

THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

v.

Kayla Dasheill Minnifield
(B/F; DOB: [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: _____

CHARGE(s):

- 1) Introduction of contraband (communication) – 3 counts
- 2) Unlawful use of a two-way communication device – 2 counts
- 3) Interference with Prisoners – 3 counts

WARRANT

TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, a Sworn Complaint, having been this day filed before me as Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Holmes County, wherein it is alleged that:

Former Correctional Officer Kayla Minnifield, between June 24, 2023 and November 6, 2023, in the County of Holmes and State of Florida, committed the offense of Introduction of contraband (communication) contrary to Florida Statutes 944.47(1)(a)1) (Third degree FELONY), and

Former Correctional Officer Kayla Minnifield, between June 24, 2023, and August 16, 2023, in the County of Holmes and State of Florida, committed the offense of Unlawful use of two-way communication device contrary to Florida Statutes 934.215 (Third degree FELONY), and

Former Correctional Officer Kayla Minnifield, between June 24, 2023, and November 6, 2023, in the County of Holmes and State of Florida, committed the offense of Interference with Prisoners, contrary to Florida Statutes 944.39 (Second degree MISDEMEANOR).

THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to arrest instanter the said **Kayla Minnifield**

WITNESS my hand and the official Seal of the Judge of the Circuit Court:

C  1/3/2024 11:05:11 AM

___The defendant shall be admitted bail in the amount of \$_____.

___No bail until first appearance, as provided by law.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO MONETARY BAIL:

This warrant came to hand the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____, and I executed the same by arresting the within named defendant on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____. On the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____, the within named defendant was taken before the Court to be dealt with according to law.

SHERIFF By: _____ Deputy Sheriff

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1. Agency Name: Office of Inspector General - FDC		2. Agency Report Number: 23-17130		3. Charge Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor w/associated felony <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County		3e. Ordinance Type: (If applicable)	
4. Date/Time of Offense: June 24, 2023 – November 6, 2023		5. Date/Time of Arrest: Pending		6. Arresting Officer: Pending		7. Investigating Officer: Detective Janine Knight	

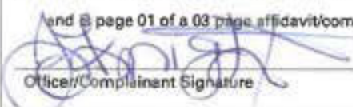
8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Minnifield		(First) Kayla		(Middle) Dasheill		ALIAS		9. OBTS:	
10. Race/Sex: B/F		11. Date of Birth:		12. Residence Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florida <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County		13. Weapon Seized <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		14. Controlled Substance Seized: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No TYPE & QUANTITY:	
15. Height: 5'6		16. Weight: 170		17. Eye Color: Brown		18. Hair Color: Black		19. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: (Location, type & description)	
20. Driver's License Number/State:			21. Social Security Number:			22. Residential Telephone:		23. Business Telephone:	
24. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)			(City)			(State)		(Zip)	

25. Defendant's Name: (Last)		(First)		(Middle)		ALIAS		26. OBTS:	
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37. Driver's License Number/State:			38. Social Security Number:			39. Residential Telephone:		40. Business Telephone:	
41. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)			(City)			(State)		(Zip)	

42. Defendant's Name: (Last)		(First)		(Middle)		ALIAS		43. OBTS:	
44. Race/Sex:		45. Date of Birth:		46. Residence Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Florida <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County		47. Weapon Seized <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		48. Controlled Substance Seized: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No TYPE & QUANTITY:	
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54. Driver's License Number/State:			55. Social Security Number:			56. Residential Telephone:		57. Business Telephone:	
58. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)			(City)			(State)		(Zip)	

59. Charge Description: (# 1) Introduction of Contraband (Communication) – 3 counts		60. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.47 (1)(a)(1)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
61. Charge Description: (# 2) Unlawful Use of a 2-way Communication Device - 2 counts		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 934.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (# 3) Interference with Prisoners – 3 counts		64. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.39		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	

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:	
73. Address: (Street, Apartment Number) (City) (State) (Zip)			74. Secondary Phone Number:					
75. Victim Notification of Arrest: NOTIFIED BY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____						76. Information Given: Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Info <input type="checkbox"/> Rights Card <input type="checkbox"/> App. Info <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Viol. Info		

77. Physical Evidence collected in this case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		78. Witness Statements taken in this case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 03 page affidavit/complaint.	
Evidence Custodian's Name:		Person responsible for statements: Senior Inspector Knight		 Officer/Complainant Signature	
				Senior Inspector Janine Knight Type or print Complainant name	

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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 Detective Janine Knight of the Florida Department of Corrections [FDC], Office of the Inspector General.

