

THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

v.

ROCHELLE L COOK

(W/F; DOB: [REDACTED])

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

CHARGE(s):

- 1) Introduction of contraband (communication)
- 2) Unlawful use of a two-way communication device
- 3) 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 Holmes County, wherein it is alleged that:

Former Correctional Officer Rochelle Cook, between March 3, 2023 and July 4, 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 Rochelle Cook, between March 3, 2023 and July 4, 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 Rochelle Cook, between March 3, 2023 and July 4, 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 **Rochelle Cook**

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

The defendant shall be admitted bail in the amount of \$ **to be set**

No bail until first appearance, as provided by law.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO MONETARY BAIL:


12/21/2023 9:45:11 AM

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: 23-10349		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		3a. Ordinance Type: (If applicable)	
4. Date/Time of Offense: March 3, 2023 – July 4, 2023		5. Date/Time of Arrest: Pending		6. Arresting Officer: Pending		7. Investigating Officer: Senior Inspector Janine Knight	


8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Cook		(First) Rochelle		(Middle) Laven		ALIAS Rochelle Laven Sadler, Teena Cook		9. OBTS:	
10. Race/Sex: W/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:	
15. Height: 5'6		16. Weight:		17. Eye Color: Brown		18. Hair Color: Brown		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:	
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:			
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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)		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		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 934.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (# 3) Interference with Prisoners		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: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Rights Card <input type="checkbox"/> App. Info <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest 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 Senior Law Enforcement Inspector Janine Knight of the Florida Department of Corrections [FDC], Office of the Inspector General.

Your Affiant has probable cause to believe former Correctional Officer Rochelle Cook [Officer Cook], 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 Cook did actually and intentionally introduce, through unauthorized channels, into the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution, handwritten letters/notes and electronically transmitted and/or recorded communication, images, and/or videos to Inmate Rogeric Coleman #P46171 [Inmate Coleman], who was incarcerated at Holmes Correctional Institution [Holmes CI], Holmes County, Florida. Probable cause also exists Officer Cook did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Florida Statute, when Officer Cook used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication via Facebook Chat, GTL, and Jpay applications to Inmate Coleman, housed at Holmes CI. Lastly, Officer Cook committed the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Florida Statute, when Officer Cook intentionally engaged in a personal relationship with an inmate housed at Holmes CI, and while doing so allowed the inmate to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of FDC.

On June 7, 2022, Officer Cook completed an application for employment with FDC for the position of Correctional Officer. On her application, Officer Cook 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 Cook began her employment with FDC at Holmes CI as a Correctional Officer on or about June 10, 2022. Officer Cook resigned from her employment on July 14, 2023. During the course of her FDC employment, Officer Cook did not report that she had any business or personal relationship with any FDC inmate or offender.

On July 6, 2023, (prior to Officer Cook's resignation) Correctional Officer Susan Barton [Officer Barton] submitted an incident report which indicated Officer Cook used Jpay email account #3091997 bearing the name "Rae Carter" to communicate with Inmate Coleman. The address and date of birth associated with the user of Jpay account #3091997 matched information associated with Officer Cook.

Review of details associated with Jpay account #30931997, showed the name: Rae Carter; Date of birth: [REDACTED] telephone number: [REDACTED] address: [REDACTED] and email: rae040772@gmail.com. The date of birth and address matched information provided by Officer Cook on an FDC application for employment. JPay account #30931997 sent seventeen (17) emails and received thirty-five (35) emails, which were all exchanged with Inmate Coleman between April 18, 2023, and May 14, 2023. JPay account #30931997 had sent a total of thirty (30) electronic "stamps" to Inmate Coleman over four (4) "stamp" transfers between April 30, 2023, and May 15, 2023.

Review of the communication exchanged between JPay account #30931997 (Officer Cook) and Inmate Coleman (while Officer Cook was employed as a Correctional Officer at Holmes CI), were romantic in nature. On April 21, 2023, Inmate Coleman told Officer Cook to enjoy her mini-vacation. On April 30, 2023, Inmate Coleman described (Officer Cook) as having brown eyes and wearing glasses. On May 1, 2023, Inmate Coleman referenced there was an age gap between them. Inmate Coleman referred to (Officer Cook) as his "Ruby" and his wife.

FDC Internal records showed Officer Cook was off work between April 19-23, 2023. Inmate Coleman's date of birth is December 5, 1993. Officer Cook's date of birth is [REDACTED]

On July 11, 2023, (prior to Officer Cook's resignation) Correctional Officer Captain Elias Foskey [Captain Foskey] submitted an incident report which indicated Inmate Coleman told Captain Foskey he had been in a relationship with Officer Cook over the past five (5) months and Officer Cook gave him the ponytail holder which was around his wrist.

