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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### **SLED CHARGES FORMER CHARLESTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

On Thursday, agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) arrested Shannon C. Burden, 38, of Holly Hill, S.C. for Misconduct in Office.

SLED was requested to investigate by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Details from the investigation are in the attached warrant.

Burden was booked at the Charleston County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

AFFIDAVIT

SLED CASE# 31-22-0112

Personally, appeared before me, a Magistrate of Charleston County, one SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT RYAN KELLY who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

**SHANNON C. BURDEN**  
(DOB: [REDACTED] 1984, Race: Black, Gender: Female)

Did within this County and State on or about September 13, 2022, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

**DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE**  
**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**  
**COMMON LAW**

**The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based upon the following facts:**

That on or about September 13, 2022, while in the County and State aforesaid, one SHANNON C. BURDEN did willfully and unlawfully commit the Common Law Offense of Misconduct in Office, in that she, charged by law with continuing duties of great concern to the public at large, did fail to properly discharge such duties imposed by law, to wit:

That on September 13, 2022, Shannon C. Burden, while acting in her official capacity as a Corrections Officer for the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center, allowed four inmates to enter the cell of another inmate and assault the inmate. In that Shannon C. Burden, remotely unlocked the cell doors of inmates [REDACTED] who then joined with trustees [REDACTED] to walk to the cell door of the victim, [REDACTED] Shannon C. Burden then remotely unlocked [REDACTED] cell door and allowed the four inmates to enter the cell and close the door.

In that the victim, [REDACTED] was then punched and kicked about the body by inmates [REDACTED] inside the cell. When [REDACTED] attempted to flee, he was forced back inside by the attacking inmates. Shannon C. Burden, stood by and took no action.

On September 15, 2022, Shannon C. Burden provided a post Miranda statement to SLED admitting to intentionally unlocking the cell doors and allowing the inmates to walk towards the victim's cell. Shannon C. Burden then intentionally unlocked the victim's cell and stood by as three inmates entered and closed the victim's cell door. Shannon C. Burden also stood by as the victim attempted to flee his cell but was restrained and push back inside by the attacking inmates. In that inmate Simmons had upset Shannon C. Burden earlier in the shift and her intent was for inmates [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to get [REDACTED] to behave himself. In that the incident was captured on surveillance video and the victim provided a statement that corroborated the facts presented above.

The above information is true and accurate and was obtained through witness statements and the investigation of Senior Special Agent Ryan Kelly of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 15th day of Sept  
2022.

  
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

  
(AFFIANT)  
SS/A RYAN KELLY  
104 Simmons Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
(843) 782-3822

ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Charleston

THE STATE against

Shannon Cherise Burden

Address: Holly Hill, SC 29059-8429

Phone: SSN: Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 10 Weight: 208 DL State: SC DL #: DOB: 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division Prosecuting Officer: Ryan E Kelly - S00869 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:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant SHANNON C. BURDEN on 9/15/22

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions Charleston County Judicial Center 100 Broad Street, Suite 106 Charleston, SC 29401

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Charleston

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant Ryan E Kelly who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Shannon Cherise Burden did within this county and state on or about 9/13/2022 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Charleston) 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:

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Charleston

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221- 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 9/13/2022 defendant Shannon Cherise Burden did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Charleston) 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 9/15/2022 Signature of Issuing Judge Amanda Haselden Judge Code: 7412

Judge's Address 3831 Leeds Avenue, Suite 200 North Charleston, SC 29405- Judge's Telephone (843)746-9822

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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