



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released the arrest warrants today for Breanna Alexandria Rouse, a correctional officer at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Rouse, 23, of Edgefield, is charged with providing contraband to an inmate and misconduct in office. Rouse's charges involve sharing sexually explicit photographs with an inmate on a cell phone. She will be fired, per SCDC policy on all arrests.

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
2020A3510100072
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
[X] County/ [] Municipality of
McCormick
THE STATE
against
Breanna Alexandria Rouse
Address:
Phone: SSN:
Sex: F Race: Height: 5 4 Weight: 137
DL State: SC DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division
Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146
Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office
Offense Code: 0115
Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080
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 Breanna Rouse
on March 13, 2020
Roy E Cox
Signature of Constable or 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
[X] County/ [] Municipality of
McCormick
AFFIDAVIT
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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518
Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Breanna Alexandria Rouse
did within this county and state on or about 1/6/2020 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of McCormick)
in the following particulars:
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 between the dates of January 6, 2020 and March 12, 2020, Breanna Alexandria Rouse, who is a public officer of the State of
South Carolina with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully communicate picture
messages by cellular phone with an inmate lawfully incarcerated at McCormick Correctional Institution. The photographs were
sexual in nature and were of Rouse's exposed genitalia. This incident occurred at McCormick Correctional Institution, which is
located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in violation of SC Code of laws 8-1-80. Probable cause based on the
investigation and admission from the defendant.

Signature of Affiant Roy Cox
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
[X] 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 1/6/2020 defendant Breanna Alexandria Rouse
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[X] County/ [] Municipality of McCormick) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 3/13/2020

Patty L. Smith (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 5924
Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116
McCormick, SC 29835-1116
Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316
Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit
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ARREST WARRANT
2020A3510100071
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
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THE STATE 34-2020-021
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Breanna Alexandria Rouse

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

DOB: 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

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Signature of Judge

Date:

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

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On or between the dates of January 6, 2020 and March 12, 2020, Breanna Alexandria Rouse, who is a public officer of the State of
South Carolina with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully furnish Jolly Rancher
candies, sunflower seeds and nude photographs to an inmate lawfully incarcerated at McCormick Correctional Institution. The
aforementioned items are deemed as contraband by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. This incident occurred at
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