



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 Deanna Charise Baxter, a correctional officer at McCormick Correctional Institution.

Baxter, 36, of Greenwood, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and attempting to furnish contraband to inmates. Her charges involve bringing marijuana into the institution for sale. She was fired after arrest.

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

2020A3510100372

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

36-2020-045

against

Deanna Charise Baxter

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: Height: 5 3 Weight: 210

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

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Jeffrey H Dail - S00018

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

☐ 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 Baxter Deannaon 11-17-20LT T. Hamlin
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 Jeffrey H Dail who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Deanna Charise Baxter

did within this county and state on or about 11/17/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

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

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 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 November 17, 2020, Deanna Charise Baxter did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully attempt to furnish inmates with contraband at McCormick Correctional Institution. Baxter was found to be in possession of a substance that field tested positive for marijuana as she attempted to enter McCormick Correctional Institution. This substance is deemed as contraband by the South Carolina Department of Corrections. After Miranda warnings were waived, Baxter admitted to attempting to furnish the contraband to inmates for payment. 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, admission from the defendant 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 11/17/2020

defendant Deanna Charise Baxter

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

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 11/17/2020

Patty L. Smith
Signature of Issuing Judge

Patty L. Smith

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

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

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Address:

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DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

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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)

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