



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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

Mya Janae Kennedy, 23, of Elgin, is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate, misconduct in office and criminal conspiracy. Her charges involve having a relationship with an inmate between July and November 2023, taking between \$4,000-\$6,000 in cash, allowing contraband to be introduced into the prison and allowing an inmate to have a contraband cellphone. 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

2023A2910102588

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE
against

02-2023-095

Mya Janae Kennedy

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 138

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Police Services

Prosecuting Officer: Jarrett L Greenway - S00709

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 ofThe 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 Mya Janae Kennedy
on 11/30/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
104 N. Main St.
P O Box 1809
Lancaster, SC 29720

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jarrett L Greenway who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Mya Janae Kennedy

did within this county and state on or about 7/1/2023 violate the criminal laws of the

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

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 facilityI 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 the dates of July 1, 2023, and November 29, 2023, while at Kershaw Correctional Institution in the County of
Lancaster, the defendant did commit: The Crime of Sex/ First Degree Sexual Misconduct with Inmate [REDACTED] at the
Kershaw Correctional Institution. The defendant, Mya Kennedy, a sworn correctional officer with the South Carolina Department of
Corrections, did provide a voluntary confession to having a sexual relationship with Inmate [REDACTED] at the Kershaw Correctional
Institution between the months of July and November 2023. There is evidence to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

Affiant's Address Po Box 21787
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone (803)542-8181

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 7/1/2023 defendant Mya Janae Kennedy

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lancaster) 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 facilityHaving 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 11/30/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge

Douglas Michael Vecchio

Judge Code: 7225

Judge's Address 761 Lancaster Bypass East
Lancaster, SC 29721-1809

Judge's Telephone (803)283-3983

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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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2910102590

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lancaster

THE STATE
against

02-2023-095

Mya Janae Kennedy

Address:

Phone:

Sex: F

Race: B

Height: 5

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Weight: 138

DL State: SC

DL #:

DOB:

Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency: SCDC Police Services

Prosecuting Officer: Jarrett L Greenway - S00709

Offense: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

Offense Code: 0115

Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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 the dates of July 1, 2023, and November 29, 2023, while at Kershaw Correctional Institution in the County of
Lancaster, the defendant did commit the crime of Misconduct in Office because the defendant, Mya Kennedy, a sworn correctional
officer with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, did willfully, dishonestly, and with corrupt intent, engage in misconduct
in the form of malfeasance, misfeasance, on nonfeasance, by committing acts in violation of her duty of good faith, honesty, and
accountability of public trust as a State Correctional Officer, knowingly allowing the introduction of contraband into the facility,
planning and scheming to allow contraband into the facility, having sexual relations with an SCDC Inmate, knowingly allowing the
inmate to have a contraband phone in his possession, and accepting money to her personal Cashapp account in the sum of \$4000 to
\$6000 by an inmate. There is evidence to prove the same.

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2023A2910102589

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THE STATE

02-2023-095

against

Mya Janae Kennedy

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Prosecuting Officer: Jarrett L Greenway - S00709

Offense: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law
conspiracy defined

Offense Code: 0049

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-17-0410

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Conspiracy / Criminal Conspiracy, Common Law conspiracy defined

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the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:Between the dates of July 1, 2023, and November 29, 2023, while at Kershaw Correctional Institution in the County of Lancaster,
the defendant Mya Kennedy did violate the South Carolina code of laws pursuant to section 16-17-0410 Conspiracy to wit: In that
the defendant, while a Correctional Officer for SCDC, did agree, assist, and conspire to facilitate the introduction of contraband with
Inmate [REDACTED] The defendant did accept money given by Inmate [REDACTED] through CashApp in the amount of
\$4000-\$6000. Probable cause is based upon defendants voluntary confession, text messages between the defendant and Inmate
McKnight and other evidence to prove the same.

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