



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrant today for Cierra L. Garner, a correctional officer at Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

Garner, 29, of St. Helena Island, is charged with misconduct in office involving a situation in which an inmate was allowed access to another inmate's cell for the purpose of threats or intimidation. She was suspended in early October once the investigation began, and she was fired today.

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

2019A2720200157

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

THE STATE

31-2019-139

against

Cierra L Garner

Address:

Phone:

SSN

Sex: F Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roosevelt L Jenkins - S00179

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 Cierra L Garner

on 10/29/19

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

265 Russell Street

Po Box 248

Ridgeland, SC 299360248

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roosevelt L Jenkins

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Cierra L Garner

did within this county and state on or about 9/1/2019

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

Ridgeland

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 between the dates of September 1, 2019, and September 30, 2019, in the County of Jasper, Town of Ridgeland, one Cierra L Garner did commit the crime of Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance. Defendant was employed by SCDC as a sworn Correctional Officer assign to Ridgeland Correctional Institution located at 5 Correctional Rd. in Ridgeland, SC 29936. That during the month of September 2019 defendant did engage in willful, dishonest and corrupt activity within the Correctional Institution by committing acts in violation of her duty of good faith, honesty and accountability of public trust as a sworn State Correctional Officer. That defendant feloniously allowed a SCDC inmate access to another SCDC inmates cell area for the purpose of threats or intimidation. Affiant, witnesses and others to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

Ridgeland

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 9/1/2019 defendant Cierra L Garner

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

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of Ridgeland

) 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 10/21/2019

Signature of Issuing Judge
Thomas L. Scoggins (Ridgeland)

Judge Code: 6563

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1119

Ridgeland, SC 29936-

Judge's Telephone (843) 726-7500

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate☒ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

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