



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 former SCDC nurse at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center.

Courtney Williams, 36, of Swansea, was charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and bribery. The charges involve having a sexual relationship and exchanging sexually explicit photographs, texts and video calls with an inmate on his illegal cellphone between March 30-May 29. Williams left SCDC in April and was a nurse at the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice, where she resigned while under investigation earlier this month.

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.



ATTENTION DEPUTIES
PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO
CONTRABAND IS PLACED
IN FACILITY GARAGE
CANS WHEN DRIVING
OFF DETAINMENT
ADDITIONALLY
DETAINEES USE
RESTROOM VOUCHERS
AREA AFTERWARDS
ENSURE NO
CONTRABAND IS
LEFT BEHIND

NO SMOKING

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010203012

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE 05-2026-022

against

Courtney Williams

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 6 Weight: 160

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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

Prosecuting Officer: Brian M Rowe - S02775

Offense: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

Offense Code: 0409

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-13-0705

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 Courtney Williams Courtney Williams on 6/12/26

Signature of Constable Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Richland Bond Court)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian M Rowe who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Courtney Williams

did within this county and state on or about 3/30/2026 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland Bond Court)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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:

From March 30, 26 to May 29, 26, the def, Courtney Williams, a registered nurse employed within Richland County as a Nursing Supervisor with SCDC and as a nurse at SCDJJ, committed ethics violations and sexual misconduct with an inmate under her direct care and supervision, and used her official access and authority to facilitate the conduct. The def sent explicit images and videos of herself to the inmate, while failing to report the inmate's possession of a contraband cell phone. The def planned sexual intercourse with the inmate in her workplace within the prison, exploiting her access to the inmate and medical locations. Communications confirmed that completed sexual intercourse with penetration occurred between the def and the inmate. This is based on evidence obtained from digital forensic extractions of the inmate's cell phone and the defendant's cell phone, video footage, and statements

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Richland Bond Court)

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 3/30/2026 defendant Courtney Williams

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

County/ Municipality of Richland Bond Court) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, bribes, influence action of public employee, member, official or witness

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 6/19/2026)

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Shanita Denise Grimes

Judge Code: 7507

Judge's Address 201 John Mark Dial DriveL

Columbia, SC 29209-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-3281

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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

ARREST WARRANT

2026A4010500118

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE 05-2026-022
against

Courtney Williams

Address

Phone SSN:

Sex F Race W Height 5 6 Weight 160

DL State SC DL #

DOB Agency ORI # SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera

Prosecuting Officer Brian M Rowe - S02775

Offense Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of
correctional facility or patient or trainee of state

Offense Code 0461

Code/Ordinance Sec 44-23-1150(C)(1)

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 County/ Municipality of

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dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

RETURN

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defendant Courtney Williams Courtney Williams
on 6/22/26

Brian M Rowe
Signature of Constable/Arrest Management Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 514

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian M Rowe who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Courtney Williams
did within this county and state on or about 3/30/2026 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state
mental health facility

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 or about 03/30/2026 - 05/29/2026 while employed with the SCDC and SCDJJ Magistrate District of Richland County it is
believed that one Courtney Williams did commit the crime of Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional
facility because the def did plan and engaged in sexual intercourse with penetration with an inmate at Kirkland Correctional
Institution. Afterwards, the def and the inmate exchanged sexually explicit messages in which the def provided details of the sexual
intercourse, confirming that sexual intercourse had occurred. The def also communicated using a contraband cell phone and
participated in over one thousand text messages, phone calls, and video chats with the inmate, containing sexually explicit content
and sexual acts previously performed on one another. The def shared images of herself exposing her genitalia and videos of herself
masturbating with the inmate. This is based on evidence from the inmates' and employees' cell phones, video footage, and statements

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate)

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
Columbia, SC 29221-1787
Affiant's Telephone (803)896-8560

ARREST WARRANT

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on or about 3/30/2026 defendant Courtney Williams
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
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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 6/18/2026

Michael David Scott
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Michael David Scott
Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District
Columbia, SC 29210-
Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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