



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released the arrest warrant today for a licensed practical nurse who worked at Broad River Correctional Institution.

Stephanie A. Braun, 39, of Moncks Corner, is charged with second-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate. The charge involves having an ongoing sexual relationship with an inmate since March. 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 warrant is attached.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Blythewood Magistrate

THE STATE

03-2025-055

against

Stephanie A Braun

Address:

Phone: SSN

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 2 Weight: 150

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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

Prosecuting Officer: William C Pruitt - S03439

Offense: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

Offense Code: 2893

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

on June 26, 2025 1:23pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Blythewood Magistrate
118-A McNulty Street
Blythewood, SC 29016

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)

Richland / Blythewood Magistrate)

Personally appeared before me the affiant William C Pruitt

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Stephanie A Braun

did within this county and state on or about 3/28/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Blythewood Magistrate)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

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:

On 6/6/25, the SCDC OIG recovered recorded inmate phone calls of the defendant, Stephanie Braun, a South Carolina Licensed Nurse employed by SCDC. The recorded phone calls took place between 3-26-25 to 6-6-25. During these calls, the Def and the inmate, [REDACTED] engaged in sexual conversation and talked about sexual acts previously performed on one another, which described the Def having placed the victim's penis into her mouth. This occurred while the Vic was lawfully incarcerated and the Def was employed by SCDC. The investigation found multiple other recorded phone calls discussing their romantic relationship. On 6-24-25, the Affiant discussed the scheduling of a formal interview during which the Def, without prompt or inquiry, confessed to her actions of having and unlawful sexual relationship with the Vic and the introduction of Contraband into the Broad River Correctional Institution, which is the location both the Def worked, and the Vic was lawfully incarcerated.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Blythewood Magistrate

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 3/28/2025 defendant Stephanie A Braun

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Blythewood Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / Second degree sexual misconduct with inmate, patient

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 6/26/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Diedra Wilson Hightower

Judge Code: 7426

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Blythewood District

Columbia, SC 29016-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-1580

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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