



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Brenda L. Wideman, 59, of McCormick.

Wideman, who was working as Postal Center Director for McCormick Correctional Institution, is charged with furnishing contraband to inmates at the prison. Wideman's employment was terminated after her arrest.

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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

## ARREST WARRANT

2019A3510100188

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE  
against

Brenda L. Wideman

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 3 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,  
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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

on

Brenda L. Wideman  
July 8 2019

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

McCormick Magistrate  
211 West Augusta Street, Extension  
Post Office Box 1116  
McCormick, SC 29835

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Brenda L. Wideman

did within this county and state on or about 7/8/2019 violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 July 8, 2019, in the county of McCormick, one Brenda L. Wideman did furnish or attempt to furnish contraband to a  
prisoner at McCormick Correctional Facility and/or possess contraband, clothing and food items. The contraband is listed on a  
published and conspicuously located list of contraband items. See attached affidavit. Incident investigated by Agent R. Cox of the  
SCDOC.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

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 7/8/2019

defendant Brenda L. Wideman

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of McCormick ) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

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 7/8/2019

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

John Cliff Long

Judge Code: 7261

Judge's Address P. O. Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-

Judge's Telephone (864)-85-2-23 x 16

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

AFFIDAVIT

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Police Services  
Arrest Warrant Affidavit Sheet**

<b>Date of Offense:</b> July 8, 2019	<b>Case Number:</b> 34-2019-071
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<b>Defendant Name:</b> Brenda L. Wideman	<b>Address:</b> [REDACTED]
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<b>Race:</b> W	<b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Height:</b> 5'03"	<b>Weight:</b> 240	<b>Date of Birth:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Social Security #:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Driver's License #:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>SCDC #:</b> 062309
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<b>Affiant Name:</b> Agent Roy "Travis" Cox	<b>Affiant Address:</b> 4444 Broad River Rd PO Box 21787 Columbia, S.C. 29221	<b>Telephone:</b> 803-896-5214
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<b>Victim Name</b> State of South Carolina	<b>Victim Address</b> 4444 Broad River Rd PO Box 21787 Columbia, S.C. 29221	<b>Telephone:</b> 803-896-5214
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<b>Witness Name</b>	<b>Witness Address</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>

<b>Description of Offense</b> Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with	<b>Statute, Ordinance, or CDR Code:</b> 16-03-1040(B) or 74
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**Affidavit:**

Agent Roy (Travis) Cox states that the defendant did, in the County of McCormick, SC on July 08, 2019, commit the offense (Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with ) to wit: that (Brenda Wideman) a Postal Center Director employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) did introduce and deliver items (clothing and food) deemed contraband by SCDC to SCDC inmates. Wideman admitted to having knowledge of SCDC inmates having several packages of tobacco and marijuana being mailed to McCormick Correctional Institution and failed to report the criminal activity. Wideman received monetary compensation from SCDC inmates for her cooperation in the criminal activity. This offense occurred at 386 Redemption Way McCormick, SC 29899. Probable cause based on the investigation, recovery of evidence, and a statement of suspect.

<b>Signature of Judge (If Applicable)</b> [Signature]	<b>Affiant Signature</b> [Signature]
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Sworn to and ascribed before me this 8th day of July, 2019