

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Judge R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge


Case No(s): 2022GS4202704

The State Respondent,
v.
Ronnie Elijah Pruitt. Appellant.

EXPLANATION OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR, Ronnie Elijah Pruitt files this explanation of his appeal of his guilty plea, conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge R. Lawton McIntosh on June 17, 2022. No issues were raised during the guilty plea; however, the client insisted upon an appeal; therefore, this appeal was filed pursuant to Weathers v. State, 319 S.C. 59, 459 S.E.2d 838 (1995), and State v. Thrift, 378 S.C. 70, 661 S.E.2d 373 (2008).

June 22, 2022


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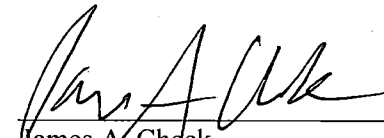
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the Explanation of Appeal Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR, on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 22, 2022 addressed to its attorney of record, Jr Bales, Esq., Assistant Circuit Solicitor, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29306.

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WITNESSES

Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER
2021A4210101826

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2022-GS-42-2704

The State of South Carolina
County of Spartanburg
Barry Barnette, Solicitor

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

May 23, 2022 TERM

THE STATE
vs.

Ronnie Elijah Pruitt

Indictment for
**FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
CARD FRAUD**
SC Code: 16-14-60, 16-1-57
CDR Code: 3622
Class FEL/F

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

INDICTMENT

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on May 20, 2022, the Grand Jurors of Spartanburg County present upon their oath:

FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARD FRAUD

That Ronnie Elijah Pruitt did in Spartanburg County on or about April 23, 2021, use a financial transaction card obtained or retained, or which was received with knowledge that it was obtained or retained, in violation of Section 16-14-20 or 16-14-40 and did obtain money, goods, services, or anything else of value by representing without the consent of the specified cardholder that he has permission to use it or by presenting the financial transaction card without the authorization or permission of the cardholder in violation of §§16-14-60 and 16-1-57, THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA (1976), as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

/s/ Hillary C. Welborn
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

STATE

VS.

Ronnie Elijah Pruitt

AKA: _____
Race: WHITE Sex: M Age: 29
DOB: _____ SS#: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
DL#: _____ SID#: _____

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2022 - GS - 42 - 02704

AW#: 2021A4210101828
Date of Offense: 4/23/2021
S.C. Code § 16-14-0060(a)(1-5)
CDR Code #: 3622

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SENTENCE SHEET
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*CDL Yes No CMV Yes No Hazmat Yes No

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF or PLEADS

TO: Financial Transaction Card fraud more than \$500 in six months 3rd or subs. (0-10 years)

in violation of § 16-14-0060(a)(1-5) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 3622

NON-VIOLENT VIOLENT SERIOUS MOST SERIOUS Mandatory GPS §17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: As Indicted, Lesser Included Offense, Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury /s REP (def.'s Initials)

The plea is: Without Negotiations or Recommendation, Negotiated Sentence, Recommendation by the State. cap of 5 years, restitution

ATTEST:

/s Hillary C. Welborn

78366

/s Ronnie Pruitt

/s James Cheek

01207

~~EXCESSIVE~~
Hillary C. Welborn, Assistant Solicitor

~~108438~~
SC Bar #

Defendant

~~108438~~
James Cheek, Attorney for Defendant

~~SCB# 0260~~
SC Bar#

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the State Department of Correction, County Detention Center,

for a determinate term of 7 days/months/years Time Served Youthful Offender Act not to exceed 5 years
and/or to pay a fine of \$ 4000; provided that upon the service of 4 days/months/years Time Served and or payment
of \$ 5 plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with probation for 5

months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run

CONCURRENT or CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: _____

The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code §24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDOC. 35 days/months

To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

The Defendant Shall be Released from County Detention Center.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922 and § 16-25-30 it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of § 16-25-20 or § 16-25-85 (Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

PTUP after _____ months/years

And Other Terms Listed Below:

- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Attend Voc. Rehab. or Job Corp
- Mental Health Counseling
- Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430
- Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.
- Other: _____
- Completion of GED
- No Contact with Victim
- May serve W/E beginning: _____
- Public Service Employment _____ days/hours
- Random Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program

RESTITUTION: 99 Deferred Def. Waives Hearing Ordered

Total: \$ 865.99 plus 20% fee: _____ \$ _____

Payment Terms: _____ Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient: _____

***Fine:**

Fine may be pd. in equal, consecutive weekly/monthly pmts. of	\$ _____	Beginning	_____	\$ _____
§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5 %)				\$ _____
§14-1-211(A)(1) (Conv. Surcharge)		\$100		\$ <u>100</u>
§14-1-211(A)(2) (DUI Surcharge)		\$100		\$ _____
§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)		\$12		\$ _____
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)		\$25		\$ _____
§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)		\$25		\$ <u>25</u>
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)		\$150		\$ _____
§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)		\$41		\$ _____
§50-21-114(BUI Breath Test Fee)		\$50		\$ _____
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)		\$40/ea		\$ _____
3% to County (if paid in installments)		TBD		\$ <u>18.75</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees.		\$500		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund		TBD		\$ _____

TOTAL 643.75

Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk: Angie G. Goff
 Court Reporter: Candroski

Presiding Judge: [Signature]
 Judge Code: 2155
 Sentence Date: 6-17-22