



South Carolina Department of Corrections

April 25, 2024

For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The SCDC Inspector General released arrest warrants today charging an inmate with throwing bodily fluids on officers at Leath Correctional Institution.

Kealea Regina Stephens, 23, is charged with throwing urine and feces on two officers in January.

Stephens is currently serving a seven-year sentence for attempted armed robbery and a firearms violation for crimes committed in Lexington County.

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

2024A2410200186

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

THE STATE

04-2024-007

against

Kealea Regina Stephens

Address:

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 135

DL State: DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: Casey E Goff - S00684

Offense: Prisoners / Throwing of bodily fluids by prisoner, detainee on state corrections or local law

Offense Code: 2526

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-13-0470

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

Kealea Stephens
4-18-24

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
528 Monument Street
Room 114
Greenwood, SC 296462623

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

Personally appeared before me the affiant Casey E Goff who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kealea Regina Stephens did within this county and state on or about 1/20/2024 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenwood) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Throwing of bodily fluids by prisoner, detainee on state corrections or local law enforcement officer, corrections employee, or visitor

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:

South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Special Agent Casey Goff states that on January 20, 2024, the defendant Kealea Stephens, who is an inmate lawfully confined within SCDC, did throw/dash urine/feces on through her cell door food flap. was acting in performance of her official duties as a Certified State Corrections Officer. This incident occurred at Leath Correctional Institution, which is located within the County of Greenwood SC. This act was in violation of SC Code of Laws 24-13-0470 Prisoners/Throwing Bodily Fluids by Prisoners on State Correction Officers. Probable cause based on statements from the victims, witness statement, video footage, photos, and OIG investigation. R/O SA Casey Goff.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenwood

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 1/20/2024 defendant Kealea Regina Stephens

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenwood as set forth below:

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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 1/30/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Carson McCurry Henderson

Judge Code: 7496

Judge's Address Greenwood County Courthouse

Greenwood, SC 29646-

Judge's Telephone (864)942-8512

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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