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Adult Def PC Arrest
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Warrant/Capias

AFFIDAVIT - COMPLAINT

Clerk's Case No. 23-20CF
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Agency ORI # FL037275C

1. Agency Name: Florida Department of Corrections
2. Agency Report Number: 21-15358
3. Charge Types: Felony
3a. Ordinance Type: (if applicable)
4. Date/Time of Offense: 01/2021-11/2021
5. Date/Time of Arrest:
6. Arresting Officer:
7. Investigating Officer: Senior Inspector William "Eddie" Dalton

8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Sharpe (First) Lawana (Middle) Mekell ALIAS
9. OBTS:
10. Race/Sex: B/F
11. Date of Birth:
12. Residence Type: Florida
13. Weapon Seized: No
14. Controlled Substance Seized: No
15. Height: 5'04"
16. Weight: N/A
17. Eye Color: Brown
18. Hair Color: Black
19. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: N/A
20. Driver's License Number/State:
21. Social Security Number:
22. Residential Telephone:
23. Business Telephone:
24. Address: (Street, Apartment Number) 5201 Willis Rd (City) Greenwood (State) FL (Zip) 32443

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28. Date of Birth:
29. Residence Type:
30. Weapon Seized:
31. Controlled Substance Seized:
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42. Defendant's Name: (Last) (First) (Middle) ALIAS
43. OBTS:
44. Race/Sex:
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46. Residence Type:
47. Weapon Seized:
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59. Charge Description: (# 1) Sexual Misconduct (2 counts)
60. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.35(3)(b)(2)
61. Charge Description: (# 1) Conspiracy To Introduce Contraband, tobacco/stimulant (2 counts)
62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 777.04/944.47(1)(a)(4)
63. Charge Description: (# 1) Unlawful Compensation (67 counts)
64. Statute or Ordinance Number: 838.016(1)

65. Victim's Name: (if business, list legal business name) (Last) (First) (Middle)
66. Race/Sex:
67. Date of Birth:
68. Telephone Number:
69. Contact Person if victim is deceased, a minor child, or business: (Last) (First) (Middle)
70. Race/Sex:
71. Date of Birth:
72. Telephone Number: 850-237-3310
73. Address: (Street, Apartment Number) 19562 SE Institution Dr (City) Blountstown (State) Florida (Zip) 32424
74. Secondary Phone Number:
75. Victim Notification of Arrest: NOTIFIED BY: DATE: TIME:
76. Information Given: Victim Rights Card App. Info Arrest Info Domestic VioL Info

77. Physical Evidence collected in this case? Yes No
78. Witness Statements taken in this case? Yes No
79. I certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is page 01 of a 05 page affidavit/complaint.
Inspector William Dalton
Officer/Complainant Signature
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59. Charge Description: (# 1) Unlawful use of two-way communication device (1 count)					60. Statute or Ordinance Number: 934.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
61. Charge Description: (# 1) Interference with prisoners (1count)					62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.39		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
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Evidence Custodian's Name: Paul Hoff		Person responsible for statements: Inspector William Dalton		<i>William Dalton</i> Officer/Complainant Signature		Inspector William Dalton Type or print Complainant name	

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AFFIDAVIT – COMPLAINT (PROBABLE CAUSE NARRATIVE)

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84. NARRATIVE OF THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR PROBABLE CAUSE: The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the heretofore named defendant did commit the violations of law as stated above and the factual basis for this belief is as follows:

Your Affiant is Senior Inspector William "Eddie" Dalton of the Office of the Inspector General, Florida Department of Corrections.

Your Affiant has probable cause to believe in or about January 2021 through September 2021, Graceville Correctional Facility (GCF) employee, Sergeant Lawana Sharpe (Sergeant Sharpe), in the County of Jackson and the State of Florida, did commit the criminal offense of two counts of Sexual Misconduct in violation of Florida Statute 944.35(3)(b)(2), when Sergeant Sharpe did engage in sexual intercourse with an inmate housed at GCF; two (2) counts of Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband (Tobacco/Nicotine) in violation of Florida Statute 777.04/944.47(1)(a)(4), when Sergeant Sharpe did actually and intentionally conspire with inmate(s) and receive payment for introducing contraband into the secure perimeter of GCF to inmates housed there; sixty-seven (67) counts of the criminal offense of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior in violation of State of Florida 838.016 (1), when Sergeant Sharpe did actually and intentionally receive Sixty-seven (67) separate electronic money transfers to personally benefit Sergeant Sharpe, for the nonperformance of her lawful duty as Correctional Officer, to wit: the overlooking, permitting, and/or enabling the violation of Florida criminal laws and the Departmental disciplinary rules, specifically conspiring to introduce contraband; one (1) count of the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device in violation of State of Florida 934.215, when Sergeant Sharpe did utilize her personal cellular telephone, a two-way communication device, to receive illegal money transactions from inmates and/or their associates; and one (1) count of the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of State of Florida 944.39, when Sergeant Sharpe engaged in a business and personal relationship with inmate(s) who was under her direct supervision and while incarcerated within the Florida Department of Corrections, and while doing so allowed inmate(s) to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of the Department of Corrections.

