



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence released the arrest warrant today for a licensed practical nurse at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center.

Ashley Elizabeth Berry, 31, of Newberry, is charged with first degree sexual misconduct with an inmate. The charge against her involves having sexual intercourse with an inmate in his cell. She was fired after her 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.

A copy of the arrest warrant is attached.

ARREST WARRANT

2021A4010202805

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

THE STATE

against

Ashley Elizabeth Berry

Address:

Phone:

Sex: F Race: Height: 5' Weight: 165

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

DOB: Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian M Rowe - S02775

Offense: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state

Offense Code: 0461

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-23-1150(C)(1)

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 Ashley Elizabeth Berry on July 18, 2021

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Richland Bond Court

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Brian M Rowe

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Ashley Elizabeth Berry

did within this county and state on or about

7/13/2021

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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:

That on or about July 14, 2021, while within the county of Richland, at the Kirkland Reception and Evaluation center, 4344 Broad River Road Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the def. a licensed Practicle Nurse, Ashley Elizabeth Berry did have sexual intercourse, by engaging in the act of penile penetration of her vagina with the victim an inmate lawfully incarcerated in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center. The offense occurred within his cell. Probable cause is based on the investigation, the def. statement and witness statements. Affiants and others are witnessed to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

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 7/13/2021

defendant

Ashley Elizabeth Berry

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland Bond Court

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of correctional facility or patient or trainee of state mental health facility

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 7/18/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge

Mildred Rita Metts

Judge Code: 7221

Judge's Address

201 John Mark Dial Drive

Columbia, SC 29209-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-3281

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit