South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Inspector General released the arrest warrants today for a former correctional sergeant at Tyger River Correctional Institution.

Dezoray Nichole West, 25, of Spartanburg, is charged with first degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office.

The charges involve a sexual relationship with an inmate from April 2026 through June 2026, failing to report contraband, providing financial payments to the inmate and revealing institutional security information to the inmate.

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.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A4210101891

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE 072026053

against

Dezoray Nichole West

Address: [redacted]

Phone:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 2 Weight: 180

DL State: SC DL #: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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

Prosecuting Officer: Zuri E Gebert - S02885

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)

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 Dezoray West on 11/19/26

T. Sherbert S/D

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Spartanburg)

Personally appeared before me the affiant Zuri E Gebert who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Dezoray Nichole West did within this county and state on or about 4/19/2026 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Spartanburg) 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 between April 19, 2026 and June 9, 2026, in the county of Spartanburg, one Dezoray Nichole West did commit the crime of Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility in that the defendant a certified correctional sergeant with the South Carolina Department of Corrections did knowingly and voluntarily engage on multiple occasions in sexual contact and sexual intercourse with lawfully incarcerated inmate [redacted] at Tyger River Correctional Institution located within Spartanburg County. Probable cause based on evidence of communication, romantic and sexual in nature, between West and [redacted] extracted from a contraband cell phone seized from [redacted] as well as West personal cell phone and a post Miranda admission from West.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
[X] County/ [ ] Municipality of)
Spartanburg)

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 4/19/2026 defendant Dezoray Nichole West did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [ ] Municipality of Spartanburg) as set forth below:

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

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 11/6/2026

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Samuel Franklin Adams

Judge Code: 5739

Judge's Address 180 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306-

Judge's Telephone (864)596-2564

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [ ] Municipal [ ] Circuit

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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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 between March 19, 2026 and June 9, 2026, in the county of Spartanburg, one Dezoray Nichole West did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasancein that the defendant while employed as a certified correctional sergeant with the South Carolina Department of Corrections at Tyger River Correctional Institution located in Spartanburg County did engage in a romantic and sexual relationship with lawfully incarcerated inmat[redacted] During the relationship the defendant knowingly failed to report contraband, made financial payments to the inmate, provided institutional security information to the inmate for him to avoid apprehension, and falsified an institutional incident report. Probable caused based on evidence of communication, romantic and sexual in nature, between West and [redacted] extracted from a contraband cell phone seized from [redacted] as well as West personal cell phone and post Miranda admission from West.

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