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### **Rice Street Jail Contraband Investigation Leads to Six Arrests, including a Fulton County Sheriff's Office Detention Officer**

**Atlanta, GA** – Six men and women have been arrested in a contraband investigation involving Summit Correctional Services employees, the Fulton County Jail's food service contractor, a former inmate out on bond, and a current detention officer at the Rice Street Jail. An investigation was initiated in late December 2023 when cartons of cigarettes were discovered in a food tray on one of the housing floors at the Rice Street Jail. The investigation has revealed an organized network that has profited at least six figures over the course of one year.

- Richard Smith, Summit Warehouse Supervisor/Driver, arrested 1/4/24
  - 3 counts Obtain/Procure/Give Inmate Tobacco/Tobacco Product Without Authorization, 1 count Crossing Guard Lines of Correctional Institution, Prohibited Items, Substances, 1 count Possession of Marijuana, Less Than One Ounce
- Tiffany Anderson, Summit Food Service Worker, arrested 1/4/24
  - 2 counts Obtain/Procure/Give Inmate Tobacco/Tobacco Product Without Authorization, 2 counts Crossing Guard Lines of Correctional Institution, Prohibited Items, Substances
- Sequoyah Anderson-Roberts, Summit Assistant Director, arrested 1/5/24
  - 1 count Obtain/Procure/Give Inmate Tobacco/Tobacco Product Without Authorization
- Nicole Sheats, Summit Food Service Worker, arrested 1/9/24
  - 1 count Obtain/Procure/Give Inmate Tobacco/Tobacco Product Without Authorization
- Tiffany Davis, FCSO Detention Officer, arrested and terminated 1/19/24
  - 2 counts Violation of Oath of Office by Public Officer, 2 counts Obtain for, Procure for, or Give an Inmate Tobacco or Tobacco Products Without Consent of Jailer; 1 count Participation in Criminal Gang Activity Prohibited
- Vanlen Preston, former Rice Street Jail inmate, arrested 1/19/24
  - 1 count Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, 4 counts Participation in Criminal Gang Activity Prohibited

Additional charges are pending. Summit Correctional Services started their contract at the Rice Street Jail on April 1, 2023. The former food services contract was held by Aramark. All four Summit employees arrested worked in the facility for Aramark and were retained by Summit under the new contract.

Tiffany Davis was hired as a detention officer on December 7, 2022 and met inmate Preston while he was most recently detained at the Rice Street Jail (July 1, 2022-September 25, 2023). They developed a relationship and

remained in contact after Preston was released on bond. A search warrant was executed at Davis' South Fulton home on January 19, 2024. At the time of the search warrant, Preston was living with Davis.

The following items were seized:

- Two firearms, with one being stolen
- Marijuana
- Drone
- Approximately \$4,500 in U.S. Currency

“I am committed to our team thoroughly investigating allegations of criminal behavior by contractors, employees, and inmates alike. This investigation uncovered a network of bad actors with ill-intentions,” says Sheriff Patrick “Pat” Labat. “The introduction of contraband into our facilities threatens the safety and security of the inmates in our care and custody, as well as our staff. We will continue to investigate these crimes and bring these offenders to justice.”

***ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:*** *The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.*

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