

South Carolina Department of Corrections

April 15, 2024 For immediate release Contact: Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206 Shain.Chrysti@doc.sc.gov

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	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) ORIGINAL SC Attorney General And 27: 2003 SCCA 516
2024A3510100111	Mccormick)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	who
County/ Municipality of	
Mccormick	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 X County/ Municipality of Mccormick)
THE STATE 04-2024-019	in the following particulars:
against na Zyrelle Finney	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
ess:	
F Race B Height: 5 7 Meight. 200	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the come set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:
Agency ORI # SC040095C ecuting Agency B C Department Of Corrections Division Dustin Bernard Mcclary - S00371 misfeasance, or nonfeasance misfeasance, or nonfeasance 0819	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 Redemotion Way. McCormick, SC 29899, in McCormick county. The accused did admit post Miranda to communicating with inmate for a brief period via text messages and phone calls, which led to her willfully engaging in sex with willfully engaging in sex with
/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000	Signature of Affiant AMA
warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	
County/ Municipality of	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
. The accused	County/ Municipality of Columbia, SC 29221-1787
to be arrested and brought before me to be twith according to the law.	Mccormick / Affiant's Telephone
(LS.)	ARREST WARRANT
Signature of Judge	
	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
RETURN	on or about 1/2/2024 defendant Jaiona Zyrelle Finney
opy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
	County/ Municipality of Mccormick) as set forth below:
Angles .	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
bell b. Or horable	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
Signature of Congrave Law Enforcement Officer	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)
URN WARRANT TO:	on 4/12/2024
	Judge's Address Post Office Box 1116
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Mccormick Magistrate Zit MccAugusta Street, Extension	(L.S.) McCormick, SC 29835-1116
Mccormi k Magistrate 211 Wes Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116	Patty L. Smith Judge's Telephone (864)852-2316
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against Jaiona Zyrelle Finney	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Sex / First degr		t with inmate of correction	onal facility or patient or	trainee of state	
Address:	mental health fa	cility				
Phone: SSN:	I further state that there is probable the crime set forth and that probable caus	cause to believe e is based on the	that the defendant n following facts:	amed above did comm	nit	
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Prosecuting Officer: Dustin Bernard Mcclary - S00371 Offense: Sex / First degree sexual misconduct with inmate of	McCormick, SC 29899, in McCormick Cour	ty. This incident oc	curred while Finney was	employed as a certified C	orrectional	
correctional facility or patient or trainee of state	Officer with SCDC. The accused did admit to	ost Miranda to com:	municating with inmate	an inma	ite of SCDC, for a ield of Unit F4	
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211 West Augusta Street, Extension Post Office Box 1116	Signature of Issuing badge	Judge's Telephor	ne (864)852-2316			
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