



South Carolina Department of Corrections

Dec. 4, 2019
For immediate release
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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Faith Gerena Weston, a mental health officer at Lieber Correctional Institution.

Weston, 37, of Summerville, is charged with providing contraband to an inmate, criminal conspiracy and misconduct in office.

Weston is charged with bringing in alcohol disguised as water in unsealed clear water bottles to deliver to an inmate. She was fired 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.

Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2019A1810301116

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

against

Faith Gerena Weston

Address:

Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 240DL State: SC DL #: _____DOB: _____ Agency ORI #: SC040095CProsecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections DivisionProsecuting Officer: Ryan S McDowell - S00253Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law
conspiracy definedOffense Code: 0049Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe 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 FAITH WESTON
on 12-4-19R. McDowell

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan S McDowell whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Faith Gerena Westondid within this county and state on or about 12/ 3/2019State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester)
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy definedI 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:

On December 3, 2019, while at the Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI), located at 136 Wilborn Ave., Ridgeville, SC, Dorchester County, Defendant, Faith Weston, did violate the South Carolina Code of Laws, 16-17-410, Criminal Conspiracy, by conspiring with an inmate to introduce liquor into LCI to wit: The Defendant is a sworn Correctional Officer with South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The Affiant received information from the LCI Contraband Staff that the Defendant had brought in liquor into LCI, disguised as water in unsealed clear water bottles. While under Miranda, Weston verbally confessed to attempting to bring in the alcoholic beverage known as "Everclear" for an inmate at LCI. The Director of SCDC considers any alcoholic beverage as contraband and it is a crime to introduce them into a Correctional Institution or to provide it to an inmate. Another SCDC Employee is witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, 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 12/ 3/2019 defendant Faith Gerena Weston

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy definedHaving 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 meon 12/ 4/2019A. J. ...
Signature of Issuing Judge

Amanda Michelle Leviner

Judge Code: 7177Judge's Address Troy Knight Judicial ComplexSummerville, SC 29483-4707Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2019A1810301117

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

against

Faith Gerena Weston

Address:

Phone: SSN [REDACTED]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ryan S McDowell - S00253

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

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan S McDowell who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Faith Gerena Weston
did within this county and state on or about 12/3/2019 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Dorchester)
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:On December 3, 2019, while at the Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI), located at 136 Wilborn Ave., Ridgeville, SC, Dorchester
County, Defendant, Faith Weston, did violate the South Carolina Code of Laws, 24-3-950, Furnishing or Attempt to Furnish
Contraband to a Prisoner, by conspiring with an inmate to introduce liquor into LCI to wit: The Defendant is a sworn Correctional
Officer with South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The Affiant received information from the LCI Contraband Staff
that the Defendant had brought in liquor into LCI, disguised as water in unsealed clear water bottles. While under Miranda, Weston
verbally confessed to attempting to bring in the alcoholic beverage known as "Everclear" for an inmate at LCI. The Director of
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Amanda Michelle Leviner
Judge Code: 7177

(L.S.)

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Judge's Telephone (843)832-0370

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2019A1810301118

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Dorchester

THE STATE

against

Faith Gerena Weston

Address:

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 240

DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Ryan S McDowell - S00253

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

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

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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:

On December 3, 2019, while at the Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI), located at 136 Wilborn Ave., Ridgeville, SC, Dorchester County, Defendant, Faith Weston, did violate the South Carolina Common Law, Misconduct in Office by conspiring with an inmate to introduce liquor into LCI to wit: The Defendant is a sworn Correctional Officer with South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The Affiant received information from the LCI Contraband Staff that the Defendant had brought in liquor into LCI, disguised as water in unsealed clear water bottles. While under Miranda, Weston verbally confessed to attempting to bring in the alcoholic beverage known as "Everclear" for an inmate at LCI. The Director of SCDC considers any alcoholic beverage as contraband and it is a crime to introduce them into a Correctional Institution or to provide it to an inmate. Another SCDC Employee is witness to prove the same.

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