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The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Honorable: Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk
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Columbia, SC 29211

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Re: HERMAN BELTON V. STATE
Appellate Case No. 2020-001619 SC Court of Appeals

DEAR CLERK:

OR: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

As I sit here with "time" on my hands and the thought of how I got this time (wrongfully), compel me to be obligated to write, because it seems to force me to think that you folk(s) who head this corrupt so called J-u-s-t-i-c-e or rather J-u-s-t-u-s system obviously seem(s) to think that "Black Lives" do not matter. I want you to know that "Black Lives Matter" (All lives matter). But, obviously the State do not think so, if not, would you like to trade places? My life mean(s) just as much to me as you all(s) life mean to you-all.

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Let it be known that my vocabulary is not very broad, therefore my words are rather blunt. I understand that this is not the way to argue a case, but I feel real offended as a result of being "falsely imprisoned" for the past 16½ years for an alleged crime that I did not commit. Let me inform you that.. I might be "ignorant to law" to a certain degree, but I am by "no means" stupid. I have sense enough to know whether I had something in my hands or not as alleged besides the handle bars of my bike.

You see, you all do not have to be Albert Einstein, a heart surgeon, or a rocket scientist to figure out and realize that... if the information used to convict a person is wrong, it is obvious that the conviction too is also wrong.

You all have my entire transcript so why don't you all read it! Page(s) 304-305 clearly states that Tavernier (my appointed trial lawyer or public defender pretender) was well aware of the discrepancies in the date(s) but state(s)... but you got to pick your battles.

And you all know that he was not going to pick that battle.

The State knew that they was convicting a innocent (black) man because page 296-2-21-23 TARNIER clearly stated that they (the State) (who he work for) were just creating a "false rabbit" or something to chase. Little did he realize that... at the same exact "time and breath" that the State was creating a "false rabbit" they was also creating a "monster" at the very same time.

Now that the "truth" is finally about to be revealed the State do not seem to want to answer. Let me assure you that.. there is nothing wrong with being wrong, but there is something wrong with not making that wrong right. And the State has been wrong from the very beginning. And my question is: When is the State going to do any thing right?

So, as a result of a "unlawful stop", which led to a "wrongful conviction" and false imprisonment, the State has cost me.

(1) To lose \$300,000.00 + in disability. (SSI)

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(2) I HAVE lost A FULLY FURNISHED UP-STAIR(S) HOUSE in the neighborhood, that WAS FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT "ANTIQUUE FURNITURE" SUCH AS MARBLE TOP TABLE(S), WHITE OAK BED ROOM SUIT(S), OLD IRON FRAMED BED(S), OLD SINGER SEWING MACHINE etc., etc.. WHICH IS PRICE-LESS. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY CAN MAKE UP FOR THE SENTIMENTAL VALUE AND FOND MEMORIES OF THAT HOUSE.

(3) ALL OF THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE 16 1/2 YEARS OF MY LIFE THAT THE STATE HAS DEPRIVED ME OF.

Pls Note: I AM ENCLOSING A PHOTO COPY OF A SLED DRUG ANALYSIS SECURITY ENVELOPE WHICH I LABEL AS #1; IT IS LABELED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 1 EVEN THO I NEVER RECEIVED IT UNTIL WELL AFTER PCR HEARING, AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER INQUIRED THRU THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. AS YOU CAN SEE THE DATE SEALED DATE HAS BEEN MARKED THRU SO THAT YOU CAN NOT READ THE DATE IT WAS SEALED, AND THE NAME OF THE PERSON SEALING ENVELOPE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY BLACKENED OUT.. ON PURPOSE, AND SURLY THE MARK 2 — IS NOT A SIGNATURE. QUESTION: IS THIS NOT.. TAMPERING WITH THE EVIDENCE?

