

South Carolina Department of Corrections

June 4, 2020 For immediate release Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206 <u>Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov</u>

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	STATE OF SOU	TH CAROLINA)			ORIGINAL	Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General
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Mccormick	• • •	county and state on or abo		20/2020	Lace Rader	violate the	criminal laws of the
		Carolina (or ordinance of		and the second se	unicipality of Mccorm	ick)
THE STATE 37-2020-022 against	in the followi	-					
Melanie Lace Rader	DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Traf	ficking i	in ice, crank or cra	ack - 28 g or more, but less	than 100 g - 2nd off	ense
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Phone:SSN:		te that there is probable forth and that probable c			at the defendant named	above did comm	it
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DL State: DL #:					al-like substance that tested		
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division					nultiple packages addressed olina Department of Correc		recorded inmate
Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146					e prior drug related convict		
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more, but less than 100 g - 2nd offense Offense Code: 0389	 investigation. 		, Frodao	he cause based on	evidence serzed, recorded i	ninate telephone car	is and the
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0375(C)(2)(b)		61		R	oy Cor		
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County/ Municipality of	County/	JTH CAROLINA Municipality of)	Affiant's Address	P.O. Box 21787		
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dealt with according to the law.	Mccormick		· [Affiant's Telephone			
(L.S.)	*		ARREST W	ARRANT		
Signature of Judge		ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF					
Date: 03-16/0	TO ANY LAW		from th		LITY OR ANY CONSTABLE O	F THIS COUNTY: asonable grounds	to believe that
RETURN	en erskeut	4/20/2020					
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to		criminal laws of the State	of Sou		nie Lace Rader		
on MELANIE RADER	- X County/	Municipality of	Mccorm	nick) as :	set forth below:	
on <u>6/3/2020</u>	DESCRIPTION	OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Tra	fficking	in ice, crank or cr	ack - 28 g or more, but less	than 100 g - 2nd off	ense
AGENT					ou are empowered and directed t		
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RETURN WARRANT TO:		ubscribed before me)				
Mccormick Magistrate	1 3/2020	1 Sm /a)	Judge's Address	Post Office Box 1116		
211 West Augusta Street, Extension	Signature of Issuing	,	L.S.))	hudaa'a Talaahaan	McCormick, SC 29835-	1116	
Post Office Box 1116 Mccormick, SC 29835	Patty L. Smith	h)	Judge's Telephone	(864)852-2316		
	Judge Code:	5924)	Issuing Court:	X Magistrate	Municipal	Circuit
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ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) ORIGINAL	y teral
2020A3510100105	X County/ Municipality of A F F I D A V I T April 21, 2003 SCCA 518	
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick) Personally appeared before me the affiant Roy E Cox, III	who
X County/ Municipality of	being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Melanie Lace Rader	
Mccormick	did within this county and state on or about 4/20/2020 violate the criminal laws o	of the
THE STATE	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of Mccormick	_)
against Melanie Lace Rader	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st offens	se
Address:		
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Phone: SSN:	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:	
Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 7 Weight: _	On or between the dates of April 20, 2020, and May 14, 2020, Melanie Lace Rader did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully, aid,	
DOB: Agency ORI #: SC0400950	abet, conspire and deliver approximately 44.5 grams of a green leaf-like substance into McCorrnick Correctional Institution. The substance was seized in a package addressed to the substance who is a lawfully incarcerated inmate with the South Carolina	
Prosecuting Agency: <u>S C Department Of Corrections 1</u>	bivision Department of Corrections. According to recorded inmate phone calls, who is also a lawfully incarcerated inmate with	h
Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146 Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I.	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	
or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st or	violation of SC Code of Laws 44-53-370. Probable cause based on evidence seized, recorded inmate telephone calls and the	
Offense Code: 0186	investigation.	
Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)	Signature of Affiant Locy (AT	
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) (/	
County/ Municipality of	Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787	
is to be arrested and brought before me to	be Mccormick)	
dealt with according to the law.		_
Signature of Judge	(L.S.) ARREST WARRANT	
Date: 05-18-20	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
RETURN	on or about 4/20/2020 defendant Melanie Lace Rader	
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant MELANIE RADER	did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	
on 6/3/2020	X County/ Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below:	
A	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d 1st offens	se
ACENTA	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	1 or
Signifiare of Gentlyble Univ Enforcement Office	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 a soon thereafter as is practicable	35
RETURN WARRANT TO:	Sworn to and subscribed before me) on 5/13/2020	
Mccormick Magistrate	Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116	
211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116	Signature of issuing Judge	
Mccormick, SC 29835	Patty L. Smith)	_
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Mccormick		Des E Constitu			
X County/ Municipality of		ppeared before me the affiant worn deposes and says that d	Roy E Cox, III	Lace Rader		who
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THE STATE against		ing particulars:				
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Address:						
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Prosecuting Officer: Roy E Cox, III - S00146		rolina Department of Correction				
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Offense Code: 0074	investigation			-		
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950	_	Signature of Affiant	_ Prou			
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Signature of Judge (L.	S.)		ARREST V	VARRANT		
Date: $05 - 100$	TO ANY LAW	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF TH	S STATE OR MUNICIP	ALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF	THIS COUNTY:	
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RETURN	on or about	4/20/2020	defendant Mel	anie Lace Rader		
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