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Re: State v. Joshua E. Garrett
Appellate Case No. 2023-000484
Case No(s): 2023-GS-23-1350
2023-GS-23-1351

To the honorable Judges of concern:

My name is Joshua Garrett. I am asking the higher courts to consider my appeal due to several circumstances, in which, I feel I am innocent of these charges and would like a fair chance to prove my innocence. Also, I feel I could not get proper representation due to my very limited time with my attorney while incarcerated, and she appeared to be overloaded with many other clients as well. Please see below, some my outlined concerns.

1. I was never shown any evidence proving the alleged charges.
2. The alleged victim Kelsey Cheeseman and I cohabitated between 2015 and May 2018. During that time she gave me permission to use her debit cards as my own. In 2017, she made a public statement that she would take care of me in any way, including all my financials, if I would quit my job, which I did so. Also, there is no evidence that I took her debit card from the mailbox. There was no evidence presented that she ever received a new Bank of America debit card in the mail.

She is very revengeful and I believe the above charges were out of revenge. In 2017 Kelsey was charged with Criminal Domestic Violence and ordered to Anger Management Classes, due to throwing a drinking glass at me and cutting my face. Kelsey Cheeseman also texted me on Jan 12, 2018, the text stating that "If you ever block me again I will do everything in my power to ruin your life".

After the alleged charges occurred in March 2018, the alleged victim Kelsey Cheeseman and I spent several nights together at her home, 501 Canewood Place, Mauldin, SC., the week of April 23, 2018 and the week of May 23, 2018.

3. And, the reason I was unable to make all my court appearances was because I was experiencing some mental health issues and was sent to MUSC, Charleston, SC, December, 2021, for a short time. After my release I was homeless and living in Columbia, SC and several other places. When I returned to Easley, SC in February, 2023 I was preparing my information to present to the Solicitor and going to turn myself in. But a public incident occurred in which the Police were called and I was taken to Greenville County Detention Center.

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4. While I was in the Detention Center I spoke with Ms. Teal Johnson, Asst. Public Defender. At no time was I ever presented the evidence of the charges. I discussed my case with her and she told me she would present my facts to the Solicitor's Office. It is my opinion that the Solicitor did not take into account my medical history or the fact that Kelsey and I were cohabitating when these charges were filed. It is my opinion that the evidence was not sufficient enough to justify felony charges or any charges.

In closing, if evidence to support my facts are needed, I will supply copies of any and all texts between me and Kelsey Cheeseman.

I pray, that the Court will find the facts to be sufficient to relieve me of these charges or reconsider the Felony Status of these charges. Thank you for your consideration.

Your truly,

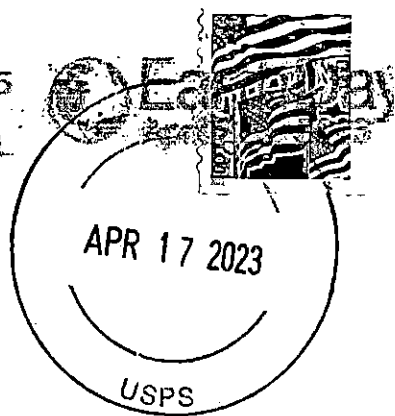
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