efore me. vou are empoy	vered and directed to am	est the said defend	tant and bring him or
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me for soon thereafter a	hwith to be dealt with according	ig to law. A copy of	this Arrest Warrant shall	be delivered to the defer	ndant at the time of	f its execution, or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and sub	scribed before me)				
Mccormick Magistrate	on 1/19/2025) Judge's	Address P. O. Box	x 1116		
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	//4	- (2-1	L.S.)		ick, SC 29835-		
Post Office Box 1116	Signature of Issuing J		Judge's		-2-23 x 16		
Mccormick, SC 29835	John Cliff Long Judge Code:	; 7261)) lee			Municipal	Circuit
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	Municipality of		sworn deposes and says		Amanda N Gabb			who
Mccormick		did within t	nis county and state on	orahout	1/18/2025	Leah Cockrell		
Т	THE STATE		th Carolina (or ordinance			Municipality of Ma		criminal laws of the
	against	in the follow	ving particulars:	A		IVI	ccormick)
Emma Leah Cockrell		DESCRIPTION	N OF OFFENSE: Miscond	duct / M	isconduct in office	nalfeasance misfassan		
Address:				ddet / IVI	isconduct in office, i	maneasance, misteasan	ce, or nonreasance	
Phone:	CCN	I further s	ate that there is pro	bable o	ause to believe	that the defendant	named above did commi	
Sex: F Race: W	Height: 5 1 Weight:		et forth and that probab	le cause	is based on the	following facts:		
DL State: SC DL#:		That on Jan	uary 18, 2025, in the cour	nty of M	cCormick, one Emm	a Leah Cockrell did co	ommit the crime of Miscone	duct / Misconduct
DOB:	Agency ORI #: SC040095C		lfeasance, misfeasance, o	or nonfea	sance in that he/she	did (see attached affid	avit).	adet / Wilscollddel
Prosecuting Agency: S C D (Prosecuting Officer: Amand	C Office Of The Inspector Ge	nera						
	la N Gabbard - S00330							
misfeasance, or not	conduct in office, malfeasance	<u>, </u>						
Offense Code: 0819	incasance							
Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0	0000	_			L 0	1		
This warrant is CERTIFIED	D FOR SERVICE in the		Signature of	Affiant		10 Honad		
County/ Municipal		STATE OF SO	UTH CAROLINA		10	(0000009)		
	. The accu	County/	Municipality of		Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
	prought before me to be	Mccormick				Columbia, SC 2922	1-1787	
dealt with according to the la	aw.	- Trecommen			Affiant's Telephone			
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Signature					ARREST W	/ARRANT		
Date:	or suage							
		TO ANY LAW	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	OF THIS	STATE OR MUNICIPA	ALITY OR ANY CONSTA	BLE OF THIS COUNTY:	
RI	ETURN		It appearing	from	the above affida	vit that there are	roosenshi-	to believe that
A copy of this arrest warrant	was delivered to		1/18/2025		defendant Emm	na Leah Cockrell	5 ~ 3 € 100, 3000000	
defendant, L. ('\)	ckrell	did violate the	criminal laws of the St	ate of S	South Carolina (or or	rdinance of		
on January	19, 2025	Godiny	Ividincipality of	Mcco	rmick) as set forth below:	
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Signature of Constable	le/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me fo	rthwith to be dealt with accord	affiant hav	ing sworn before me, you	ou are empowered and dire	ected to arrest the said defendar o the defendant at the time of its	nt and bring him or
RETURN WARRANT TO:			as is practicable bscribed before me	-)	variant shall be delivered t	o the defendant at the time of its	execution, or as
Mccormick Magistrate		on 1/19/2025)			
211 West Augusta Stree	et, Extension			(1.6)	Judge's Address	P. O. Box 1116	2000	
Post Office Box 1116		Signature of Issuing		(L.S.) -)	McCormick, SC 29	835-	
Mccormick, SC 29835		John Cliff Lor) Judge's Telephone	(864)-85-2-23 x 16		
ORIGINAL	OPICINAL	Judge Code:	7261) Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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2025A3510100018	X County/	Municipality of)	AFFIDAVIT	ORIGINAL	S C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick		Amondo N. Cokh	1		
X County/ Municipality of		ed before me the affiant	Amanda N Gabba			who
Mccormick		deposes and says that unty and state on or about		eah Cockrell		
			1/18/2025	Ausiainality of		criminal laws of the
THE STATE	in the following p		County/	Municipality of Mcco	rmick)
against						
Emma Leah Cockrell	DESCRIPTION OF	OFFENSE: Prisoners / Cor	traband, possession b	y prisoner, furnishing or a	attempt to furnish prison	ner with
Address:						
Phone: SSI	the crime set for	hat there is probable th and that probable caus	cause to believe t	that the defendant nan	ned above did comm	it
Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 1 Weight:	108			-		
DL State: SC DL#:	prisoner at McCon	8, 2025, in the county of Marmick Correctional Facility	Accormick, one Emm	a Leah Cockrell did furni	sh or attempt to furnish	contraband to a
DOB: Agency ORI #: <u>SC040095C</u>	conspicuously loc	ated list of contraband iter	ns. See attached affida	avit	ntraband is listed on a p	aublished and
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector	Genera			.,,,,		
Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330						
Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prison furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with						
Offense Code: 0074	1					
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950				\cap	1	
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dealt with according to the law.	Mccormick Mccormick		Affiant's Telephone			
	(L.S.)					
