

THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA

v.

Cheryl Lynn Sanchez  
(W/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) – 2 counts
- 2) Unlawful use of a two-way communication device – 2 counts
- 3) Interference with Prisoners – 2 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 Cheryl Sanchez, between May 22, 2023, and July 25, 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 Cheryl Sanchez, between May 22, 2023, and July 25, 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 Cheryl Sanchez, between May 22, 2023, and July 25, 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 **Cheryl Sanchez**

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:

1/3/2024 8:53:33 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.

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SHERIFF By: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Sheriff

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# AFFIDAVIT – COMPLAINT

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1. Agency Name: <b>Office of Inspector General - FDC</b>		2. Agency Report Number: <b>23-14948</b>		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) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County	
4. Date/Time of Offense: <b>May 22, 2023 – July 25, 2023</b>		5. Date/Time of Arrest: <b>Pending</b>		6. Arresting Officer: <b>Pending</b>		7. Investigating Officer: <b>Senior Inspector Janine Knight</b>	

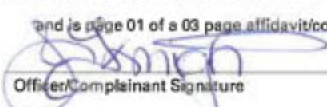
8. Defendant's Name: (Last) <b>Sanchez</b>		(First) <b>Cheryl</b>		(Middle) <b>Lynn</b>		ALIAS <b>Cheryl Doty, Cheryl Solano, Selena Exantus</b>		9. OBTS:	
10. Race/Sex: <b>W/F</b>	11. Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	12. Residence Type: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" 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: <b>5'7</b>	16. Weight:	17. Eye Color: <b>Blue</b>	18. Hair Color: <b>Blonde</b>	19. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: (Location, type & description)					
20. Driver's License Number/State: [REDACTED]		21. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]		22. Residential Telephone: [REDACTED]		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) <b>Introduction of Contraband (Communication) – 2 counts</b>		60. Statute or Ordinance Number: <b>944.47 (1)(a)(1)</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
61. Charge Description: (# 2) <b>Unlawful Use of a 2-way Communication Device - 2 counts</b>		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: <b>934.215</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (# 3) <b>Interference with Prisoners – 2 counts</b>		64. Statute or Ordinance Number: <b>944.39</b>		<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"/> 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: <b>Senior Inspector Knight</b>	 Officer/Complainant Signature		<b>Senior Inspector Janine Knight</b> 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 Cheryl Sanchez [Officer Sanchez], 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 Sanchez 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 Chadwick Exantus #M58390 [Inmate Exantus] and Inmate Clarvel Charmant #M92507 [Inmate Charmant], who were incarcerated at Holmes Correctional Institution [Holmes CI], Holmes County, Florida, when the communication was sent/received. Probable cause also exists Officer Sanchez did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Florida Statute, when Officer Sanchez used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication via GTL and Jpay applications to Inmate Exantus and Inmate Charmant, who were housed at Holmes CI. Lastly, Officer Sanchez committed the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Florida Statute, when Officer Sanchez who was employed at Holmes CI as a Correctional Officer intentionally engaged in personal relationships with two (2) inmates who were incarcerated at Holmes CI, and while doing so allowed the inmates to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of FDC.

On July 7, 2022, Officer Sanchez completed an application for employment with FDC for the position of Correctional Officer. On her application, Officer Sanchez 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 Sanchez began her employment with FDC at Holmes CI as a Correctional Officer on or about July 15, 2022. Officer Sanchez resigned from her employment on July 28, 2023. During the course of her FDC employment, Officer Sanchez did not report that she had any business or personal relationship with any FDC inmate or offender.

On July 17, 2023, (prior to Officer Sanchez's resignation) Correctional Officer Stephen Gillman [Officer Gillman] submitted an incident report which documented his search of Inmate Charmant's bedding and locker. Inside Inmate Charmant's locker were two (2) handwritten notes which appeared to have been written by a staff member. Officer Gillman recovered the letters/notes and stored them as evidence. On July 27, 2023, Officer Gillman submitted an incident report documenting his search of Inmate Exantus' personal belongings. Officer Gillman recovered a handwritten letter which appeared to be written for Officer Sanchez, from Inmate Exantus. The letter requested contraband items. Officer Gillman recovered the letter/note and stored it as evidence. Officer Gillman reviewed Inmate Exantus' GTL calls and noticed seven (7) telephone calls placed to telephone number [REDACTED] which was noted in internal records to be Officer Sanchez' telephone number.

Review of the two (2) handwritten notes recovered from Inmate Charmant, showed one was dated July 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., The papers indicated the writer was in a romantic relationship with the inmate who received the notes. The writer of the two (2) letters appeared to have been a staff member who interacted with the inmate who received the letters, and with that inmate's cousin. The letters were signed "your wifey" and "Your Baby".

*Investigative note: SI Knight compared the writing contained in the notes recovered from Inmate Charmant with known handwriting of Officer Sanchez from FDC records, and the writing appeared to match.*

Review of the handwritten note recovered from Inmate Exantus was addressed to "queen" and signed "your king your husband Mr. Exantus". The content of the letter was about their recent conversations about family and stated they were both in here (prison) and she worked around the kitchen. Inmate Exantus told the reader to trust him and his cousin (Inmate Charmant). Inmate Exantus asked the reader to bring him a hot spot so he could use the apps he had on his tablet to communicate with the reader. Inmate Exantus asked the reader if she wrote to him on Jpay under the name "Selena" and to check her email. Inmate Exantus also asked the reader to get him assigned to the kitchen so he could see her and she could bring him cigarettes.

