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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH PROVIDING CONTRABAND TO A PRISONER

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division today arrested a former deputy with the Lexington County Sheriff's Office in connection with providing contraband to a prisoner while working shifts at the Lexington County Detention Center.

Bethany Brooke Harsey, 27, was charged with Contraband, furnish or possessing in county or municipal prisons.

SLED investigated the case at the request of the Lexington County Sheriff's Office.

Harsey was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrant Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210500022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Lexington

THE STATE 32-20-0031
against
Bethany Brooke Harsey

Address: Lugoff, SC 29078-9770
Phone:
Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 2 Weight: 98
DL State: SC DL #:
DOB: 1993 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Takima D Butler - S01252
Offense: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited
Offense Code: 0437
Code/Ordinance Sec: 24-07-0155

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
County/ Municipality of
is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

Date: (L.S.)

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Bethany Harsey on 06-12-2020
S/A Kevin Blake
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Lexington
AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant Takima D Butler being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Bethany Brooke Harsey did within this county and state on or about 12/1/2019 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited

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 defendant, Bethany Brooke Harsey, was employed by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department as a School Resource Officer. Between December 2019 and March 23, 2020, the defendant, while working shifts at the Lexington County Detention Center within Lexington County SC, furnished a prisoner with cigarettes. Facts to establish the above charge against the defendant, Bethany Brooke Harsey are based on witness statement and the defendant's interview admitting to the crime. This incident is in violation of South Carolina Code of Laws. Case number 32-20-0031.

Signature of Affiant: [Signature]
Affiant's Address: P. O. Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's Telephone: (803)737-9000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ Lexington

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 12/1/2019 defendant Bethany Brooke Harsey did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Prisoners / Contraband, furnish. or poss., county or municipal prisons prohibited

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 6/11/2020
Signature of Issuing Judge: Gary S. Morgan
Judge Code: 5041
Judge's Address: 231 West Church Street, Batesburg, SC 29006-2103
Judge's Telephone: (803)359-8330
Issuing Court: Magistrate

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