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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DEZMON MONTI PRINCE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2023-000817

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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON) CASE NO. 2022-GS-32-01705, 01706

May 25, 2022

BEFORE: The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV

State of South Carolina,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Dezmon Monti Prince,

Defendant.

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Solicitor for the State.

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Attorney for the Defendant.

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1 (COURT REPORTER'S NOTE: Due to remote platform
2 interruption and audio interference throughout the
3 hearing, those instances are denoted with
4 (inaudible) in the transcript.)

5 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

6 THE CLERK: Your Honor, we have 2022-GS-32-01705,
7 the State versus Dezmon Monti Prince, indicted for assault
8 and battery of a high and aggravated nature, pleading as
9 charged, waiving presentment to the Grand Jury. And
10 2022-GS-32-01706, the State versus Dezmon Monti Prince,
11 indicted for assault and battery by mob, second degree.
12 Pleading as charged, waiving presentment to the Grand Jury
13 and being represented by Ms. Dean.

14 Please raise your right hand. Do you swear or
15 affirm the testimony you give this Court is the truth, the
16 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

18 THE CLERK: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Dean, have you had a chance
20 to discuss these cases with your client?

21 MS. DEAN: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: He's aware of the nature of the
23 charges and the potential punishments?

24 MS. DEAN: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: And he's indicated a desire to plead

1 guilty to you?

2 MS. DEAN: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: You believe hat's in his best
4 interest?

5 MS. DEAN: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Prince, good afternoon.

7 THE DEFENDANT: Good afternoon.

8 THE COURT: The charge, let's see, assault and
9 battery of a high and aggravated nature carries a potential
10 sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

11 Do you understand that?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: And the charge of assault and battery
14 by a mob, second degree, in this instance carries a
15 potential sentence of three years to 25 years.

16 Do you understand that?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Okay. You understand that you have a
19 right to remain silent, but you give up that right in order
20 to plead guilty?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: You understand that you have a right
23 to a jury trial where your attorney can assert defenses on
24 your behalf and confront the State's witnesses and the State
25 would have to prove their case against you beyond a

1 reasonable doubt. By pleading guilty today you're giving up
2 those jury trial rights?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: You understand you have the right to
5 have the indictments in this case presented to the Lexington
6 County Grand Jury, but by pleading guilty today you're
7 giving up that right?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Have you had a chance to discuss this
10 case with your attorney?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Has your attorney answered all of your
13 questions?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with your attorney
16 representation?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Now, on the charge of assault and
19 battery of a high and aggravated -- well, actually, you
20 understand that assault and battery of a high and aggravated
21 nature is a serious and violent offense under South Carolina
22 law?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: And it appears that assault and
25 battery by mob, second degree, is a serious offense, as

1 well?

2 MR. PINCELLI: That's correct, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Is it violent?

4 MR. PINCELLI: It is not violent.

5 THE COURT: Okay. You understand?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: All right. On the charge of assault
8 and battery of a high and aggravated nature, how do you
9 plead?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

11 THE COURT: On the charge of assault and battery
12 by mob, second degree, how do you plead to that charge?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

14 THE COURT: As to both charges are you pleading
15 guilty of your own free will?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Are you doing this freely and
18 voluntarily?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Freely.

20 THE COURT: Are you doing this knowingly and
21 intelligently?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Knowingly.

23 THE COURT: Has anyone forced you, threatened you,
24 or coerced you into pleading guilty?

25 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

1 THE COURT: Has anyone offered or promised you
2 anything in exchange for pleading guilty?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: But you're pleading guilty to the
5 charges because you are guilty of the charges?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Now, Mr. Prince, you have
8 ten days to appeal this plea but you must do so in writing
9 to this court. Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: And ABHAN is a no parole?

12 MR. PINCELLI: That's correct, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay. And ABHAN is a no parole
14 offense. Do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Solicitor.

17 MR. PINCELLI: Thank you, Your Honor. Per this
18 plea the State is dismissing an armed robbery and a
19 kidnapping that was related to the incident as well as a
20 weapons charge that's related to the ABHAN incident. We're
21 also dismissing a separate assault and battery by mob, third
22 degree.

23 Your Honor, I'm going to give a factual brief --
24 factual presentation and I'd like to play the videos, each
25 assault was actually captured on video and I believe that

1 the court will best understand this by watching that video,
2 certainly better than I could describe with my own words.

