



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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For immediate release

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Lieber Correctional Institution.

Shakara Autesha Mitchell, 30, of Charleston, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office. The charges involve Mitchell having a sexual relationship with an inmate between Oct. 1, 2020, and March 9, 2022. She was fired.

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

2022A1810200943

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

THE STATE

against

Shakara Autesha Mitchell

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 4 11 Weight: 143

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Julie L Swank - S01086

Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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 SHAKARA A. MITCHELL

on 11/16/22 16:00

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions  
5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.  
St. George, SC 29477

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Personally appeared before me the affiant

Julie L Swank

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Shakara Autesha Mitchell

did within this county and state on or about

10/1/2020

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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Dorchester

in the following particulars:

## DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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:

Between the months of 10/01/2020 and 03/09/2022, while at Lieber Correctional Institution (LCI) located in the Town of Ridgeville, SC. 29472, the defendant, Shakara A. Mitchell, did violate the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended section 44-23-1150(C)(1) Sexual Misconduct with an Inmate 1st Degree. Facts to prove the same are as follow: The Defendant is a certified and sworn Correctional Officer employed by South Carolina Department of Corrections. The defendant did have sexual intercourse with state inmate [REDACTED] at LCI. The victim has been housed at LCI since 10/08/2013 and remains incarcerated at LCI. The defendant started her employment at SCDC on 07/03/20 and worked at LCI until 5/16/22. Probable cause is based on a cell phone extraction seized from inmate [REDACTED] and data received from a search warrant of the defendant's cell phone records. This incident did occur at LCI on several dates. The Affiant is witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Dorchester

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 10/1/2020

defendant Shakara Autesha Mitchell

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

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

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) as set forth below:

## DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance

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

11/15/2022

Signature of Issuing Judge

Vernida Gaillard Hill

Judge Code: 8147

Judge's Address

212 Downing Way  
Summerville, SC 29483-6010

Judge's Telephone

(843)875-2010

Issuing Court:

☐ Magistrate☒ Municipal☐ Circuit

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

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