



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

Jan. 3, 2020  
For immediate release  
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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

2020A1910100002

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

THE STATE

against

Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeremy D Dorman - S00236

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: [REDACTED]

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Kembria Merriweatheron 1-3-2020Dep. Charles Mason  
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO

General Sessions  
129 Courthouse Square  
P O Box 34  
Edgefield, SC 29824

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jeremy D Dorman whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweatherdid within this county and state on or about 12/12/2019 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Edgefield)

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:

On or about the month of December 2019, Kembria Merriweather, a sworn Officer with the South Carolina Dept. of Corrections (SCDC) did willfully, dishonestly and with corrupt intent, engage in corruption in the form of malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance by committing acts in violation of her duty of good faith, honesty and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer. These acts include bringing 3 cell phones, 2 cell phone chargers and approx. 8 grams of Methamphetamine into Trenton Correctional Institution to an inmate that she was starting an intimate relationship with. The defendant did receive \$2,000.00 for 2 of the 3 cell phones and was still awaiting payment for the 3rd cell phone and Methamphetamine. The defendant gave a verbal and written confession of these acts. Incident occurred at the Trenton Correctional Institution, 84 State Hwy S 19-29, Trenton, S.C. 29847, Edgefield County, S.C. The affiant, with ~~and other~~ evidence to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787Columbia, SC 29221-1787Affiant's Telephone (803)896-8351

## 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 12/1/2019defendant Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Edgefield) as set forth belowDESCRIPTION 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 1/3/2020James Alexander McLaurin Jr.  
Signature of Issuing Judge  
Judge Code 7200

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 664Edgefield, SC 29824-Judge's Telephone (803)637-4090Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by  
S.C. General  
April 2, 2008  
SCCA 518

## ARREST WARRANT

2020A1910100003

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

THE STATE

against

Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: R Height: 5 4 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeremy D Dorman - S00236

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

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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date

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Dep. Alvin M. Mason  
 Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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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 or about the month of December 2019, Kembria Merriweather, did deliver 3 cell phones, 2 cell phone chargers and approximately 8 grams of Methamphetamine into the Trenton Correctional Institution to an inmate that she was starting an intimate relationship with. The defendant hid the contraband in her food while she entered the institution on different dates throughout the month of December. The defendant did receive \$2,000.00 for 2 of the 3 cell phones and was still awaiting payment for the 3rd cell phone and Methamphetamine. All of the aforementioned items are deemed to be contraband by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The defendant gave a verbal and written confession of these acts. This incident occurred at Trenton Correctional Institution, 84 State Hwy. S. 19-29, Trenton, S.C. 29847, Edgefield County, S.C. The affiant, witness and other evidence to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

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on or about 12/1/2019defendant Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather

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

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

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

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on 1/3/2020

James Alexander McLaurin Jr.  
 Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

James Alexander McLaurin Jr.

Judge Code 7200Judge's Address Post Office Box 664Edgefield, SC 29824-Judge's Telephone (803)637-4090Issuing Court ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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

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## ARREST WARRANT

2020A1910100004

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Edgefield

THE STATE

against

Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweather

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeremy D Dorman - S00236

Offense: Drugs / Distribution, etc. of methamphetamine, 1st  
(Excludes manufacturing meth; see CDR Code

Offense Code: 3198

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375 (B) (1)

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kembria Ty'Ashia Merriweatherdid within this county and state on or about 12/27/2019

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Distribution, etc. of methamphetamine, 1st (Excludes manufacturing meth; see CDR Code 3776)

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 or about the month of December 27, 2019, Kembria Merriweather, did distribute approximately 8 grams of Methamphetamine into the Trenton Correctional Institution to an inmate she was starting an intimate relationship with. The inmate was found with the Methamphetamine shortly after the defendant delivered it to him and was taken to lockup. The defendant was to receive payment from the inmate but not due to the inmate getting placed into the Restrictive Housing Unit. The defendant gave a verbal and written confession of these acts. This incident occurred at the Trenton Correctional Institution, 84 State Hwy S. 19-29, Trenton, S.C. 29847, Edgefield County, S.C. The affiant, witness and other evidence to prove the same.

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) as set forth below:

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