3 Your Honor, that first incident occurred on
4 August 29th of 2021, the 1500 Block of Sharon Church Road.
5 At that time the victim, Stanley Dustin Crumpton, was
6 walking down the road and approached by Mr. Prince along
7 with co-defendants Charles and Jaquan Mabins.

8 There was an allegation that Mr. Crumpton had a
9 disagreement with them earlier in the day, but on that video
10 it does show that group of men including Mr. Prince
11 approaching Mr. Crumpton stripping him naked and beating him
12 savagely. Mr. Prince does kick him and stomp on his head.
13 Mr. Crumpton had a busted eardrum from that incident and is
14 deaf now in his left ear. He is not present. I will play
15 that video for the Court.

16 Your Honor, the second incident occurred while
17 Mr. Prince was in jail for that assault. This is the
18 assault and battery by mob, second degree. This was after,
19 I believe, the third degree which is being dismissed. On
20 November the 11th, 2021, Mr. Prince, along with
21 co-defendants Jordan Lee and Aaron Mack, did coordinate an
22 assault on Antonio Williams who was an inmate in the jail.

23 Again, Mr. Prince, does punch Mr. Williams
24 multiple times knocks him to the ground. And again, Your
25 Honor, stomps on the victim's head. Mr. Williams has a

1 broken jaw as a result of that, he also has an injured left
2 arm.

3 Your Honor, Jordan Lee, the co-defendant from that
4 assault pled guilty on April 18th to an unrelated armed
5 robbery and that same assault and battery by mob. He
6 received 12 years concurrent on each of those two charges.

7 Your Honor, at this time I'd like to play those
8 videos for the Court. And I have Investigator Gietz to talk
9 about the victim as well as these incidents.

10 THE COURT: And just -- I'm looking at the
11 sentencing sheet, it says, Day of offense 11/11/2001, it
12 should be 2021?

13 MR. PINCELLI: 2021, that's correct, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: I'm going to make that pen and ink
15 change.

16 MR. PINCELLI: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: We might need to dim the light a
18 little bit.

19 (WHEREUPON, the video was played in court.)

20 MR. PINCELLI: Your Honor, that's the assault and
21 battery of a high and aggravated. He was also charged with
22 a weapons charge. It appears at one point during the video
23 he's holding a bladed object, that is being dismissed. But
24 also just, I think, the savagery of the video speaks for
25 itself.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Oh there's -- okay.

2 MR. PINCELLI: Here's the jail incident. Again,
3 in that first video we watched, Mr. Prince was the taller
4 individual wearing no shirt and red pants, or red shorts.

5 Again, in this video I'm about to play, Mr. Prince
6 is shirtless, he is going to be the first assailant you see
7 striking the victim, Mr. Williams.

8 (WHEREUPON, the video was played in court.)

9 MR. PINCELLI: Your Honor, that video has been
10 edited down for time. What you see is the large pool of
11 blood that forms under Mr. Williams's head as a result of
12 that beating.

13 Your Honor, Mr. Prince goes by the nickname
14 Monsta, or Monster, that is later how he was identified from
15 the first video. It was an interesting investigation
16 because it started because that cellphone video was seen on
17 social media and tracked down from there by the Lexington
18 County Sheriff's Department. I believe he has earned that
19 nickname. I just can't imagine a more savage beating.

20 Your Honor, at this time I'd invite Investigator
21 Gietz to speak about the victim in that first assault.

22 THE COURT: This is still the factual allegation
23 portion, right?

24 MR. PINCELLI: This --

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. PINCELLI: This is.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Let me --

3 MR. PINCELLI: Sure.

4 THE COURT: Before I get any other area.

5 MR. PINCELLI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Prince, did you hear the State's
7 allegations?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Did you understand them?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: As to the general nature of the
12 allegations regarding assault and battery and assault and
13 battery by mob, you agree with him?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Okay. I'll accept the plea. I find
16 there's a substantial factual basis for the plea. The
17 defendant's decision to plead guilty has been freely,
18 voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently made. He's had
19 the advice of counsel of a competent attorney with whom
20 which he's satisfied with.

21 Okay. Mr. Solicitor.

22 MR. PINCELLI: Thank you. At this time I'd invite
23 Investigator John Gietz to speak about the victim as well as
24 what he knows about Mr. Prince.