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MAYBE THE COURT CAN GIVE ME SOME LOGICAL EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE ALLEGED EVIDENCE BAG HAS BEEN ALTERED. I AM WAITING PATIENTLY FOR YOUR RESPONSE BECAUSE I AM VERY CURIOUS TO HEAR YOUR RESPONSE.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A SO CALLED INVENTORY SHEET WHICH I HAVE LABELED AS #2. ACCORDING TO THE INVENTORY SHEET, MIKE BASKIN TOOK THE ALLEGED DRUG(S) TO SLED ON 5-12-2006 AND GAVE THEM TO KARONDA WILLIAMS AND ON 2-2-2007 MIKE BASKIN RECEIVED SOME ALLEGED DRUGS FROM NIKKI PERRY AT SLED AND BROUGHT THEM BACK TO BE ADMITTED INTO COURT. SO WITHOUT A SHADOW OF DOUBT, THE ALLEGED DRUG(S) WAS AT SLED FROM 2-12-2006 UNTIL 2-2-2007. PLS NOTE: ACCORDING TO RECORD (INDICTMENT) I GOT INDICTED ALLEGEDLY ON JUNE 27, 2006. SINCE I HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHT TO HAVE MY FACT(S) AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO A LAWFULLY CONVENED GRAND JURY. IF THAT'S TRUE, MY QUESTION TO YOU IS: HOW CAN DRUG(S) BE AT SLED AND IN ANDERSON TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY... AT THE SAME EXACT TIME. PLS EXPLAIN, BECAUSE I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND, HOW SOMETHING CAN BE IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES AT THE SAME TIME.

Listen, I do not mean to sound Rude, Sarcastic, Dis-
Respectful OR Nothing of THAT SORT. I simply want
the State to know that I AM tired of them (the State)
PLAYING these "SYSTEMIC RACIAL INJUSTICE" GAMES WITH
MY LIFE. "INJUSTICE ANY WHERE" IS "UNJUSTICE EVERY
WHERE."

Note transcript Page 221 # 18. STATE CLEARLY THE
RELIEF YOU SEEK IN FILING THIS APPLICATION, LAY-MAN
TERM(S) CAN VERY WELL BE INTERPRETED FOR MY RESPONSE
TO MEAN, I WANT MY SENTENCE AND CONVICTION
VACATED, I WANT TO BE EXONERATED AND I WANT TO
BE COMPENSATED. IN THAT ORDER. AND I AM
ASKING THAT THE STATE HONOR THAT REQUEST. I
DESERVE AND WANT "IMMEDIATE RELEASE." I
COMMITTED "NO CRIME" AND I AM NOT TAKING "NO CONVIC-
TION" SIMPLE AS THAT. IT ONLY TOOK 21 MINUTES TO
MAKE A DECISION ON SO CALLED FACT(S) AT TRIAL.
NOW THAT YOU-ALL KNOW THE "TRUTH" WHAT SEEM(S) TO
BE THE PROBLEM? I AM OPEN FOR COMPROMISE.

SINCERELY

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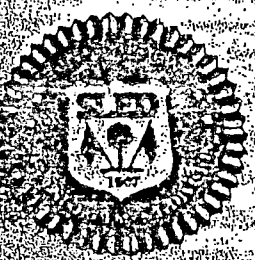
ENCLOSURES: 2 (2 PAGES)

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STATE'S EXHIBIT
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CONTROL NUMBER B 177528



SLED DRUG ANALYSIS SECURITY ENVELOPE

AGENCY Anderson PO DATE SEALED 11-25-2010

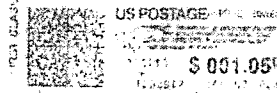
L06-06901 #1
Anderson Police Department
Agency Case #: 061213
B177528

Inventory Sheet

LAB #	TO SLED	FROM SLED	TO SLED BY	FROM SLED BY	CONTAINER #	LOCATION	DESPOSITION
LOG-06901	↓ 5/12/2006	↓ 2/2/2007	MIKE BASKIN TO KARONDA WILLIAMS	MIKE BASKIN FROM NIKKI PERRY	B177528	ADMITTED INTO COURT	HERMAN BELTON GIVEN 25 YEAR SENTENCE 2/6/2006
						ADMITTED INTO COURT	HERMAN BELTON GIVEN 25 YEAR SENTENCE 2/6/2006

Note: This inventory sheet show(s) that Mike Baskin took the alleged drug(s) to SLED on 5-12-2006 and gave them to Karonda Williams, and on 2-2-2007 Mike Baskin received from Nikki Perry at SLED. So according to their very own paper work, the alleged drug(s) was in Columbia, SC at SLED from 5-12-2006 until 2-2-2007. Yet I got indicted (allegedly) on June 27, 2006. Since I have a constitutional and statutory right to have my facts and evidence presented to a lawfully convened grand jury, my question is how can drug(s) be at SLED and in Anderson at the same time?

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