

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 Kembria Merriweather, a correctional officer at Trenton Correctional Institution in Edgefield.

Merriweather, 24, of North Augusta, is charged with distribution of methamphetamine, providing contraband to an inmate and misconduct in office. Her charges involve bringing three cell phones, two chargers and 8 grams of meth to an inmate she was starting to initiate a relationship with. Warrants allege she was paid \$2,000 for two of the cellphones and was awaiting payment for the meth and third phone when she was arrested.

She was fired after her arrest, and the investigation is ongoing.

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	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)		QF.	RIGINAL	S.C General April 2 At806ay
20204101010002	County/ Municipality of)	AFFIDAVI	ΙΤ		1, SCCA 518
2020A1910100002	Edgefield)				
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of	Personally appeared before me the				<u> </u>	who
	being duly swom deposes and says		Kembria Ty'Ashia Mer	riweather	12	0 1
Edgefield	did within this county and state on or State of South Cardina (or ordina noe of	127 1- 017	Municipality of	21 611	v [®] late the	e criminal laws of the
THE STATE	in the following parts ulars	y X Gundy	Workcipality of	Edgefield)
against Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE Miscond	uct / Misconduct in	office, malfeasance, mis	feasance, or nonfea	sance	
Address:						
Phone: SSN:	further state that there is prob the crime set forth and that probable		believe that the defen- on the following facts:	dant named abov	e did ^{co} mr	mit
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 190 DL State: SC DL#	On or about the month of December 2 (SCDC) did willfully, dishonestly and	019, Kembria Men	riweather, a sworn Office	r with the South Ca	arolina Dept.	of Corrections
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C	nonfeasance by committing acts in vic	plation of her duty of	of good faith, honesty and	l accountability of	oublic trust a	s a State
Prosecuting Agency S C Department Of Corrections Division	Correctional Officer These acts include	de bringing 3 cell p	hones, 2 cell phone charg	gers and approx. 8 g	grams of Met	hamphetamine
Prosecuting Officer: Jeremy D Dorman - S00236	into Trenton Correctional Institution t					
Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance,	\$2,000 00 for 2 of the 3 cell phones at gave a verbal and written confession of					
misfeasance, or nonfeasance	Trenton, S.C. 29847, Edge field Count					atc 11wy 5-19-29,
Offense Code: 0819 Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030		4	1			
	Signature of	Affiant				
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	4	20.5			
The accused	County/ Municipality of) Affiant's				 -
is to be arrested and brought before me to be	Edgefield)	Columbia, SC			
dealt with according to the law.	Lageneid	Amants	Telephone (803)896-83:	<u> </u>		
(L.S.)		AR	REST WARRANT			
Signature of Judge						
Date:	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER					
RETURN	It appearing	from the abov	e affidavit that there	e are reasonable	e grounds	to believe that
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	on or about 12/1/2019	defendan	t Kembria Ty'Ashia	Merriweather		
defendant Kembria Merrimonther	did violate the criminal laws of the St	ate of South Caroli	na (or ordinance of			-
on 1-3-2000	X County/ Municipality of	Edgefield) as set forth	below	
	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconde	uct / Misconduct in	office, malfeasance, mist	feasance, or nonfea	sance	
Dep Blades Mason	Having found probable cause and the above	affiant having swom be	fore me you are empowered	and directed to arrest t	the said defend	lant and bring him or
Signature of Constglile/Law Enforcement Officer	her before me forthwith to be dealt with accom- soon thereafter as is practicable	ding to law- A copy of the	his Arrest Warrant shall be de	elivered to the defendar	nt at the time of	fits execution or as
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me)				
General Sessions	on 1/3/2020) Judge's A	Address Post Office B	lox 664		
129 Courthouse Square	(Jub)	(L.S.)	Edgefield, SC			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
P O Box 34	Signature of Bauing Judge	Judge's T	elephone (803)637-409		<u>-</u> .	
Edgefield, SC 29824	James Alexander McLaurin Jr. Judge Code: 7200) Issu	ing Court. X Magistrat		icipal	Circuit
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2020A1910100003	Edgefield)			
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the affiant	Jeremy D Dormai	n 🥨		who
County/ Municipality of	being duly swom deposes and says that	defendant Kembria	Ty'Ashia Merriw	eather	
Edgefield	did within this county and state on or about		comment pro-	***	e criminal laws of the
THE STATE	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X	County/	Municipality of	Edgefield)
THE STATE	in the following particulars:				
against Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Cor	ntraband, possession by	y prisoner, furnishir	ng or attempt to furnish prise	oner with
Remotia Ty Asina Werttweatter					
Address					
		******		named above did comi	mit
Phone: SSN SSN SSN: Sex: F Race: R Height: 5 4 Weight: 190	the crime set forth and that probable cause	se is based on the	following facts		
	On or about the month of December 2019, k				