Sergeant Sharpe began her career as a Correctional Officer with GEO Group at GCF on July 9, 2018. Sergeant Sharpe's last day of employment with GCF was on September 30, 2021. During Sergeant Sharpe's employment at GCF, she completed New Employee Training. As part of this training, Sergeant Sharpe received training related to Equal Employment Opportunity & anti-harassment, instructions for reporting inappropriate inmate behavior, rules, procedures, policies related to new employees, and staff offender relationships are strictly prohibited.

On September 30, 2021, as part of routine J-pay monitoring, GCF staff reviewed J-pay account belonging to Inmate [REDACTED] who was housed at GCF. During a review of Inmate [REDACTED] account, GCF staff located what appeared to be a fictitious J-pay account in the name "Candy Williams" sending Inmate [REDACTED] messages. Upon further research of Candy Williams account, it was discovered the account information listed on the Candy Williams J-pay account was linked to Sergeant Sharpe.

On or about October 7, 2021, the Florida Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General initiated a criminal investigation after allegations were made indicating Sergeant Sharpe was involved in a staff offender relationship with Inmate [REDACTED]

Sworn testimony was obtained from Inmate [REDACTED] which indicated he has been housed at GCF for approximately 5-6 months. Inmate [REDACTED] met Sergeant Sharpe while he was housed in B-dormitory. Sergeant Sharpe provided Inmate [REDACTED] with her personal cellular telephone number so she and Inmate [REDACTED] could communicate. Inmate [REDACTED] advised he has talked with Sergeant Sharpe on the recorded inmate phone, on a contraband cellular telephone, and through Facebook messenger.

According to Inmate [REDACTED] he and Sergeant Sharpe's relationship escalated to point he and Sergeant Sharpe began to have sexual intercourse while in B-dormitory. Inmate [REDACTED] advised Sergeant Sharpe would perform oral sex on him every night she worked. Inmate [REDACTED] and Sergeant Sharpe had vaginal intercourse 5-6 times in different areas of B-dormitory.

According to Inmate [REDACTED] Sergeant Sharpe introduced cellular telephones, tobacco, K2, and was paid from several of Inmate [REDACTED] friends and family through Cash App for the contraband.

Sworn testimony was obtained from Sergeant Sharpe which indicated she has worked at GCF for approximately four years. During Sergeant Sharpe's employment with GCF, she was promoted to a Correctional Officer Sergeant when Management & Training Corporation (MTC) was awarded the contract. Sergeant Sharpe advised she did receive training upon becoming employed related to policy and procedures, rules and regulations, Florida State Statutes, and that staff offender relationships are strictly prohibited.

Sergeant Sharpe advised she met Inmate [REDACTED] while working in B-dormitory where Inmate [REDACTED] was housed. Sergeant Sharpe and Inmate [REDACTED] started communicating while Sergeant Sharpe was conducting count in B-dormitory. Inmate [REDACTED] would come to the officer's station and talk with Sergeant Sharpe about personal business for extended periods of time.

Sergeant Sharpe and Inmate [redacted] became involved in a staff offender relationship. Sergeant Sharpe provided Inmate [redacted] with her personal cellular telephone number so that he could communicate with her.

Sergeant Sharpe advised she created a J-pay account using the fictitious name, Candy Williams to communicate with Inmate [redacted]. Sergeant Sharpe used a fictitious name on the J-pay account for the sole purpose of not being detected by staff. Sergeant Sharpe used her personal cellular telephone number and her brother's physical address as the customer information to create the J-pay account. Sergeant Sharpe utilized this J-pay account to send and receive unauthorized written electronic communication to Inmate [redacted] while she was still employed at GCF.

Sergeant Sharpe advised while working in B-dormitory at GCF, she performed oral sex on Inmate [redacted] on two (2) occasions. The first time Sergeant Sharpe performed oral sex on Inmate [redacted] was in the room where the inmate kiosk is located. The second time was in the officer's station. Sergeant Sharpe advised both times Inmate [redacted] ejaculated in her mouth. Sergeant Sharpe advised she and Inmate [redacted] never had vaginal intercourse.

