



South Carolina Department of Corrections

April 15, 2024

For immediate release

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

Jaiona Zyrelle Finney, 24, of Augusta, Ga., is charged with first-degree sexual misconduct with an inmate and misconduct in office. The charges involve having a sexual relationship with an inmate between January-February 2024. 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

2024A3510100111

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

04-2024-019

against

Jaiona Zyrelle Finney

Address:

Phone

SSN

Sex F

Race B

Height: 5

Weight: 120

DOB

DL State

DL #

Agency ORI #

SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency

S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer:

Dustin Bernard Mcclary - S00371

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

Offense Code

0819

Code/Ordinance Sec:

00-00-0000

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
onJaiona Finney
4/12/24
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

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AFFIDAVIT

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

Personally appeared before me the affiant Dustin Bernard Mcclary who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Jaiona Zyrelle Finney

did within this county and state on or about 1/2/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

McCormick

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:

The affiant states that during the course of an Office of Inspector General of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (OIG) Criminal Investigation into a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) allegation of sexual relations between an employee and an inmate that were recorded on the institution phone system at McCormick Correctional Institution, it was discovered that the defendant; Jaiona Finney, did commit the offense of Misconduct in Office when she willfully engaged in sex with an incarcerated subject sometime between January 2024 and early February 2024 inside McCormick Correctional Institution located at 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC 29899, in McCormick county. The accused did admit post Miranda to communicating with inmate [REDACTED] for a brief period via text messages and phone calls, which led to her willfully engaging in sex with [REDACTED] willfully engaging in sex with [REDACTED] in the rec field of Unit F4 during her working shift. Probable cause based on police

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 1/2/2024

defendant Jaiona Zyrelle Finney

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: 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 4/12/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge
Patty L. Smith (L.S.)

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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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3510100110

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

McCormick

THE STATE

04-2024-019

against

Jaiona Zyrille Finney

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5'9" Weight: 200

DL State: GA DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Dustin Bernard Mcclary - S00371

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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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

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Signature of Constable / Enforcement Officer [REDACTED]

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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