Your Affiant has probable cause to believe former Correctional Officer Kayla Minnifield [Officer Minnifield], in the County of Holmes and the State of Florida, did commit the criminal offenses of Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Institution (Electronic and written Communication), in violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1) Florida Statute, when Officer Minnifield did actually and intentionally introduce, through unauthorized channels, into or take from, the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution, written or electronically transmitted and/or recorded communication, images, and/or videos to Inmate D'Shannon Morris #C10318 [Inmate Morris], Inmate Jarvis Horne DC#E32736 (Inmate Horne) and Inmate Jarvis Stephens DC #N51666 (Inmate Stephens) who were each incarcerated at Holmes Correctional Institution [Holmes CI], Holmes County, Florida. Probable cause also exists Officer Minnifield did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Florida Statute, when Officer Minnifield used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication via Facebook Chat (a Meta platforms application) to Inmate Morris and Inmate Stephens, both of whom were housed at Holmes CI. Lastly, Officer Minnifield committed the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Florida Statute, when Officer Minnifield intentionally engaged in a personal relationship with inmates housed at Holmes CI (Inmate Morris, Inmate Horne, and Inmate Stephens), and while doing so allowed the inmates to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of FDC.

On April 7, 2022, Officer Minnifield completed an application for employment with FDC for the position of Correctional Officer. On her application, Officer Minnifield marked the box "no" indicating she did not have any business or personal relationship with anyone incarcerated with or under the supervision of FDC. Officer Minnifield completed a second form on April 15, 2022, indicating she did not have any business or personal relationships with anyone incarcerated or under the supervision of FDC. Officer Minnifield began her employment with FDC at Holmes CI as a Correctional Officer on or about May 24, 2022. Officer Minnifield resigned from her employment on November 6, 2023. During the course of her FDC employment, Officer Minnifield did not report that she had any business or personal relationship with any FDC inmate or offender.

On September 13, 2023, (prior to Officer Minnifield's resignation) Correctional Officer Jan West (Officer West) reported, on several occasions Officer West saw Officer Minnifield communicating with various inmates by using sign language. Officer Minnifield told Officer West how she would handle communication if she were going to engage in a relationship with an inmate. Officer Minnifield told Officer West she would not use her real name and use a "burner phone" to avoid being caught like other staff.

On August 16, 2023, Inmate Ervin Jones DC #133935 (Inmate Jones) stated he had been involved in a relationship with Officer Minnifield for about nine (9) months. Inmate Jones contacted Officer Minnifield on her cell phone, but Inmate Jones did not provide the cell phone number he called. The calls were not placed on recorded phone lines. Many inmates communicated with Officer Minnifield via Facebook Messenger or Chats. Officer Minnifield used a Facebook account with the name "Kayla Dashiell"

Publicly viewable information for Facebook account ID #100007020103177, with the vanity name Kayla Dashiell showed communication from an FDC inmate, in the form of a comment from Facebook account ID #100063624252565 on a photograph she posted.

On October 31, 2023, SI Knight reviewed records provided by Facebook in response to a search warrant. Facebook account ID 100063624252565, belonged to Inmate Marques Hawks DC#B02529 (Inmate Hawks) and had vanity name Mtown Skip. Between January 16, 2023, and June 27, 2023, Inmate Hawks sent Officer Minnifield's Facebook account ID #100007020103177, a friends request and four (4) chat messages, one of which requested Officer Minnifield to bring him contraband in exchange for compensation.

Facebook account #100094017698444, with vanity name Jugg Mane, (Inmate Stephens) sent Officer Minnifield's Facebook account ID #100007020103177, a friends request on June 24, 2023, and sent two (2) chat messages on June 26, 2023. One of the messages requested Officer Minnifield's CashApp information. On June 26, 2023, Facebook account # 100043540490377 messaged Officer Minnifield and sent a screenshot of messages they received from Facebook account #100094017698444. The message's indicated Jugg Mane was an inmate and that Kayla worked at the prison where the inmate was housed. The messages asked Facebook account #100094017698444, to contact Officer Minnifield and let her know who Jugg Mane was on Facebook. Officer Minnifield responded to Facebook account #100094017698444 and said she knew about the messages and to tell him (Inmate Stephens) she saw his messages.

