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Four Fulton County Jail Contractors Arrested During Contraband Investigation

ATLANTA, GA – Four Fulton County Jail contractors employed as security officers by Strategic Security have been arrested for numerous offenses stemming from an ongoing investigation by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Jail Investigations Unit.

LaQuna Ballard, age 34, charged with: one count of possession of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate; two counts of conspiracy to commit a felony. Ballard is accused of sending explicit photos and videos to a resident and for accepting at least two payments from two different residents for cell phones and cigarettes.

Regina Harris, age 26, charged with: one count of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate; one count of conspiracy to commit a felony; one count of crossing guard lines of jail with prohibited items. Harris is accused of providing a resident with a cell phone.

Anizya Silas, age 24, charged with: one count of possession of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate; one count of conspiracy to commit a felony. Silas is accused of conspiring to provide a resident with a cell phone charger and with providing a resident with an unauthorized staff meal.

Breaisha Tate, age 26, charged with: three counts of improper sexual contact by employee or agent second degree; five counts of crossing guard lines of jail with prohibited items; two counts of possession of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate. Tate is accused of having sex at least three times with a resident and bringing in at least six cell phones and other contraband to a resident, for which she received payment.

Each of these security officers worked as tower guards on the 6th and 7th floors of the Fulton County Jail on Rice Street. The investigation revealed the involvement of at least four current residents who were charged with conspiracy to commit a felony and possession of prohibited items. This is an ongoing investigation and additional arrests are expected.

"These women unfortunately chose to be on the wrong side of the law by fraternizing with residents they were entrusted with watching over," says Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat. "They will now have to face the consequences for the crimes they are accused of committing. Our employees and contractors alike are held to a high standard of integrity."

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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