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Contraband Investigation at the South Annex Jail Results in Two Arrests, Including a Detention Officer

Atlanta, GA – Fulton County Sheriff's Office Detention Officer Latasha Baker, age 37, was arrested on the evening Thursday, November 16, 2023, and charged with three counts of possession of prohibited items by inmate and three counts of violation of oath by public officer. Baker was terminated on November 17, 2023. She was assigned to the South Annex Jail in Union City and is also accused of inappropriate behavior with a current male inmate at the same facility.

Baker initially worked as a detention officer with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office from February 10, 2016 to January 12, 2022. She was rehired on June 7, 2023.

During the investigation, Jaheim Arnold, age 20, was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm or knife during the commission of or attempt to commit certain crimes, willful obstruction of law enforcement officers, and several other traffic violations.

Baker and Arnold are being held at the Fulton County Jail with no bond. This is an ongoing and active investigation.

"I am committed to holding each and every employee accountable to the oath they have taken to protect and serve our community," says Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat. "The actions of this one officer are certainly not a reflection of the rest of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. The introduction of contraband to any of our facilities will not be tolerated."

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.