



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services released arrest warrants today for additional charges against a Rock Hill woman in connection to contraband mailed to two inmates at McCormick Correctional Institution.

The new charges against Melanie Lace Rader, 33, include trafficking methamphetamines, possession of illegal drugs with intent to distribute and introducing contraband into a prison. Those charges involve 58 grams of methamphetamine and 44.5 grams of a green leafy substance mailed in multiple packages to inmates at McCormick.

Rader was charged in May by the York County Sheriff's Department with possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute; possession of hashish with intent to distribute and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

The charges involve a month-long investigation into Rader, her boyfriend and inmates at McCormick. Multiple packages containing methamphetamines and marijuana were mailed to the inmates and intercepted at the prison.

A search of Rader's Rock Hill residence found other drugs packaged in small amounts, including 7.5 grams of meth packaged in 15 duct-tape bundles; 23.4 grams of hashish packed in one bundle; and 1.6 grams of cocaine packaged in one bundle. Inside the cocaine bundle were eight smaller packages each containing .2 grams of cocaine labeled "venom."

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.

SCDC thanks the York County Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit for its partnership in this case. Copies of the arrest warrants are attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100103

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

37-2020-022

against

Melanie Lace Rader

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F

Race:

Height: 5

7

Weight: 115

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #:

SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Drugs / Trafficking in ice, crack or crack - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 2nd offense

Offense Code: 0389

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375(C)(2)(b)

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

MELANIE RADER

on

6/3/2020

AGENT

Signature of Constable/Law 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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Melanie Lace Rader

did within this county and state on or about 4/20/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in ice, crack or crack - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 2nd offense

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 April 20, 2020, and May 14, 2020, Melanie Lace Rader did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully, aid, abet, conspire and deliver approximately 58 grams of a white crystal-like substance that tested positive for methamphetamine into McCormick Correctional Institution. The substance was seized in multiple packages addressed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of which are lawfully incarcerated inmates with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. According to recorded inmate phone calls, [REDACTED] arranged the transaction with Rader. Rader has one prior drug related conviction according to her criminal history. This incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in violation of SC Code of Laws 44-53-375. Probable cause based on evidence seized, recorded inmate telephone calls and the investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ 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 4/20/2020

defendant Melanie Lace Rader

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of McCormick

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Trafficking in ice, crack or crack - 28 g or more, but less than 100 g - 2nd offense

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 5/13/2020

Signature of Issuing Judge
Patty L. Smith (L.S.)

Judge Code: 5924

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116

McCormick, SC 29835-1116

Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3510100105

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE
against

Melanie Lace Rader

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 115

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

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is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: 05-18-20

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant MELANIE RADER
on 6/3/2020

Signature of Detachable Law Enforcement Officer

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:On or between the dates of April 20, 2020, and May 14, 2020, Melanie Lace Rader did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully, aid,
abet, conspire and deliver approximately 44.5 grams of a green leaf-like substance into McCormick Correctional Institution. The
substance was seized in a package addressed to who is a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina
Department of Corrections. According to recorded inmate phone calls, who is also a lawfully incarcerated inmate with
SCDC arranged the transaction with Rader. Rader has one prior drug related conviction according to her criminal history. This
incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in
violation of SC Code of Laws 44-53-370. Probable cause based on evidence seized, recorded inmate telephone calls and the
investigation.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
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2020A3510100104

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE
against

Melanie Lace Rader

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: 115

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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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introduce approximately 44.5 grams of a green leaf-like substance and 58 grams of a white crystal-like substance that tested positive
for methamphetamine into McCormick Correctional Institution. Both substances are deemed as contraband by SCDC. The
substances were seized in packages addressed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who are both lawfully incarcerated inmates with
the South Carolina Department of Corrections. According to recorded inmate phone calls, [REDACTED] arranged the transactions with Rader.
This incident occurred at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC, which is located within the county of McCormick, SC, being in
violation of SC Code of Laws 24-3-950. Probable cause based on evidence seized, recorded inmate telephone calls and the
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