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☒ Adult Def ☐ PC Arrest
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AFFIDAVIT - COMPLAINT

Clerk's Case No. 322019F04955
SA Case No.(s) 19-454CF

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Agency ORI # FL037275C

1. Agency Name: Florida Department of Corrections		2. Agency Report Number: 18-21350		3. Charge Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor w/associated felony		9a. Ordinance Type: (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County	
4. Date/Time of Offense: August 31, 2018 & September 5, 2018		5. Date/Time of Arrest:		6. Arresting Officer:		7. Investigating Officer: Senior Inspector Jerry Basford	

8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Pearson		(First) Tiffany		(Middle) N.		ALIAS		9. OBTS:	
10. Race/Sex: B/F		11. Date of Birth:		12. Residence Type: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florida <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State		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: n/a	
15. Height:		16. Weight:		17. Eye Color:		18. Hair Color:		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) [REDACTED]				(City) [REDACTED]		(State) [REDACTED]		(Zip) [REDACTED]	

25. Defendant's Name: (Last)		(First)		(Middle)		ALIAS		26. OBTS:	
27. Race/Sex:		28. Date of Birth:		29. Residence Type: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Florida <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State		30. Weapon Seized <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		31. Controlled Substance Seized: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No TYPE & QUANTITY:	
32. Height:		33. Weight:		34. Eye Color:		35. Hair Color:		36. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: (Location, type & description)	
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"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Florida <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State		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:	
49. Height:		50. Weight:		51. Eye Color:		52. Hair Color:		53. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: (Location, type & description)	
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 (Two Counts)		60. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.47 (1)(a)(1)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
61. Charge Description: (# 1) Interference with Prisoners		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 944.39		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (# 1) Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device		64. Statute or Ordinance Number: 934.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	

STATE ATTORNEY

65. Victim's Name: (If business, list legal business name) (Last) (First) (Middle) State of Florida		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) Inspector Jerry Basford		70. Race/Sex:		71. Date of Birth:		72. Telephone Number:	
73. Address: (Street, Apartment Number) (City) (State) (Zip) 501 S. Calhoun Street Tallahassee Florida 32399						74. Secondary Phone Number:	
75. Victim Notification of Arrest: NOTIFIED BY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____				76. Information Given: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim's Rights Card <input type="checkbox"/> App. Info <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Info <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence 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: Darla Henderson		Person responsible for statements: Jerry Basford		Office/Complainant Signature: Inspector Jerry Basford Type or print Complainant name	

PAGE 01 MUST HAVE PAGE 02 (MORE IF REQUIRED) TO BE A VALID AFFIDAVIT/COMPLAINT

JACKSON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT 08/01/2019 13:06

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(PROBABLE CAUSE NARRATIVE)

Clerk's Case No.

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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 Jerry Basford of the Office of the Inspector General, Florida Department of Corrections.

Your Affiant has probable cause to believe on August 31, 2018 and September 5, 2018, Correctional Officer Tiffany N. Pearson (Officer Pearson) in the County of Jackson and the State of Florida, did commit the criminal offense of Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Institution (Communication), in violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1) Fla. Stat., when Officer Pearson did actually and intentionally introduce, through unauthorized channels, into the secure perimeter of Apalachee Correctional Institution, electronically transmitted written and/or recorded communication and images to an inmate. Furthermore, Officer Pearson did commit the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Fla. Stat., when Officer Pearson engaged in a personal relationship with an inmate under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections, and while doing so allowed the inmate to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of the Department of Corrections. Lastly, Officer Pearson did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Fla. Stat., when Officer Pearson used a cellular telephone to introduce contraband communication to an inmate housed at Apalachee Correctional Institution.

During review of the data contained in a contraband cellular telephone recovered from Apalachee Correctional Institution on November 5, 2018, a contact "Pearson" was identified associated with telephone number [REDACTED]. A text message thread dated August 31, 2018, with contact Pearson, was noted containing two nude images of a black female. In one of the two transmitted images, a tattoo is visible above one breast. The tattoo appears to match Officer Pearson's tattoo, visible in her public social media, of what appears to be a series of Roman numeric characters visible above one of Officer Pearson's breasts.

