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SLED CHARGES FORMER KERSHAW COUNTY DETENTION CORRECTIONS OFFICER WITH MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Kionte' Willis Hayes, 24, with Misconduct in Office on Thursday, September 19, 2024. The SLED investigation was requested by the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Hayes was booked into the Kershaw County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2810100797

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

THE STATE

against

Kionte' Willis Hayes

Address:

Camden, SC 29020-4737

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 9 Weight: 230

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 2000 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Brian J Tolbert - S00453

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 Kionte' Willis Hayes

on September 19, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Po Box 1557
Camden, SC 29021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

Personally appeared before me the affiant Brian J Tolbert

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Kionte' Willis Hayes

did within this county and state on or about 9/ 8/2022

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw

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 September 8, 2022, Kionte' Hayes did, while employed as a Correctional Officer with the Kershaw County Detention Center (KCDC), in Kershaw County, commit the crime of Misconduct in Office, in that he did willfully and unlawfully commit misconduct in his public office, by acts and omissions of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in breach of his duties to the public including his duties of good faith, honesty, and accountability. While employed and acting in his capacity as a Correctional Officer, Officer (Ofc.) Hayes did have sexual contact with [REDACTED] who was a KCDC inmate at the time of the incident. The above is substantiated by surveillance footage and statements provided by the victim and witnesses. These acts were in breach of Ofc. Hayes' official duties as a KCDC Correctional Officer and in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Kershaw

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/ 8/2022 defendant Kionte' Willis Hayes

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Kershaw) 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 9/13/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

James E Davis (Magistrate) Jr

Judge Code: 7278

Judge's Address Post Office Box 1528
Camden, SC 29021-

Judge's Telephone (803)425-7226

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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