Signature of Judge			ARREST W	/ARRANT		
Date:	TO ANN I AM ENE					
		PRCEMENT OFFICER OF TH	IS STATE OR MUNICIPA	LITY OR ANY CONSTABLE	OF THIS COUNTY:	
RETURN		It appearing from	the above affida	vit that there are	reasonable grounds	to believe that
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about $1/18/$		defendant Emm	na Leah Cockrell		
defendant F. CockveN	did violate the crin	ninal laws of the State of	South Carolina (or or	rdinance of		
on <u>Janyan</u> 19, 2025	X County/	Municipality of Mcc	cormick) 8	as set forth below:	
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me forthwi	e cause and the above affiant hath to be dealt with according to practicable	laving sworn before me, you	ou are empowered and directe	d to arrest the said defendar	nt and bring him or
	soon thereafter as is p Sworn to and subscri		\	variant shall be delivered to th	e derendant at the time of it	s execution, or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:	on 1/19/2025	Jed Jeiore Hie	,			
Mccormick Magistrate		0 -	Judge's Address	P. O. Box 1116		
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	Signature of Issuing Judge	(L.S.))	McCormick, SC 2983:	5-	
Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835	John Cliff Long		Judge's Telephone	(864)-85-2-23 x 16		
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick	eared before me the affiar	t Amanda N Gabba	ard		who
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Mccormick		county and state on or abo	The second secon		violate the	e criminal laws of the
THE STATE		Carolina (or ordinance of	X County/	Municipality of Mcc	ormick)
against	in the following				1 4 161	
Emma Leah Cockrell	— DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Atter offense)	npt and conspiracy, gen	eral provisions of the dr	ug laws (half the penalt	y of substantive
Address:	_	01101100)				
Phone: SSN		e that there is probable ca		that the defendant national following facts:	amed above did com	mit
	That on Janua	ry 18, 2025 in the city/coun	ty of McCormick, one E	mma Leah Cockrell did	attempt to obtain, a sci	heduled controlled
DL State: SC DL#: DOB: Agency UKI#: SC040095C	substance by	raud, misrepresentation, for	gery and/or subterfuge b	by (see attached affidavi	it).	
Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Gen	 nera					
Prosecuting Officer: Amanda N Gabbard - S00330	_					
Offense: Drugs / Attempt and conspiracy, general provisio of the drug laws (half the penalty of substantive	ons					
Offense Code: 0027			Λ			
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0420		Signature of Affia	nt / (1 abbon	d	
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County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOU X County/	Municipality of	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
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is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.	Mccormick		Affiant's Telephone		- 11	
(L	S.)		ARREST V	WARRANT		
Signature of Judge						
Date:	— TO ANY LAW E	NFORCEMENT OFFICER OF It appearing f		PALITY OR ANY CONSTART avit that there are		to bolique that
RETURN			ion the above and	avit tilat tilele ale	reasonable grounds	to believe that
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	-	/18/2025		ma Leah Cockrell		
defendant t (ocknew)	did violate the	criminal laws of the State Municipality of	Accormick	ordinance of) as set forth below:	
on January 10, 2015						C b
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	soon thereafter a	is is practicable bscribed before me)			
RETURN WARRANT TO:	on 1/19/2025) Judgala Adda	D O Day 1116		
Mccormick Magistrate 211 West Augusta Street, Extension			Judge's Address	P. O. Box 1116 McCormick, SC 29	835-	
Post Office Box 1116	Signature of Issuing	Judge	Judge's Telephone			
Mccormick, SC 29835	John Cliff Lor Judge Code:	g 7261) Issuing Cour		Municipal	Circuit
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