DL State: SC DL#: DOB: Agency ORI # SC040095C	approximately 8 grams of Methamphetamine relationship with. The defendant hid the con				
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division	month of December. The defendant did rece				
Prosecuting Officer: J remy D Dorman - S00236	phone and Methamphetamine. All of the afo	rementioned items are	deemded to be con	traband by the Director of the	he South Carolina
Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner,	Department of Corrections. The defendant g				
furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with	Correctional Institution, 84 State Hwy. S. 19 evidence to prove the same.	+29, Trenton, S.C. 29	847. Eagencia Cou	nty, S.C. The airiant, witnes	s and other
Offense Code 00.74	evidence to prove the states		1		
Code/Ordinance Sec. 24-03-0950	Signature of Affiant	X		20	V-8
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	7//			29.4
County, Municipality of	X County/ Municipality of	Artiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
is to be arrested and brought before me to be		} ————	Columbia, SC 29	221-1787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according t _o the law.	Edgefield	Affiant's Telephone	(803)896-8351		
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(L.S.)		ARREST W	VARRANT		
5 ignature of Judge					
Date	TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH	IIS STATE OR MUNICIP	ALITY OR ANY CONS	STABLE OF THIS COUNTY:	
	It appearing from	n the above affida	vit that there	are reasonable grounds	to believe that
RETURN	on or about 12/1/2019	defendant Kem	ibria Ty'Ashia Me	rriweather	
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	did violate the criminal laws of the State of	_			
defendant <u>Bembria Merriweather</u>	County/ Municipality of Edg	gefield) as set forth below:	
/-3-2020	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners/ Cor	atraband, possession h	v prisoner, furnishir	— ng or attempt to furnish prise	oner with
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	soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me	1			
RETURN WARRANT TO.	on 1/ 3/2020)			
General Sessions		Judge's Address	Post Office Box		
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P O Box 34	James Alexander McLaurin Jr.	Judge's Telephone	(803)637-4090		
Edgefield, SC 29824	Judge Code 7200) Issuing Court	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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<u>2020A191</u>		Edgefield)				
STATE OF SOU	JTH CAROLINA Municipality of	Personally ap	peared before me the	affiant	Jeremy D Dormai	n		who
	wishing all you	being duly sy	worn deposes and says	that de	fendant Kembria	Ty'Ashia Merriweath	ner	
Edgefield			county and state on o		12/27/2019		violate	the criminal laws of the
THE S	TATE		Carolina (or ordinance	of X	County/	Municipality of Edge	efield)
agair	2 -	in the following						
Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweath		DESCRIPTION		Distributi	ion, etc. of methamp	ohetamine, 1st (Excludes	s manufacturing meth	; see CDR Code
Address:		•	3776)					
7.00.033.		•						
		I further star				that the defendant na	amed above did co	ommit
Phone: Sex: F Race: B Heig	ght: 5 4 Weight: 190		forth and that probab					
DL State: SC DL #:		On or about the				ther, did distribute appro		
	ncy ORI #: SC040095C					ting an intimate relations and was taken to lockup.		
	ment Of Corrections Division	from the inma				Restrictive Housing Unit		
	Oorman - S00236	confession of	these acts. This inciden	t occurre	d at the Trenton Cor	rrectional Institution, 84		
Offense: Drugs / Distribution, et		Edgefield Cou	anty, S.C. The affiant, w	vitness an	d other evidence to	prove the same.		
(Excludes manufacturing	ng meth; see CDR Code					$\overline{}$		
Offense Code: 3198						1		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375	S (B) (1)		Signature o	f Affiant				
This warrant is CERTIFIED F	FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOL	ITH CAPOLINA					
County/ Municipality of	County/	Municipality of		Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787			
	The accused	_)	Columbia, SC 29221-	-1787	
is to be arrested and broug	ght before me to be	Edgefield			Affiant's Telephone	(803)896-8351		
dealt with according to the law.								
	(L.S.)				ARREST W	ADDANT		
Signature of Jud	ige				ARREST	PARRANT		
Date:		TO ANY LAW E	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	R OF THIS	STATE OR MUNICIPA	ALITY OR ANY CONSTAB	LE OF THIS COUNTY:	
			It appearing	from	the above affida	vit that there are	reasonable ground	ds to believe that
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A copy of this arrest warrant was	as delivered to	_	criminal laws of the S	tata of C		bria Ty'Ashia Merriw	eather	
defendant Bembrio	- merriweather	did violate the	Municipality of	Edgef			as set forth below:	
on	3-2020		4_					
		DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs /: 3776)	Distributi	on, etc. of methamp	phetamine, 1st (Excludes	manufacturing meth	, see CDR Code
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Signature of Constable/La	w Enforcement Officer	her before me fo soon thereafter a	rthwith to be dealt with acco	rding to lav	v. A copy of this Arrest \	Warrant shall be delivered to	the defendant at the time	of its execution, or as
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P O Box 34		Signature of ssuing	Judge		Judge's Telephone	(803)637-4090	-	
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