Facebook account ID #100007020103177, was associated with email addresses kaylaminnifield22@yahoo.com and kaylaminnifield123@yahoo.com; user name kayla.minnifield, and provided name of Kayla Dashiell. Publicly viewable photos of the owner of Facebook account #100007020103177 were of Officer Minnifield. On August 5, 2023, Inmate Morris initiated a conversation from his Facebook account #100094564423527, with Officer Minnifield. Officer Minnifield responded to the Facebook Chat message and continued exchanging a total of two hundred and five (205) chat messages, Four (4) photographs, one (1) video and one (1) video call through Facebook chat, with Inmate Morris between August 5-16, 2023.

SI Knight reviewed the Facebook Chat communication between Inmate Morris and Officer Minnifield. The communications were of a romantic nature, and each told the other they loved them. On August 11, 2023, Inmate Morris requested Officer Minnifield to have money sent for him, so that Inmate Morris could obtain marijuana to smoke inside the prison. Officer Minnifield wrote in messages that she had a third-party send the money on his behalf. On August 12, 2023, Inmate Morris told Officer Minnifield he was using a hot spot. On August 15, 2023, Inmate Morris told Officer Minnifield he had to charge his phone (both contraband items).

According to Telestaff rosters Officer Minnifield was off work from October 27, 2023, through November 6, 2023. FDC internal records showed on September 27, 2023, Inmate Morris provided Officer Minnifield's address [REDACTED] as his stated residence upon his release.

On November 6, 2023, (prior to Officer Minnifield's resignation), Officer Minnifield signed a consent to search her vehicle. SI Knight searched Officer Minnifield's vehicle and located several pieces of mail addressed to Officer Minnifield at: [REDACTED] In the trunk of Officer Minnifield's vehicle was a 2-page letter written to her from Inmate Horne. Photographs of the mail were obtained, and the letter was stored as evidence.



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According to her sworn post-Miranda statement, Officer Minnifield [REDACTED]

Officer Minnifield indicated [REDACTED]

Officer Minnifield stated [REDACTED]

According to Inmate Horne, he did write the letter that was recovered from Officer Minnifield's vehicle.


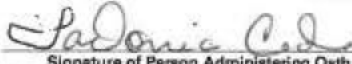
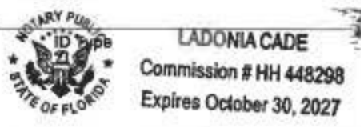
According to Inmate Stephens, Facebook Account #100094017698444 with the vanity name Jugg Mane, was his account and he routinely asked his family members to send communication for him from the account.

According to Inmate Hawks, Facebook account #100063624252565 with the vanity name Mtown Skip, was his account and he did use a contraband cell phone to access his Facebook account and send communications and friends requests to Officer Minnifield.

Internal records showed Inmate Hawks, Inmate Morris, Inmate Stephens, and Inmate Horne were incarcerated at Holmes CI during the dates they communicated with Officer Minnifield.

Your Affiant requests an arrest warrant be issued for Kayla Dasheill Minnifield, DOB [REDACTED], for three (3) counts of a violation of S. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), the laws related introducing contraband communication; two (2) counts of a violation of S. 934.215, the laws related to the unlawful use of two-way communication; and three (3) counts of a violation of S. 944.39 the laws related to the interference with prisoners.

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

85. The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that the foregoing information contained in an affidavit consisting of 3 pages is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge  Signature of Officer/Complainant Senior Inspector Janine Knight Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed)	Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>28</u> day of <u>December</u> , 20 <u>23</u>  Signature of Person Administering Oath <input type="checkbox"/> Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification Seal
	

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 data) Release Date: _____ Release Time: _____ Released to (Name): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transferred to Secure Detention <input type="checkbox"/> Released to HRS Intake Officer, not detained	<input type="checkbox"/> Processed within the agency and released to other than HRS	