

Richmond City Sheriff's Office Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## NAPHCARE EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

Richmond, Virginia – Today, Sheriff Woody released the following information regarding an incident with a civilian employee:

On Friday, May 12, deputies were informed that a current resident had been receiving contraband in the form of cigarettes from a civilian employee. Myra Brooks, a civilian employed by Naphcare, which provides medical services for jail residents at the Richmond City Justice Center, was taken into custody the same day. After being placed under arrest and afforded her constitutional warnings, Ms. Brooks admitted to supplying a jail resident, Derrick Wilson, with contraband on two (2) separate occasions. One of those occasions was May 5, when Wilson was called to the infirmary with Ms. Brooks' authorization, where she transferred cigarettes to Wilson in the triage room.

Ms. Brooks was charged under Section 18.2-474-Unauthorized Delivery of Articles to the Jail. She was released on \$2000.00 unsecured bond and prohibited from returning to the facility.

"I expect every employee, be they sworn, civilian, or contracted civilian, to abide by the law and behave in a manner that is above reproach," said Sheriff Woody. "Individuals who engage in conduct like this jeopardize the safety and security of everyone who works inside the Justice Center. When evidence is brought to me where an employee has failed in that regard, I will take swift action to correct the situation. This conduct is unacceptable, and I will not tolerate it in this organization."

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.