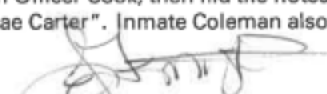
On July 11, 2023, (prior to Officer Cook's resignation) Correctional Officer Sergeant Charles Benton [Sergeant Benton] submitted an incident report which indicated Inmate Coleman told Sergeant Benton that Inmate Coleman used Facebook Messenger to communicate with Officer Cook. Officer Cook had also given Inmate Coleman handwritten notes which Inmate Coleman hid inside B2-dorm. Sergeant Benton recovered the letters/notes and stored them as evidence.

Review of the eight (8) handwritten notes showed none of them were signed or dated. The papers indicated the writer was in a romantic relationship with the inmate who received the notes. One of the notes was addressed to "Rogerick".

Officer Cook submitted an incident report concerning matters Sergeant Benton reported. Officer Cook reported on July 11, 2023, Inmate Coleman told her he was turning in the papers that had her personal handwriting on them and that he was getting transferred. Inmate Coleman told Officer Cook if she did not bring him two packs of cigarettes, she would lose her job. Officer Cook notified her chain of command about the incident.

Investigative note: In her incident report, Officer Cook did not deny writing the letters but referenced that Inmate Coleman had notes with her personal handwriting. Comparison between the handwriting on the notes and known handwriting of Officer Cook, appeared to match.

On July 17, 2023, Inmate Coleman provided a sworn recorded statement during which Inmate Coleman admitted he had engaged in a romantic relationship with Officer Cook beginning in early 2023. In February 2023, Officer Cook let Inmate Coleman take a ring from her hand and keep it. On March 9, 2023, Officer Cook gave Inmate Coleman her ponytail holder as a way to signify to others that Inmate Coleman was hers. Inmate Coleman wore the ponytail holder on his wrist. Inmate Coleman exchanged several handwritten notes with Officer Cook, then hid the notes to keep them safe. Officer Cook exchanged emails with Inmate Coleman via Jpay using an account with the name "Rae Carter". Inmate Coleman also used a contraband



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device to exchange Facebook Chat Messages between his Facebook account and Officer Cook's Facebook account. Officer Cook's Facebook account was under the name "Teena Cook". Inmate Coleman identified his Facebook account as Facebook account id #100017387258683. While Officer Cook was out of work [REDACTED] Inmate Coleman used the contraband device to call Officer Cook at her telephone number [REDACTED] Inmate Coleman called Officer Cook one time on the GTL phone line at [REDACTED] Officer Cook brought Inmate Coleman other contraband items, but Inmate Coleman did not provide Officer Cook any compensation for doing so. Inmate Coleman sold the contraband to other inmates. At the conclusion of their relationship, Inmate Coleman told Officer Cook that he had a lot of evidence on her and if Officer Cook wanted it back, she had to do one more job.


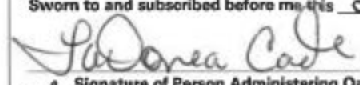

Review of GTL servers showed on July 1, 2023, one telephone call was placed to telephone number [REDACTED] using Inmate Coleman's PIN number. At the beginning of the call the individual answering was advised the call was from a correctional facility, prior to their acceptance of the call. The call was accepted and lasted for 51 seconds. However, due to the short length of the call and low tone used, the identity of the individual called could not be determined.

On October 11, 2023, SI Knight reviewed records provided by Facebook for Facebook account ID #1678824885. The account was associated with telephone number [REDACTED] email teena0407@yahoo.com; and email teena.cook.10@facebook.com. Publicly viewable photos of the owner of Facebook account #1678824885 were of Officer Cook. On March 3, 2023, Inmate Coleman initiated a conversation from his Facebook account # 100017387258683, with Officer Cook. Officer Cook responded to the Facebook Chat message and continued exchanging a total of ninety-four (94) chat messages and one call through Facebook chat, with Inmate Coleman between March 3, 2023, and July 4, 2023.

Review of the Facebook Chat Communication between Inmate Coleman and Officer Cook showed the communications were of a romantic nature. On March 4, 2023, Inmate Coleman thanked Officer Cook for his ring. On July 4, 2023, Officer Cook gave Inmate Coleman telephone [REDACTED] as her other telephone for Inmate Coleman to contact her on. On July 4, 2023, Inmate Coleman called Officer Cook via Facebook Chat. Officer Cook reminded Inmate Coleman in her messages to delete their messages from his device.

Your Affiant requests an arrest warrant be issued for Rochelle Laven Cook, DOB [REDACTED] for one count of a violation of S. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), the laws related introducing contraband communication; one count of a violation of S. 934.215, the laws related to the unlawful use of two-way communication; and one count 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	Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>20</u> day of <u>December, 2023</u>
 Signature of Officer/Complainant Senior Inspector Janine Knight Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed)	 Signature of Person Administering Oath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification Seal
[REDACTED] ID Number	 LADONIA CADE Commission # HH 448298 Expires October 30, 2027

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