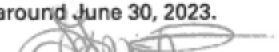
According to his sworn statement, Inmate Charmant indicated he and Inmate Exantus were cousins. Inmate Charmant said he held onto property for Inmate Exantus and the letters recovered from his property likely belonged to Inmate Exantus. The letters were not his.

According to his sworn statement, Inmate Exantus wrote the letter, which was recovered from his property, to be given to Officer Sanchez. Inmate Exantus knew the personal details he included in his letter from conversations he previously had with Officer Sanchez. Inmate Exantus denied the letters recovered from Inmate Charmant's property were given to him by Officer Sanchez. Inmate Exantus used GTL to place telephone calls to Officer Sanchez. Officer Sanchez provided Inmate Exantus with her telephone number. The information written in Inmate Exantus' personal address book under the name Selena Exantus was Officer Sanchez' contact information. Inmate Exantus admitted he used Jpay to communicate with Officer Sanchez. Officer Sanchez had a Jpay account under the fictitious name Selena Exantus.

Review of Inmate Exantus' address book showed two (2) entries of relevance: "Cheri Liebman, [REDACTED] and "Selena Exantus [REDACTED]. The address book was photographed and retained as evidence.

On August 7, 2023, Officer l'ana Chambers [Officer Chambers] submitted an incident report which indicated she reviewed calls placed by Inmate Exantus on the GTL network, to telephone number [REDACTED]. Officer Chambers recognized the voice who answered the calls at [REDACTED] as Officer Sanchez' voice.

SI Knight reviewed internal records and noted [REDACTED] was the telephone number provided by Officer Sanchez to FDC on her application for employment. Review of Telestaff rosters showed Officer Sanchez began working posts in Food Services on or around June 30, 2023.



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Review of GTL servers showed between May 22, 2023, and June 27, 2023, seven (7) recorded telephone calls were placed from Holmes CI and Holmes Work Camp (Holmes WC), using the PIN number of Inmate Exantus and Inmate Charmant, to telephone number [REDACTED]. The voice answering each of the calls sounded like Officer Sanchez.

During a recorded telephone call placed by Inmate Exantus to telephone number [REDACTED] on August 7, 2023 (after Officer Sanchez resigned), Inmate Exantus told Former Officer Sanchez he had been interviewed about a letter that was recovered, but it was an old one. Former Officer Sanchez became emotional and expressed concern over what could happen to her. She told Inmate Exantus she could go to jail. Inmate Exantus said he did damage control and was letting her know, so that she could prepare prior to being approached for interview.

Review of details associated with Jpay account #31032585, showed the account was created on May 7, 2023, with the name: Selena Exantus; date of birth: [REDACTED] telephone number: [REDACTED] address: [REDACTED] and email: [selenaexantus@gmail.com](mailto:selenaexantus@gmail.com). The account exchanged one (1) email with Inmate Exantus on July 25, 2023, while Officer Sanchez was employed at Holmes CI. The information provided for the account appeared to be all fictitious. The account only exchanged communication with two (2) inmates: Inmate Exantus and Inmate Charmant.


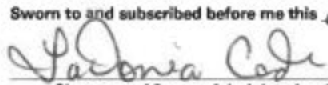
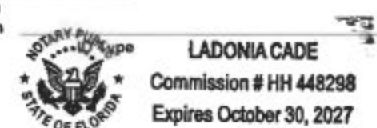
Officer Sanchez used Jpay email account #31032585 bearing the name "Selena Exantus" to communicate with Inmate Exantus prior to and after her resignation from FDC employment. After her resignation, Former Officer Sanchez sent both Inmates Charmant and Exantus messages from Jpay email account #31032585, which included clear photographs of her face. On [REDACTED] (Officer Sanchez' birthday) Inmate Exantus sent a Jpay email to account #31032585, telling Former Officer Sanchez happy birthday. On [REDACTED] at 3:54 p.m., Inmate Charmant sent Former Officer Sanchez an early birthday message to Jpay email to account #31032585. Review of the communications exchanged between JPay account #31032585 (Officer Sanchez) with Inmate Exantus and Inmate Charmant, showed communications were romantic in nature and indicated Officer Sanchez was engaged in romantic relationships with both Inmate Exantus and Inmate Charmant during the time she had been employed as a Correctional Officer at Holmes CI and while each of the inmates was each incarcerated at Holmes CI.

On August 9, 2023 Inmate Exantus received a Jpay email that advised Inmate Exantus his wife had changed her telephone number to [REDACTED]

On November 21, 2023, SI Knight attempted to contact Former Officer Sanchez at telephone number [REDACTED] and received a message the number was not a working number. SI Knight called telephone number [REDACTED] and left a voicemail for Former Officer Sanchez, with her contact information. Former Officer Sanchez called SI Knight back from telephone number [REDACTED] and indicated the telephone number was Former Officer Sanchez' cell phone number. Officer Sanchez provided no additional statements for this case.

Your Affiant requests an arrest warrant be issued for Cheryl Lynn Sanchez, DOB [REDACTED] for two (2) 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 two (2) 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	Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>28</u> day of <u>December</u> , 20 <u>23</u>
 Signature of Officer/Complainant	 Signature of Person Administering Oath
<b>Senior Inspector Janine Knight</b> Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification
[REDACTED] ID Number	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)	Processed within the agency and released
Release Date: _____ Release Time: _____ Released to (Name): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure Detention <input type="checkbox"/> HRS Intake Officer, not detained <input type="checkbox"/> to other than HRS