25 MR. GIEZ: Your Honor, if it pleases the Court.

1 Dezmon Prince, aka Monsta, is a documented --
2 documented member of the Gangster Killer Bloods. The
3 Gangster Killer Bloods are a traditional national gang with
4 a history of violence. Mr. Prince, himself, has been
5 involved in several extremely violent crimes to include this
6 incident, which was -- Mr. Pincelli already went through the
7 crime or the charges that he's charged with. He also has a
8 domestic violence by strangulation in Huntsville.

9 THE COURT: Conviction or charge?

10 MR. GIEZ: Charge, sorry.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. GIEZ: And a looting during a state of
13 emergency.

14 THE COURT: When you say Huntsville, you mean
15 Alabama?

16 MR. GIEZ: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. GIEZ: And his violence did not stop once he
19 was in jail. He's charged with an additional assault and
20 battery by mob charges, for LCDC. During these acts of
21 violence, Mr. Prince showed extreme indifference to human
22 life. During the assault that he's pleading today he
23 continued to stomp the victim causing significant injury.
24 And then adding humiliation of stripping down the victim,
25 it's just -- it takes a lot to see that happen. They left

1 him on a dark road in the middle of Swansea and the only way
2 that he was found is he was able to stagger to a somebody's
3 front porch covered in blood.

4 Your Honor, if Mr. Prince is -- he's proven that
5 he repeatedly will continue to be violent. And if he's
6 granted leniency there's no telling who he's going to
7 victimize next. In Mr. Prince's own words, he would state
8 at the end of every one of his jail calls that we would
9 listen to, "stay dangerous." Everyone that he spoke to, he
10 would say "stay dangerous." And we think it's the State's
11 belief that if he continues to be out on the street or he's
12 granted lenience he's going to stay dangerous.

13 That's all, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

15 MR. PINCELLI: Your Honor, just as far as victim
16 impact, neither victim is here today. Mr. Crumpton
17 demonstrated great fear during his initial interviews with
18 law enforcement. He's also a transient individual. He was
19 severely injured and he cares about the result of this, but
20 I believe the fear led him to not be present today.

21 THE COURT: Just real quick as far as -- so the
22 assault and battery by mob, how many co-defendants were
23 involved in that?

24 MR. PINCELLI: There were two other charged
25 co-defendants on that, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: And one of them was Dustin -- Jordan.

2 MR. PINCELLI: It was Jordan Lee.

3 THE COURT: Jordan. And he got 12 on the assault
4 and battery by mob?

5 MR. PINCELLI: That's correct, Your Honor. He was
6 the individual at one point you saw the --

7 MS. DEAN: Your Honor, they said it was an armed
8 robbery, he had an armed robbery. The young man you were
9 just asking about he had an armed robbery --

10 MR. PINCELLI: He got 12 concurrent --

11 MS. DEAN: -- not just assault and battery by mob.

12 THE COURT: Okay. So it wasn't just assault and
13 battery?

14 MS. DEAN: No, sir.

15 MR. PINCELLI: All right. Judge, I'm being
16 corrected by Counsel. Apparently he got three to run
17 concurrent to 12 on armed robbery. Mr. Lee was a
18 consecutive. I apologize for the --

19 THE COURT: Who was the sentencing judge?

20 MR. PINCELLI: Judge McCaslin.

21 THE COURT: All right. I just didn't --

22 MR. PINCELLI: Your Honor, I just wanted to say --

23 THE COURT: The name sounded familiar, I just
24 didn't know if it was --

25 MR. PINCELLI: -- Mr. Lee's participation in that

1 assault was -- you saw the video cut, he covered the camera.
2 So he was not an actual physical participant, but he caught
3 three additional years on his sentence for just covering the
4 camera during that savage assault.

5 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Anything else from
6 the State for the moment?

7 MR. PINCELLI: That's it, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Dean.

9 MS. DEAN: Thank you Your Honor. May it please
10 the Court.

11 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. DEAN: Can we turn the light off on those?

13 MR. PINCELLI: Yes, I'm sorry.

14 THE COURT: And if we could turn the -- I guess we
15 got all the lights back on. All right.

16 MS. DEAN: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please
17 the Court?

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MS. DEAN: Your Honor, not by way of excuse but,
20 obviously, by way of mitigation for Mr. Prince. Mr. Prince,
21 when this -- when these incidents occurred he was 19-years
22 old. No prior record that I'm aware of. I know the officer
23 indicated that there was a charge in Alabama but there's
24 been no conviction on that charge, we don't even know if
25 it's still pending. But there was a charge in Alabama that

1 we're aware of. But Mr. Prince, as far as we know, and I
2 don't think Solicitor will disagree, has no prior criminal
3 record anywhere.

