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Ex-Detention Deputy Faces Misconduct, Drug Charges

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – A former detention deputy with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has been charged with one count of Misconduct by an employee, one count of Possession with Intent to Distribute, and one count of Furnishing Contraband after an incident at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center earlier this week.

On Monday, June 1, 2026, former Detention Deputy Karmen Robinson was seen on surveillance video entering a storage room with a male inmate. Shortly after, two other inmates lost consciousness with one inmate being transported to a local hospital. That inmate returned to the detention center the next day. Ms. Robinson was placed on administrative leave without pay and was terminated shortly thereafter.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, Robinson was located in Florence, South Carolina. At that time, she was notified of her charges and taken into custody by the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, Robinson was transported to the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center and booked.

"The actions of this former deputy were a blatant violation of the trust placed in every member of this agency," said Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie. "Bringing contraband into our detention center is not only illegal, but it also endangers staff, inmates, and the integrity of our entire operation. This behavior is unacceptable, it will not be tolerated, and anyone who chooses to betray this badge will face the consequences immediately."

Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will continue its investigative efforts into this situation.

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