



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today for a correctional officer at Manning Reentry/Work Release Center.

Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger, 35, of Richland County, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office. The charges involve a sexual encounter Dec. 21, 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

2023A4010900002

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Richland / Pontiac

THE STATE 34-2022-124

against

Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger

Address:

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 214

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: James A Perry - S02842

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 on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Pontiac Magistrate 2500 Decker Blvd Columbia, SC 29206

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Richland / Pontiac)

Personally appeared before me the affiant James A Perry who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger

did within this county and state on or about 12/21/2022 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac)

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:

On or about 12/21/2022 while at 502 Beckman Rd at Manning Correctional Institution (MRMRC), in Richland County, one Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger, a certified officer with the SC Department of Corrections (SCDC) did commit the crime of Misconduct in Office, Statute Number 17-25-0030. It is believed the defendant committed the crime because she did willfully, knowingly and with corrupt intent, engage in misconduct in the form of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by committing acts in violation of her duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer, by engaging in sexual intercourse with inmate Probable cause is based upon video evidence documenting the sexual encounter. The def did admit under Miranda she was the female in the video engaging in sexual intercourse. Inmate lid admit he was the male in the video engaging in sexual intercourse with the defendant & recording.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Richland / Pontiac)

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 12/21/2022 defendant Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger

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

County/ Municipality of Richland / Pontiac) 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)

on 1/5/2023)

Signature of Issuing Judge Kela Evans Thomas (L.S.))

Kela Evans Thomas)

Judge Code: 7402)

Judge's Address 10509 Two Notch Road

Elgin, SC 29045-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2520

Issuing Court: X Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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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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That on or about 12/21/2022 while at 502 Beckman Rd at Manning Correctional Institution (MRMRC), in the Upper Township Magisterial District of Richland County, one Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger did commit the crime of Sexual Misconduct With An Inmate-1st Degree, Statute Number 42-23-1150(C)(1). It is believed the defendant committed the crime because she did have sexual intercourse with inmate Probable cause is based on cell phone recovery which contains video evidence documenting the sexual encounter. Shanelle Betterson Eichelberger admitted under Miranda that she was the female in the video engaging in sexual intercourse. Inmate admitted that he was the male in the video engaging in sexual intercourse and recording. Affiant and others are witness to prove same. Case# 34-2022-124.

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