4 THE COURT: Today?

5 MS. DEAN: Today. Exactly, Your Honor. He's
6 pleading today but he had no prior record. And as I
7 indicated he was 19-years old when this took.

8 You know, Mr. Prince has shown remorse. I mean,
9 I -- I, you know, I don't know anything about the -- you
10 know, obviously the phone calls, these young people say
11 things that's not always smart to say things on the phone or
12 have these little names, Monster, or whatever. But
13 Mr. Prince admittedly has had a problem with anger
14 management. He had an IEP in high school. Unfortunately,
15 his mother let him drop out of school in the ninth grade so
16 he didn't get what he needed after he was given an IEP. He
17 didn't get the anger management counseling that he needed.
18 But, nevertheless, he was diagnosed as having an anger
19 management issue so much that they -- he had an IEP for it.
20 And it was unfortunate that he wasn't able to follow up with
21 that by being in school. He got out of school and he
22 started working, that's what he's been doing. So, you know,
23 he could have benefited from some kind of counseling at that
24 time and perhaps we would not be here.

25 He's going to deny that any of this had to do with

1 gang activity. The issue with the first victim and the
2 ABHAN, Mr. Prince said it wasn't planned. He was in the
3 neighborhood with some guys he know in Swansea and the
4 victim, who he described to me as a drug addict that
5 frequents the area, they caught him stealing, and that's why
6 they encountered him.

7 Now, obviously, what happened as far as the
8 assault that took place, I mean, he would admit that it went
9 overboard, but that's how he end up approaching the victim.
10 You know, we only see what's on that video that was taken by
11 a young lady who was out there, that's who you can see
12 laughing on the -- when she's taking the video. But this
13 started with the victim -- they caught him stealing from
14 them and then they went after him. And, obviously, that
15 was, you know, like I said, a little -- it was a little
16 overboard but that's what started it.

17 And as far as the incident in the jail, I don't
18 believe that -- in talking with Mr. Prince that wasn't
19 planned either, there was some talking back and forth. Like
20 I said, we don't see everything there was some talking back
21 and forth. And clearly he has a problem with anger
22 management. And, you know, he obviously stronger than that
23 guy, he beat him up. I mean, so, like I said, he's not
24 offering this as excuses but clearly he has an issue with
25 his anger.

1 Your Honor, because he has no prior record and
2 because he was a teenager when this took place, he has
3 turned 20, he turned 20 in January of this year, I would ask
4 the Court to consider that as far as sentencing. You know,
5 normally, you know, YOA would be in conversation. I know
6 the State is not in favor of that but, you know, Mr. Prince
7 would ask the Court to consider the minimum sentence that's
8 available which is the three years on assault and battery,
9 second, and give him an opportunity, perhaps, on probation.
10 He's never been on probation before. He probably could
11 benefit from some probation conditions such as the anger
12 management and whatever else he might need to do, community
13 service. But, you know, he's asking the Court to give him a
14 chance because this is his first time being before any judge
15 as far as especially General Sessions Court. So we would
16 ask the Court to consider that.

17 He does have a family. He has a mother who
18 doesn't live in this state anymore, she moved to Florida.
19 So it would have been a hardship for her to get here today.
20 And he has other extended family members here in Lexington
21 County. He has a small child with his girlfriend. So he
22 does have family around here that would be supportive of him
23 if he were placed on probation at any time.

24 I would ask the Court to give him credit for the
25 time that he's been in detention. And I calculate that he's

1 MR. PINCELLI: And I'll note for the record, Your
2 Honor, that was notes on jail calls from co-defendant Jordan
3 Lee. I don't believe that Mr. Prince said that but that is
4 somebody involved in that assault.

5 THE COURT: To be clear you confirmed that the
6 co-defendant on the assault and battery by mob got 12 years
7 for that charge?

