



South Carolina Department of Corrections

May 6, 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 Wateree River Correctional Institution.

Cydanisha Keira Cooper, 26, of Sumter, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, providing inmates with contraband and misconduct in office. The charges involve bringing tobacco and marijuana into the prison for inmates. 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

2024A4310100431

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[X] County/ [] Municipality of

Sumter

THE STATE against

06-2024-040

Cydanisha Keira Cooper

Address: [Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 146
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] Agency ORI #: SC040095C
Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division
Prosecuting Officer: James Edward Graham - S00033
Offense: Misconduct / Misconduct in office, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
Offense Code: 0819
Code/Ordinance Sec: 17-25-0030

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: [Redacted]

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Cydanisha Cooper
on 5/5/24 7:40AM

[Signature]
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
215 N. Harvin St.
Sumter, SC 29150

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Form Approved By
S.C. Attorney General
Apr. 27, 2003
SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant James Edward Graham who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Cydanisha Keira Cooper
did within this county and state on or about 5/4/2024 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [X] County/ [] Municipality of Sumter)
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:

On May 04, 2024, at 8200 State Farm Rd, Rd, in the county of Sumter Cydanidha Cooper, an employee at Wateree Correctional
Institution (WRCI) did violate section 17-25-0033 of the South Carolina Code of Laws Misconduct in Office. The defendants
Institution (WRCI) did violate section 17-25-0033 of the South Carolina Code of Laws Misconduct in Office. The defendants
property was searched by [Redacted] prior to entering the institution. Inside was approximately 450 grams of green leafy
substance that field tested positive for marijuana and 660 grams of tobacco and rolling papers. During a search of the vehicle 260
grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana was found in the trunk and 710 grams of tobacco and rolling
papers were recovered from the back passenger floor board. Probable cause is based on witness statements and Coopers own
admission.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature]
Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21787
Columbia, SC 29221-1787
Affiant's Telephone

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
[X] County/ [] Municipality of
Sumter

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 5/4/2024 defendant Cydanisha Keira Cooper
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[X] County/ [] Municipality of Sumter) 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 5/5/2024

[Signature] (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge
Larry Blanding
Judge Code: 7349

Judge's Address 190 East Canal Street
Sumter, SC 29151-1428
Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280
Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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Prosecuting Agency: S C Department Of Corrections Division

Prosecuting Officer: James Edward Graham - S00033

Offense: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III or flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 1st offense

Offense Code: 0186

Code/Ordinance Sec: 44-53-0370(b)(2)

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The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Drugs / Manuf., poss. of other sub. in Sch. I, II, III of flunitrazepam or analogue, w.i.t.d. - 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:

On May 4, 2024 at 8200 State Farm Rd, in the county of Sumter Cydanidha Cooper, an employee at Wateree Correctional Institution (WRCI) did violate section 44-53-370 (b) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana 1st Offence. The defendants property was searched by prior to entering the institution. Inside was approximately 450 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana. During a search of the vehicle 260 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana was found in the trunk. Probable cause is based on witness statements and Coopers own admission.

Signature of Affiant

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County/ Municipality of

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5/5/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge Larry Blanding (L.S.) Judge's Address 190 East Canal Street Sumter, SC 29151-1428

Judge's Telephone (803)436-2280

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: Agency ORI # SC040095C

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Prosecuting Officer: James Edward Graham - S00033

Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, possession by prisoner, furnishing or attempt to furnish prisoner with

Offense Code: 0074

Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-03-0950

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SC Form 10-1
AS 2-2008
SCCA 618

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On May 4, 2024 at 8200 State Farm Rd, in the county of Sumter Cydanidha Cooper, an employee at Wateree Correctional Institution (WRCI) did violate section 24-03-0950 of the South Carolina Code of Laws Violation of State Contraband. The defendants property was searched by prior to entering the institution. Inside was approximately 450 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana and 660 grams of tobacco and rolling papers. During a search of the vehicle 260 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana was found in the trunk and 710 grams of tobacco and rolling papers were recovered from the back passenger floor board. Probable cause is based on witness statements and Coopers own admission.

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