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April 29, 2026

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SLED CHARGES FORMER LAURENS COUNTY DETENTION DEPUTY WITH CONTRABAND AND MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Ashley Landreth, 36, with Contraband, Furnish or Possess in a County Detention Center, and Misconduct in Office by a Public Official on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The Laurens County Sheriff's Office requested the SLED investigation.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Landreth was booked into the Laurens County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2026A3010100426

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

2025-03798

against

Ashley Carman Landreth

Address:

Simpsonville, SC 29680-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: W Height: 5 4 Weight: 200

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: /1990 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Colby B Grigg - S01027

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 ofThe 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 Ashley C. Landreth
on 4/28/2024S/A J.S. Lewis
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 Hillcrest Square
P.O. Box 287
Laurens, SC 29360

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Laurens

Personally appeared before me the affiant Colby B Grigg whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Ashley Carman Landreth
did within this county and state on or about 3/ 4/2024 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Laurens)

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:

Between March 4, 2024, and February 13, 2025, the Defendant, Ashley Landreth, did in Laurens County, furnish a cell phone to a Laurens County Detention Center (LCDC) inmate, in violation of S.C. Code 24-07-0155. Landreth then communicated with LCDC inmates via the contraband phone. Landreth was employed as a LCDC Detention Deputy at the time of offense. The Affiant's belief is based upon SLED Investigation (2025-03798).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Laurens

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, 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 3/ 4/2024defendant Ashley Carman Landreth

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

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Laurens) 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 meon 4/27/2026William Mellette Wham
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

William Mellette Wham

Judge Code: 7423Judge's Address 100 Hillcrest SquareLaurens, SC 29360-Judge's Telephone (864)681-5689Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

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Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Colby B Grigg - S01027

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Code/Ordinance Sec: 08-01-0080

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Public / Public official, misconduct in office

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:

Between March 4, 2024, and February 13, 2025, in Laurens County, the Defendant, Ashley Landreth, while acting in her official capacity as a Laurens County Detention Center (LCDC) Detention Deputy, failed to properly and faithfully discharge duties she was sworn to uphold in that she communicated with a LCDC Inmate via text message, knowing the inmate was in possession of a contraband phone. The Affiant's belief is based upon SLED Investigation (2025-03798).

Signature of Affiant

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