Sergeant Sharpe advised on one occasion, she concealed 305 cigars wrapped in cellophane in her panties and introduced the cigars into the secure perimeter of GCF. On another occasion, Sergeant Sharpe concealed 305 cigars wrapped in cellophane in her vagina and introduced the cigars into the secure perimeter of GCF. When Sergeant Sharpe arrived in the officer's station, she would place the cigars on the steps next to the cleaning supplies. Sergeant Sharpe would open the officer's station for Inmate [redacted] to retrieve the cleaning supplies and the cigars.

Sergeant Sharpe indicated she received electronic money transactions via Cash App from inmate's, inmates' family, or known associates of Inmate [redacted] for introducing cigarettes into the secure facility of GCF.

During this investigation, Senior Inspector Dalton requested, obtained, and served subpoenas to Block Inc., the parent company of Cash App, requesting money transfer records related to Sergeant Sharpe's personal Cash App "LMS!!". In response to the subpoena, Block Inc. provided records related to Sergeant Sharpe's Cash App account.

Block Inc. records indicate from January 4, 2021, through October 13, 2021, Sergeant Sharpe received sixty-seven (67) electronic Cash App money transactions from eight (8) separate Cash App accounts totaling twelve thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$12,160.00). The users of the eight (8) Cash App accounts from which Sergeant Sharpe received payment from were identified as inmates, inmates' family, or known associates of inmates, including Inmate [redacted] who was housed at GCF during the time electronic money transfers were sent and while Sergeant Sharpe was employed at GCF.

During this investigation, Senior Inspector Dalton requested, obtained, and served a subpoena to Verizon wireless requesting call detail records for Sergeant Sharpe's personal cellular telephone number. In response to the subpoena, Verizon wireless provided records related to Sergeant Sharpe's account.

According to Verizon records, from January 1, 2021, through October 13, 2021, Sergeant Sharpe's call detail records indicated she communicated with cellular telephone numbers [redacted] and [redacted] numerous times. These telephone numbers were identified as belonging to inmates, inmates' family, or known associates of inmates, including Inmate [redacted] who sent Sergeant Sharpe electronic money transactions via Cash App.

Through your Affiant's experience in conducting similar investigations, inmates frequently purchase contraband items from other inmates at their assigned facility and pay for the contraband through Cash App payments. The inmate selling the contraband commonly provides the inmate purchasing the contraband with a Cash App account to have money sent. The inmate purchaser often never knows the identity of the person they are paying. Staff members who introduce contraband and receive payment for the contraband, often communicate with only one inmate who works as a go-between with other inmates to protect the corrupt staff member's identity and avoid detection by law enforcement.

Based on the facts established in this affidavit, your Affiant requests an arrest warrant be issued for LAWANA M. SHARPE, DOB- [redacted], Address: 5201 Willis Rd, Greenwood, FL 32443, for two (2) counts of Sexual Misconduct in violation of Florida Statute 944.35(3)(b)(2); two (2) counts of a violation of Florida Statute 777.04/944.47(1)(a)(4), the law relating to Conspiracy to introduce contraband, tobacco/stimulant (3rd DEG FEL); sixty-seven (67) counts of a violation of Florida Statute 838.016, the law relating to Unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior (2nd DEG FEL); one count of a violation of Florida Statute 934.215 the laws relating to Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device (3rd DEG FEL); and one (1) count of a violation of 944.39, the law relating to Interference with prisoners (2nd DEG MISD).

All supporting documents referred to in this affidavit will be available for judicial review and will be further explained in your Affiant's investigative report.

85. The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that the foregoing information contained in an affidavit consisting of 5 pages is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 2023

William Dalton 98047
Signature of Officer/Complainant ID Number

Tracy Borge
Signature of Person Administering Oath
 Personally Known Other Identification

Seal ID Type

JACKSON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, 01/06/2023 15 10
Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed) ID Number

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87. Adult's Relation to Juvenile Defendant: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		88. Adult's Name: (Last)		(First)	(Middle)
89. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)			(City)	(State)	(Zip)
90. Residential Phone:			91. Business Phone		
92. Notified By: (Name)			93. Date/Time:		94. Notification Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone
95. Law Enforcement Disposition of Juvenile Contact: (Check one and complete release date)		Transferred to <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Detention		Released to <input type="checkbox"/> HRS Intake Officer, not detained	
Release Date: _____ Release Time: _____		Released to (Name): _____		Processed within the agency and released <input type="checkbox"/> to other than HRS	

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