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Adult Def PC Arrest
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AFFIDAVIT - COMPLAINT

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1. Agency Name: Florida Department of Corrections		2. Agency Report Number: 19-07471		3. Charge Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor w/associated felony <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County		3a. Ordinance Type: (If applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
4. Date/Time of Offense: 03/2019 - 05/2019		5. Date/Time of Arrest:		6. Arresting Officer:		7. Investigating Officer: Senior Inspector Jerry Basford	

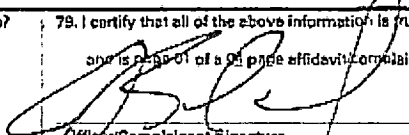
8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Hughes		(First) Frances		(Middle) Shantrell		ALIAS "Hayette Elamin"		9. OBTS:	
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15. Height:		16. Weight:		17. Eye Color:		18. Hair Color:		19. Scars, marks, tattoos, unique physical features: (Location, type & description)	
20. Driver's License Number/State:			21. Social Security Number:			22. Residential Telephone:		23. Business Telephone:	
24. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)	

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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: (# 1) Unlawful Use of Two Way Communication		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 934.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (# 1) 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:	
State of Florida											
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:	
Senior Inspector Jerry Basford											
73. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)		74. Secondary Phone Number:	
501 S. Calhoun Street				Tallahassee		Florida		32399			
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"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Info <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Viol. Info <input type="checkbox"/>					

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 01 page affidavit/complaint.	
Evidence Custodian's Name:		Person responsible for statements: Jerry Basford		 Officer/Complainant Signature Senior Inspector Jerry Basford Type or print Complainant name	

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AFFIDAVIT – COMPLAINT (PROBABLE CAUSE NARRATIVE)

Agency ORI # **FL037275C**

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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 Correctional Officer Trainee Frances Shantrell Hughes ("COT Hughes"), 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 COT Hughes did actually and intentionally introduce, through unauthorized channels, into the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution, electronically transmitted written and/or recorded communication to an Inmate. Probable cause also exists COT Hughes did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Fla. Stat., when COT Hughes used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication to an inmate housed within a State Correctional Institution. Lastly, COT Hughes committed the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Fla. Stat., when COT Hughes 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.

COT Hughes began her employment with FDC as a correctional officer trainee on or about December 28, 2018. On May 5, 2019, COT Hughes informed another staff member she was involved in a personal relationship with an inmate under her supervision at Graceville Work Camp. This information was submitted by the staff member to their chain of command. Following the report, COT Hughes failed to report to academy training as scheduled. COT Hughes resigned her position as a correctional officer trainee on May 7, 2019. The

Through investigation, Inmate Jacoby Hart, DC# N21645, was identified as the inmate with whom COT Hughes was in a relationship with. SI Basford reviewed Inmate Hart's J-pay communication noting electronic correspondence with a J-pay account in the name Harriette R. Elamin beginning in or about March 2019.

The first communication recorded with the Harriette Elamin account occurred on March 11, 2019 and continued through her resignation on May 7, 2019. Through this investigation, your Affiant submits COT Hughes is the user of the Jpay account in the name Harriette Elamin and the information provided on the Harriette Elamin J-pay account is fraudulent. The communication with Inmate Hart is often romantic and sometimes sexually graphic with both parties longing for contact with one another when Inmate Hart is released from prison. They (Inmate Hart and COT Hughes) consistently use pet names for each other including "Baby Love" and "Huggy Bear." Much of their communication includes questions and answers about each other as if trying to get to know one another better. Many of the question/answer sessions are basic information including each other's favorite colors and favorite foods. In one correspondence, COT Hughes asks Inmate Hart how he likes to dress.

Anytime money or correspondence is exchanged using J-pay communication, the IP address at the time of the exchange is captured by J-pay. It was noted IP address [REDACTED] was frequently captured in J-pay correspondence to Inmate Hart by the Harriette Elamin J-pay account from its creation through the date of this affidavit. Through subpoena duces tecum, the IP address was identified associated with an internet account belonging to Frances Hughes (COT Hughes), at address [REDACTED] and with telephone number [REDACTED]. In addition to the name, the telephone number and address both match COT Hughes' information on file with FDC.

Records related to COT Hughes' personal telephone number, [REDACTED] was requested from through subpoena duces tecum. According to the call detail records, COT Hughes frequently exchanges incoming and outgoing telephone calls consistent with COT Hughes using the device. These include calls with known telephone numbers associated with Jackson Correctional Institution, the parent facility for Graceville Work Camp where she worked, Jackson Work Camp where her mother is employed, and Graceville Work Camp. Correspondence with known telephone numbers for COT Hughes' mother, husband, co-workers and friends were also noted. In addition to the correspondences with individuals COT Hughes would typically contact, COT Hughes exchanged approximately 227 telephone events with 850-576-6211, the telephone number on file with FDC for Inmate Hart's mother, Alberta Drinkard. These calls to Ms. Drinkard occurred between December 2018 and September 2019 and corroborate contraband correspondence between COT Hughes and Inmate Hart.

