



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 Tyger River Correctional Institution.

Meredith Montanez, 56, of Spartanburg, is charged with two counts of possession of narcotics. The charges involve drugs found in her car wrapped in plastic. 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

2024A4210203278

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Spartanburg

THE STATE

042024031

against

Meredith Montanez

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 5 Weight: 188

DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]

DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C

Prosecuting Agency: S C D C Office Of The Inspector Genera

Prosecuting Officer: Dustin B Mcclary - S02463

Offense: Drugs / Poss. of narc. in Schedule I(b),(c), LSD & Schedule II - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0176

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(c)

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 Meredith Montanez

on 6/21/24

[Signature]

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
180 Magnolia Street
P O Box 3483
Spartanburg, SC 29304

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Meredith Montanez

did within this county and state on or about 6/21/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Spartanburg)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Poss. of narc. in Schedule I(b),(c), LSD & Schedule II - 1st offense

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 June 21, 2024 in the county of Spartanburg, one Meredith Montanez did commit offense of Possession of Controlled substance to wit: that Meredith Montanez, a correctional officer with South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), did possess in her vehicle, inside a clear plastic wrap (1) oblong white pill with K-25 stamped on it (identified as Phentermine Hydrochloride acteminophen schedule IV drug) and 1 round white pill with RP -10-325 stamped on it (identified as Oxycodone Hydrochloride a scheduled II drug) without the authority to do so and the pills were not in its original container. This offense occurred at Tyger Correctional Institution located at 200 Prison Rd. Enoree, SC 29335, in the county of Spartanburg, SC. Probable cause based on police investigation.LPG.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Spartanburg

Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787

Columbia, SC 29221-1787

Affiant's Telephone

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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

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[X] County/ [] Municipality of Spartanburg) 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 6/21/2024

[Signature]

Signature of Issuing Judge

Charles F Bagwell

Judge Code: 7389

Judge's Address 180 Magnolia Street, Room 105

Spartanburg, SC 29306-

Judge's Telephone (864)596-2186

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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