



## **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 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.

## ARREST WARRANT

2025A4310100942

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Sumter

THE STATE

02-2025-095

against

Miesha Janai Carter

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 3 Weight: 223

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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

Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S01124

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 Miesha Janai Carter

on Sept 17 2025 2:20 pm

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Sumter

Personally appeared before me the affiant Lynda K Brown who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Miesha Janai Carter

did within this county and state on or about 9/17/2025 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Sumter )

in the following particulars:

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 09-17-2025, at Wateree Correctional Institution, at 8200 State Farm RD, in Sumter, did commit the crime of Misconduct in 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 Introduction of Contraband into a Prison. The def. knowingly participated in a plan to introduce contraband into Wateree Correctional, specifically a water bottle with alcohol inside. Said contraband was discovered inside the def.'s vehicle, which was located on institutional property. Evidence supporting this charge includes the recovery of the contraband as well as a written confession voluntarily provided by the def. to the Office of the Inspector General post Miranda, in which the def. admitted to knowingly attempting to bring the prohibited items into the facility, and acknowledged coordination with at least one other

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Sumter

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

Affiant's Telephone (803)730-0938

## 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 9/17/2025

defendant Miesha Janai Carter

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Sumter ) 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

on 9/17/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Larry Blanding

Judge Code: 7349

Judge's Address 190 East Canal Street

Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

Issuing Court ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by  
S.C. Attorney General  
April 21, 2003  
SCCA 518

## ARREST WARRANT

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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02-2025-095

against

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

Prosecuting Officer: Lynda K Brown - S01124

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law  
conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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The accused

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dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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employed as a correctional officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did unlawfully and willfully agree, combine,  
or conspire with one or more individuals to commit the offense of Introduction of Contraband into a Prison. The defendant  
knowingly participated in a plan to introduce contraband into Wateree Correctional, specifically a water bottle with alcohol inside.  
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