Inmate Hart's incoming and outgoing letters were reviewed. Incoming and outgoing letters were identified from and to his mother, Ms. Drinkard, who resides in Tallahassee, Florida. Some of the incoming letters are in envelopes with the same handwriting and post-marked in Tallahassee, Florida. These letters consistent with a mother - son relationship. Some of the letters from Ms. Drinkard contain a second letter from another writer. These letters are in distinctively different handwriting, are of a romantic nature, and contain the same pet names used in J-pay communication with Inmate Hart and COT Hughes' fraudulent J-pay account. Inmate Hart also received letters indicating they were from Ms. Drinkard, but the envelopes and letters were both in distinctively different handwriting than Ms. Drinkard's letters and were postmarked in Montgomery, Alabama. A Montgomery postmarking would be consistent with letters mailed from [REDACTED]. An outgoing letter from Inmate

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Hart was addressed to Mrs. S. Hart at 6304 Stateline Road, Cottonwood, Alabama 36320. Property appraiser records indicate the residence belongs to COT Hughes' mother, but is not her primary residence. There is reference to Inmate Hart possibly moving to Alabama when he is released from FDC custody.

Following COT Hughes' separation from FDC, she applied for and was hired by the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC). COT Hughes omitted she was ever employed with FDC on her ADOC job application resulting in her being offered provisional employment. COT Hughes attended ADOC's basic correctional officer academy where she was not allowed to smoke cigarettes or use her personal cellular telephone for a portion of the training. Inmate Hart's telephone communication with his mother, J-pay communication with COT Hughes, and through conventionally mailed letters with Inmate Hart, details of COT Hughes' new job, her training, and her inability to smoke and use her telephone were discussed. The timeline of the discussion parallels the timeline of the events of COT Hughes' employment with ADOC.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Trainee Frances Hughes did commit the criminal offense of Introduction of Contraband (Communication), in violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), Florida Statute when COT Hughes did actually and intentionally introduce through unauthorized channels, electronically transmitted written and/or recorded communication to an inmate, within the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution using Jpay, a means not approved for staff communication with inmates.

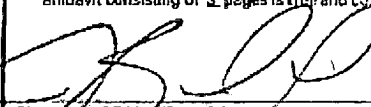
Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Trainee Frances Hughes did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Fla. Stat., when COT Hughes used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication to an inmate housed within a State Correctional Institution.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Trainee Frances Hughes did commit the criminal violation of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Fla. Stat., when COT Hughes engaged in a romantic 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 requests an arrest warrant be issued for FRANCES S. HUGHES, DOB [REDACTED] for one count each of a violation of s. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), the laws related introducing contraband communication; s. 934.215, the laws related to the unlawful use of two-way communication; and s. 944.39 the laws related to the interference with prisoners.

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 17 day of December, 2019


Signature of Officer/Complainant

Sgt K. Deese 2520
Signature of Person Administering Oath
 Personally Known Other Identification

ID Type _____

Frances S. Hughes
Officer/Complainant's Name (Printed) ID Number 2404

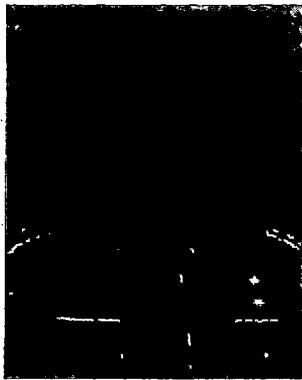
Sgt FTBLEO

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	
85. Law Enforcement Disposition of Juvenile Contact: (Check one and complete release date)		Transferred to <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Detention		Released to <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HRS Intake Officer, not detained	
Processed within the agency and released <input type="checkbox"/> to other than HRS		Release Date:		Released to (Name):	

THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

v.

Frances S. Hughes
Black/Female;
DOB: [REDACTED]



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 19-762CF

CHARGE(s):

- 1) Introduction of Contraband, Communication
- 2) Unlawful use of two-way communication
- 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 Jackson County, wherein it is alleged that:

Frances S. Hughes, between March 2019 and May 2019, in the County of Jackson and State of Florida, committed the offense of Introduction of Contraband, Written/Recorded Communication contrary to Florida Statutes 777.04(3) (3 DEG FELONY), and

Frances S. Hughes, between March 2019 and May 2019, 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), and

Frances S. Hughes, between March 2019 and May 2019, 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)

THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to arrest instanter the said FRANCES S. HUGHES

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:

12/17/2019

Waide Mercer
WAIDE MERCER
12/17/2019 10:54:06 AM
Jackson County Judge/
Acting Circuit Judge

JUDGE

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