8 MR. PINCELLI: Twelve years for that charge as
9 well as the attempted armed robbery.

10 THE COURT: Concurrent sentence?

11 MR. PINCELLI: Concurrent sentences.

12 THE COURT: So two separate things?

13 MR. PINCELLI: That's correct, Your Honor.

14 MS. DEAN: And, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. DEAN: And what Mr. Prince wanted to tell the
17 Court was the situation in the jail he said it was not
18 anything gang related and that he -- they don't have any --
19 he don't believe there's any phone calls where he talked
20 about any disrespect about a gang or anything like that.
21 Now, I don't know about the co-defendants, I'm just saying
22 him.

23 THE COURT: Right. Right. Right. Anything else?

24 MS. DEAN: No, sir.

25 THE COURT: I'm going to take a few minutes. I'll

1 be right back.

2 (WHEREUPON, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

3 THE COURT: Okay. You know, obviously, this
4 thing -- we're already -- we're already dealing with a
5 mandatory minimum, but there's nothing minimum about what I
6 just saw. You know, trying to figure out an appropriate
7 prison sentence, it's really tough, particularly when you're
8 dealing with someone who's 20-years old. And, I mean, you
9 may not have any convictions but these charges were very
10 close together. And I was thinking about something, it
11 would be -- I'm trying to evaluate how this plea would have
12 gone without the videos. Those videos are truly awful.
13 I -- it's tough to put into words.

14 You are young and the goal is not to just throw
15 the book at somebody, but there is nothing minimum about
16 what I saw today. So you'll run a -- you're going to have a
17 substantial sentence, frankly, but you'll still be, frankly,
18 young when you get out.

19 So on the charge of ABHAN and assault and battery
20 by mob, second degree, you will be committed to the
21 Department of corrections for 14 years. That's all.

22 END OR REQUESTED PROCEEDINGS

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER

Case Name/Number: State of South Carolina vs. Dezmon M.
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March 23, 2023

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The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

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THE STATE

vs.

Dezmon Monti Prince

CDR #: 3411

Indictment for

Assault and Battery High and Aggravated
in Nature *as charged*

§ 16-03-0600(B)(1)

S.R. Hubbard III, SOLICITOR

2
After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive my rights to presentment to the Grand Jury.

[Signature]
Defendant

I hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness
C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	INDICTMENT FOR
)	Assault and Battery High and Aggravated in
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)	Nature
)	
		§ 16-03-0600(B)(1)

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

That Dezmon Monti Prince did in Lexington County, South Carolina, on or about August 29, 2021, unlawfully injure another person, and the act was accomplished by means likely to produce death or great bodily injury, to wit: he did kick the victim multiple times in the head, in violation of §16-0333-600(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended.

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



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Elnora Dean

WITNESSES

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

Stephen C Finley Jr

Law Enforcement Case #: 21022090

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury

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Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

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THE STATE

vs.

Dezmon Monti Prince

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Indictment for

Assault and Battery by Mob, 2nd Degree

as charged

§ 16-03-0210(C)

S.R. Hubbard III, SOLICITOR

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After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive my rights to presentment to the Grand Jury.

Stephen C Finley Jr

Defendant

I hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness

C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)
)

INDICTMENT FOR
Assault and Battery by Mob, 2nd Degree
§ 16-03-0210(C)

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

That Dezmon Monti Prince in Lexington County, South Carolina, on or about November 11, 2001, together with one or more persons acting without color or authority of law, and acting with premeditated purpose and with the premeditated intent of committing an act of violence upon the person of another, did commit any act of violence, which resulted in serious bodily injury to the person, to wit: he did strike and kick the victim along with other inmates resulting in the victim breaking his jaw and injuring his arm, in violation of §16-03-210(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended.

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



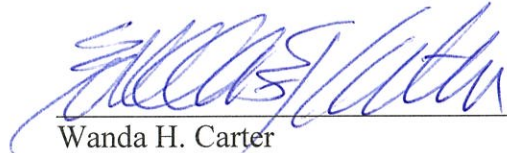
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Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings."

Respectfully Submitted,



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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Walton M. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

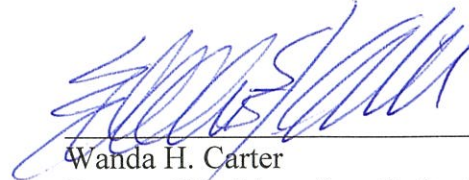
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DEZMON MONTI PRINCE,

APPELLANT

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Record on Appeal in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and on Dezmon Monti Prince, 388017, at Broad River Correctional Institution, 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC, 29210, this 14th day of August, 2023.



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