

## **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 Wateree River Correctional Institution.

Miesha Janai Carter, 29, of Bishopville, is charged with misconduct in office and criminal conspiracy. The charges involve conspiring to bring alcohol into the institution disguised as water. 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.

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ORIGINAL ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT County Municipality of 2025A4310100942 Sumter STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Lynda K Brown Personally appeared before me the affiant Municipality of County/ being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Miesha Janai Carter violate the criminal laws of the did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2025 Sumter Municipality of State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County Sumter THE STATE 02-2025-095 in the following particulars against DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance Miesha Janai Carter Address there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit I further state that the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts SSN: Phone: 223 B Height: 5 3 Weight: Sex: That on 09-17-2025, at Wateree Correctional Institution.at 8200 State Farm RD, in Sumter, did commit the crime of Misconduct in DL State: DL #: office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, while employed as a correctional officer with the South Carolina Dept. of Corrections, did unlawfully and willfully agree, combine, or conspire with one or more individuals to commit the offense of Agency ORI #: SC040095C DOB: Introduction of Contraband into a Prison. The def. knowingly participated in a plan to introduce contraband into Wateree S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera Prosecuting Agency: Correctional, specifically a water bottle with alcohol inside. Said contraband was discovered inside the def.'s vehicle, which was Lynda K Brown - S01124 Prosecuting Officer located on institutional property. Evidence supporting this charge includes the recovery of the contraband as well as a written Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, confession voluntarily provided by the def. to the Office of the Ipspector General post Miranda, in which the def.admitted to misfeasance, or nonfeasance knowingly attempting to bring the prohibited items into the facility, and acknowledged coordination with at least one other 0819 Offense Code: 17-25-0030 Code/Ordinance Sec Signature of Affiant CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE This warrant STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA P.O. Box 21787 Municipality of County Affiant's Address County Municipality of The accused Columbia, SC 29221-1787 be to Sumter (803)730-0938 brought before Affiant's Telephone arrested and dealt with according to the (L.S.) ARREST WARRANT Signature of Judge TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY: Date from above affidavit that reasonable RETURN 9/17/2025 on or about Miesha Janai Carter defendant this arrest warrant was delivered to of the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina Miesha Carter defendant ) as set forth below County Municipality of Sumter 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 ignature of Constable/Law Enforcement Office soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions 215 N. Harvin St. Sumter, SC 29150

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6n 9/17/2025 Larry Blanding

Judge's Address

190 East Canal Street

Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

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Form Approved by

April 21, 2003

S.C. Attorney General

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