In the September 5th communication, Officer Pearson indicates the inmate made her mad the night before. Officer Pearson's text message indicates the inmate was smoking with other inmates in the dormitory and attracted the attention of another officer.

Officer Pearson was working on the night of September 4, 2018 and was assigned to P-dormitory.

Sworn testimony was obtained during this investigation from an inmate housed in P-dormitory on September 4, 2018 and identified as a user of the recovered contraband cellular telephone. The inmate confirmed, in a recorded interview, he was communicating with Officer Pearson by text messages and she had sent him images, some of which were unclothed images of herself.

The contraband device contained (209) saved images. The images were reviewed, and two additional images were identified that appear to be Officer Pearson. The images were taken with a cellular telephone in the reflection of what appears to be a bathroom mirror.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Tiffany Pearson did commit the criminal offense of Introduction of Contraband (Communication), in violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), Florida Statute when Officer Pearson did actually and intentionally introduce through unauthorized channels text messages and images into the secure perimeter of Apalachee Correctional Institution.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Tiffany Pearson did commit the criminal violation of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Fla. Stat., when Officer Pearson engaged in a personal relationship with an inmate under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections, and while doing so allowed the inmate to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of the Department of Corrections.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Tiffany Pearson did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Fla. Stat., when Officer Pearson used a cellular telephone to introduce contraband communication to an inmate housed at Apalachee Correctional Institution.

You Affiant request an arrest warrant be issued for TIFFANY NICOLE PEARSON, B/F, DOB [REDACTED] LKA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for two counts each of a violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), the laws related to introducing contraband communication and of s. 934.215, the laws relating to the unlawful use of two-way communication, and for one count of a violation of s. 944.39., the law relating to the interference with the good moral conduct of an inmate.

85. The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that the foregoing information contained in an affidavit consisting of 2 pages is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of July, 2019

Melanie H. Ditty
Signature of Person Administering Oath
☒ Personally Known ☐ Other Identification

Julian R. Rashed
Signature of Officer/Complainant
Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed) Julian Rashed ID Number 84004

Seal
MELANIE H. DITTY
Commission # GG 187475
Expires February 18, 2022
Bonded thru Troy Fair Insurance 800-385-7019

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:
92. Notified By: (Name)		93. Date/Time:		91. Business Phone	
95. Law Enforcement Disposition of Juvenile Contact: (Check one and complete release data)		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		94. Notification Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone	

THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

v.

Tiffany N. Pearson
(Black/Female; DOB:
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED])

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 19-454CF

CHARGE(s):

- 1) Introduction of Contraband,
Communication
- 2) Introduction of Contraband,
Communication
- 3) Unlawful use of two-way
communication
- 4) Interference with Prisoners

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 Jackson County, wherein it is alleged that:

Tiffany N. Pearson, on or about August 31, 2018, in the County of Jackson and State of Florida, committed the offense of Introduction of Contraband, Communication contrary to Florida Statutes 944.47(1)(a)(1) (3 DEG FELONY), and

Tiffany N. Pearson, on or about September 5, 2018, in the County of Jackson and State of Florida, committed the offense of Introduction of Contraband, Communication contrary to Florida Statutes 944.47(1)(a)(1) (3 DEG FELONY), and

Tiffany N. Pearson, in or about August - September, 2018, in the County of Jackson and State of Florida, committed the offense of Unlawful use of a two-way communication device contrary to Florida Statutes 934.215 (3 DEG FELONY)

Tiffany N. Pearson, in or about August - September, 2018, in the County of Jackson and State of Florida, committed the offense of Interference with prisoners contrary to Florida Statutes 944.39 (2 DEG MISDEMEANOR)



CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY.

8-1-19

CLAYTON O. ROOKS, III
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: [Signature]

Deputy Clerk

THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to arrest instanter the said **TIFFANY PEARSON**.

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

____ 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:

7/18/2019

Waide Mercer
WAIDE MERCER
Jackson County Judge
Acting Circuit Judge
7/18/2019 4:27:34 PM

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