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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE:** Oct. 10, 2020

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FORMER DETENTION CENTER OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT AND CONSPIRACY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division arrested a former Detention Center Officer with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department yesterday in connection with a plot to injure an inmate along with providing contraband to inmates.

Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz-Montero, 23, was charged with two counts of Misconduct in Office and Conspiracy.

The SLED investigation was requested by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Ortiz-Montero was booked at the Lexington County Detention Center.

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

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Warrants Attached
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ARREST WARRANT

2020A3210201839

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 County/ Municipality of
Lexington

THE STATE

against
Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz-Montero

Address: [Redacted]

Cayce, SC 29033-2162

Phone: [Redacted]
Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 Weight: 140
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted] SSN: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] 1997 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Kevin N Blake - S00291
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

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz - Montero on October 9, 2020

[Signature]
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
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Personally appeared before me the affiant Kevin N Blake being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz-Montero did within this county and state on or about 10/22/2019 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) 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 October 22, 2019, the Defendant, Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz-Montero, was placed on administrative leave from her position as a Correctional Officer with the Lexington County Detention Center (LCDC), 521 Gibson Road Lexington, SC, Lexington County, SC, pending a misconduct investigation. On November 12, 2019, the Defendant communicated with Inmate [Redacted] and discussed payment for someone to assault Inmate [Redacted]. The Defendant agreed to pay \$100 to the person who committed the assault. The Defendant later communicated with Inmate [Redacted] who agreed to carry out the assault when the money was deposited into her inmate account. The Defendant was later contacted by another female inmate who provided the Defendant with real-time information as [Redacted] assaulted [Redacted]. The above is substantiated by recorded jail phone calls, Smart Jail Mail system logs and LCDC video.

Signature of Affiant

[Signature: Kevin Blake]

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Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210-
Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

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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 on or about 10/22/2019 defendant Ingrid Yolanda Ortiz-Montero did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Lexington) 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 7/15/2020

[Signature]
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Brian Norman Buck
Judge Code: 7322

Judge's Address 521 Gibson Road
Lexington, SC 29072-
Judge's Telephone (803)951-2518

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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conspiracy defined
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