

In The State of South Carolina
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City of Rock Hill

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Mr. Coleman, William T.

and

The City of Rock Hill,

Judge Lenzi Respondent

Notice of Interit

to Appeal to

the Supreme Court

On March 23rd, Mr. Coleman, William T. was present in court for his second trial on the same offense of shoplifting. The state made their opening statement then Mr. Coleman was instructed afterwards to make his. Once given the authorization to speak Mr. Coleman said the following words: "My name is Mr. Coleman and I am innocent on these charges brought against me. I know earlier you saw me represented by counsel but I had to relieve him due to ineffective assistance of counsel and because I cannot afford at the time to hire more adequate representation I have to go forward with this trial alone." At that point Judge Lenzi stopped the trial and called it a mistrial and charged Mr. Coleman with contempt and sentenced him to 30 days in jail. Judge Lenzi stated that the contempt was because Mr. Coleman was trying to taint the jury by playing poor Mr. Coleman. Mr. Coleman was arrested and hauled off to jail. Mr. Coleman's family and friends felt that his actions in the court did equate to contempt rather the Judge had committed Judicial misconduct and use his robe and authority to commit kidnap! They felt that was done in retaliation due to Mr. Coleman having made complaints that were confirmed as unlawful actions against the other two Rock Hill City Court Judges, Judge Ray Long who had been giving out 100,000 bonds for ten dollars worth of Marijuana, or Judge Jane

Modra who had been blatantly disrespecting orders from the Chief Justice of the state and sentencing unrepresented defendants to jail time. So his family and their attorney drafted motions to get Mr. Coleman back in court and re-heard on the matter of contempt. On March 29th a week later Mr. Coleman was escorted from the jail back to the court to go back in front of Judge Lenzi on the matter of contempt. Mr. Coleman was escorted to court in handcuff. As he walked into the courtroom Mr. Lenzi the Judge informed or ordered rather, Solicitor Austin Wilkes "you talk to him first. The Solicitor approached the handcuffed Mr. Coleman and ordered him to sit at the table and talk to him. The Solicitor Austin Wilkes said, "listen you have one chance to take this deal. Plea guilty to the shoplifting and we will release you right now today or tomorrow." Mr. Coleman replied, "I have been crying for a week because I feel kidnapped, I haven't done or said a thing to deserve to be in jail for contempt, plus I'm innocent on the shoplifting I have told you that numerous times, now you all are falsely changing me with contempt just to hold me captive in exchange for a guilty plea to something I didn't do, and that is malicious prosecution. I will not plea guilty to something I didn't do you can allow me to make a motion to rescind this order of contempt right now because I did not contempt this court, and I would like to make a motion to dismiss this shoplifting." Austin Wilkes then told Mr. Coleman, "o.k. Go for it present your motions to the Judge." Mr. Coleman was then allowed to address the court. He made a motion to rescind the order of contempt because he didn't feel as though he was in contempt. The Solicitor specifically stated he does not oppose or stand against the motion to rescind the Contempt, However the Judge still didn't rescind the order he only Amended it from 30 days to 14 days and set Mr. Coleman a release date of April 12th following a long non-meritor excuse about why he charged Mr. Coleman with contempt. Anybody that knows rules of court knows a motion made over no objection from the opposing party is to be automatically granted in favor of the person moving the courts, which is prima facie evidence that the Judge's actions were biased and unlawful. Mr. Coleman then made a motion to dismiss the shoplifting based on triple jeopardy because the judge had set him another trial date of April 18th 2023. Mr. Coleman stated that he was bringing forth that motion pursuant to State v. Coleman 365 S.C. 258. The Solicitor Austin Wilkes said he opposed that motion because Mr. Coleman had never recieved a verdict of Not Guilty. The Judge denied the motion and told Mr. Coleman to be present at his third trial for that same offense on April 18th 2023 at 9:00 am at the Rock Hill City Court and to not be late. Based on the fact Mr. Coleman had been convicted of this offense in 2022 unlawfully in his absence and without legal representation then went through the appropriate process to have the conviction overturned, however the Judge of the city court overturned it then remanded it to a new trial because Mr. Coleman was unlawfully trialed in

his absence while being held captive by police. He was granted a new trial on March 23rd 2023 in which during that trial Mr. Coleman was unlawfully charged with contempt and sentenced to 30 days in jail and the Judge called a mistrial without the opposing party moving for a mistrial which is prima facie evidence that the Judge was being bias in the case, and even further on March 29th denied the motion to rescind the contempt order (only because Mr. Coleman wouldn't plea guilty to a crime he didn't commit) and denying the motion to dismiss pursuant to ~~the~~ State v. Coleman we ask the Supreme Court to reverse the contempt, reverse the denial of the motion pursuant to state v. Coleman, and stop Solicitor Austin Wilkes and Judge Lenzi from ever practicing law in this state again because Coleman has been, unlawfully arrested, unlawfully convicted, then unlawfully charged with contempt during an improvidently called mis-trial, maliciously prosecuted by being held captive on contempt with the only chance of release being for an innocent man to plea guilty, then scheduled another trial, all for the exact same offense which will make it his third trial and all those actions by the court of Rock Hill and the solicitor were illegal, unlawful and a slap in the face of Justice and spit on the United States and the South Carolina Constitution. Please I ask the Supreme Court to take immediate and affirmative and lawful action, and reverse the city courts decision.

Humbly and Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. J. H. C.

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