

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND
FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. **18-227-CF**

-vs-

AGENCY CASE NO. 18-07053

LASHUNDA THOMAS
RACE/SEX: Black/Female
DOB: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

Work Address: Taylor Correctional Institution

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST

Before me, Circuit Court Judge Darren Jackson, personally appeared Senior Inspector Chester Potter, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

COUNT 1 (Unlawful Compensation)

That Lashunda Thomas, a Correctional Officer acting in her official position as a public servant did on or about the 30th day of March 2018, in Taylor County, Florida, did then and there, unlawfully accept \$100.00 via Wal-Mart MoneyGram from Inmate Visitor Rebecca Bruner, on behalf of her boyfriend Inmate Nathan Hale DC# B05820, for the purpose of entering contraband into the secure perimeter of Taylor Correctional Institution, contrary to section 838.016(1), Florida Statutes.

COUNT 2 (Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband)

That Lashunda Thomas, a Correctional Officer acting in her official position as a public servant did on or about the 10th day of March 2018, in Taylor County, Florida, then and there unlawfully conspire with Inmate Visitor Rebecca Bruner, to introduce cannabis, also known as marijuana, a controlled substance and contraband item, into the secure perimeter of Taylor Correctional Institution, contrary to sections 777.04(3) and 944.47, Florida Statutes.

Your Affiant's probable cause for the above charges is based on the following:

On April 30, 2018, information surfaced about Officer Lashunda Thomas (*Officer Thomas*) being paid to introduce contraband drugs into Taylor Correctional Institution (*TCI*). Inmate Nathan Hale DC# B05820 and his girlfriend, Rebecca Bruner (*Ms. Bruner*), both provided sworn statements to Your Affiant. According to them both, Ms. Bruner sent \$100.00 via Walmart MoneyGram, to Lashunda Thomas (*Officer Thomas*) in Tallahassee Florida. The money was sent to Officer Thomas in exchange for her smuggling marijuana into TCI. Ms. Bruner contacted Officer Thomas via a phone number given to Inmate Hale by another inmate at the TCI Work Camp.



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ATTEST: Annie Mae Murphy
Clerk Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

By 
Deputy Clerk

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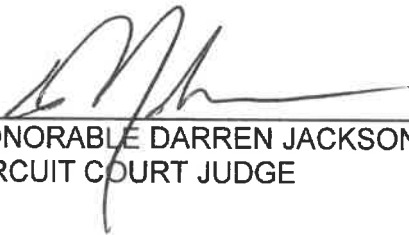
Comcast subpoena records on the phone number provided to Ms. Brunner show a phone call made from Ms. Bruner's phone to Officer Thomas' phone number on March 10, 2018, which is when Ms. Bruner testified she arranged to have drugs taken in to TCI by Officer Thomas. A Wal-Mart MoneyGram Money Transfer receipt shows Officer Thomas as the recipient of \$100 sent from Ms. Bruner, and Wal-Mart MoneyGram confirms the funds were received. Based on this testimony and these supporting documents, your affiant has probable cause that Officer Thomas has committed the offenses of Unlawful Compensation and Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband into a State Correctional Facility.

WHEREFORE, your Affiant prays that an arrest warrant be issued according to law, commanding all and singular, the Sheriffs of the State of Florida, to forthwith, arrest said Lashunda Thomas, and bring her before the court to answer the charge of: Unlawful Compensation, and Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband.



AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this 31st day of May, 2018, by Senior Inspector Chester "Chip" Potter, who is personally known to me or who produced appropriate identification.



HONORABLE DARREN JACKSON
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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ARREST WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA:

HAVING RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED THE SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF SENIOR INSPECTOR
CHESTER POTTER, DATED THE 31st DAY OF MAY, 2018, SAID AFFIDAVIT ALLEGING:

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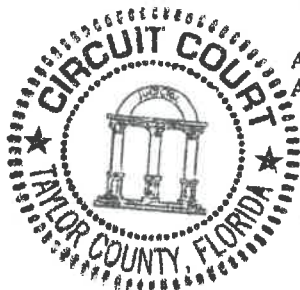
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THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU TO FORTHWITH ARREST AND BRING THE
ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT BEFORE ME TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 31st DAY OF MAY, 2018, AT TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

[] BAIL BOND IS FIXED AT \$ ~~10,000~~ ^{20,000} *for bond*
[] BOND IS TO BE SET AT FIRST APPEARANCE

JUDGE OF THE ABOVE COURT



A TRUE COPY
ATTEST: Annie Mae Murphy
Clerk Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

By *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

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