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November 3, 2023

Mr. George Holmes #28914
Lee Correctional Inst.
990 Wisacky Hwy.
Bishopville, SC 29010

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to Chief Justice Beatty. Chief Justice Beatty cannot consider this *ex parte* communication about this matter.

Since you are represented by counsel in this matter(s), no action will be taken on your *pro se* filing. *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010); *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002); *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); *Foster v. State*, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989).

We are forwarding a copy of your letter to your counsel so they can be aware of your concerns. We are also forwarding a copy of your documents to the Court of Appeals where your case is pending.

Very truly yours,

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

cc: Lara Mary Caudy, Esquire (with copy of correspondence)
Mark Reynolds Farthing, Esquire (with copy of correspondence)
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TO: Donald W Beatty, Chief Justice

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From: George Holmes #289114

SC Court of Appeals

The State v. George Holmes, Appellate case #: 2022-000728

I'am writing regarding my case showing facts, Proof that I did not commit the crime I'am lock up for, Please see what I'am sending. I did not commit the crime of Burglary 2nd degree nor safeCracking ON GOD!!

Thanks
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God Bless
You!!

With kindest regards I'am

George Holmes
George Holmes

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The State v. George Holmes, Appellate Case No. 2022-000728

ARREST WARRANT

2018A0710200400

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE 18S324618

against

George Holmes

Address: **39 Samuel Ln**
Saint Helena Island, SC 29920-5411

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: **M** Race: **B** Height: **5 7** Weight: **240**

DL State: **SC** DL #: **090492835**

DOB: **2/12/1984** Agency ORI #: **SC0070000**

Prosecuting Agency: **Beaufort County Sheriff's Office**

Prosecuting Officer: **Jonathan M Hewitt - S00393**

Offense: **Burglary / Safecracking**

Offense Code: **0141**

Code/Ordinance Sec: **16-11-0390**

This warrant is **CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE** in the

County/ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant **Jonathan M Hewitt** who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant **George Holmes**

did within this county and state on or about **12/28/2018** violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of **Beaufort**)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Burglary / Safecracking

ORIGINAL

Form Approved by
S.C. Agency General
April 21, 2003
BCCA 311

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on December 28th, 2018, at approximately 0128 hours, the defendant, one George Holmes did knowingly, willingly and unlawfully violate the laws of the State of South Carolina in that he did commit the offense of Safecracking. The defendant unlawfully broke into the Navy Federal Credit Union ATM. Upon gaining entry attempted to force entry into the ATM box to steal the currency located within. The incident was captured on surveillance footage, Holmes was positively identified and a BCSO Tracking Team was recalled and tracked to the location he was found. This incident did occur at 102 Sea Island Parkway, Beaufort, Beaufort County, South Carolina and within the jurisdiction of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. The Affiant and others are witness to the same.

Signature of Affiant _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

County/ Municipality of)

Beaufort)

Affiant's Address **2001 Duke St**
Beaufort, SC 29902-

Affiant's Telephone _____

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge _____

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant _____ on _____

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer _____

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 29901-1128

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ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about **12/28/2018** defendant **George Holmes**

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of **Beaufort**) as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Burglary / Safecracking

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on **12/28/2018**)

Signature of Issuing Judge _____ (L.S.))

Mark Francis Fitzgibbons)

Judge's Address **104 Ribaut Rd**
Beaufort, SC 29901-2207)

Judge's Telephone **(843)255-5700**)

Judge Code: **7060**)

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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9 Statutes: Intent

0 Statutes: Plain language, Plain ordinary

Common, or literal meaning

1/2 Statutes: In general, factors considered

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Jerri Ann Rosebeau - Clerk of Court
Beaufort County, SC - Jennifer Perloff

3-1-2023

Arthur Miller and John N. Johnson, Petitioners,
State of South Carolina et al. Respondents.

United States District Court, D. South Carolina,

Columbia Division. Fed 17, 1970. 309 F. Supp. 1287

(Approx. 8 pages) Civ. A. No. 70-2

5) Such reason apparently was never conveyed to appointed counsel, who would undoubtedly have been relieved to have been released from representation; nor did the petitioner explain how he expected to pay such counsel. There is perhaps an implication in the record that the appointed counsel failed adequately to protect the petitioners right in not raising the plea that, since the petitioners had not actually succeeded in opening the safe involved in their prosecution, they could not BE Guilty OF 'Safecracking', only of, to use the words of one of the petitioners, 'Safetampering'. However, it has been authoritatively held, in the construction of the South Carolina 'Safecracking' Statute, 'It is not essential to constitute a safe cracking that he shall be successful in his attempt to break open the safe.'

State v. O'Day (1906) 74 S.C. 448, 450, 54 S.E.

607, 608; See, also, Shelnut v. State (1965) 247 S.C.

41, 45, 145 S.E.2d 420; cf.

United States ex rel. Sadler v. Pennsylvania (D.C. Pa. 1969)

306 F. Supp. 102, 106. It is thus clear that 'Safetampering'

in Section 16-337 of the South Carolina Code.

George Holmes

George Holmes

The State v. George Holmes, Appellate case No. 2022-000728

Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated
Title 16: Crimes and Offenses
Chapter 11: Offenses Against Property
Article 5: Burglary, Housebreaking, Robbery and the like

Code 1976 § 16-11-390
§ 16-11-390, Safecracking

PLEASE SEE
Arrest Warrant: 2018A0710200400

16-11-8390 I'm Not guilty GH

It is unlawful for a person to use explosives, tools, or any other implement in or about a safe used for keeping money or other valuables with intent to commit larceny or any other crime.
A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than thirty years.

Credits
HISTORY: 1962 Code § 16-337; 1952 Code § 16-337; 1942 Code § 1150; 1932 Code § 1150; Cr. C. '22 § 44; Cr. C. '12 § 191; 1904 (14) 396; 1907 (25) 580; 1955 (49) 65; 1993 Act No. 184, § 172.
Notes of Decisions (10)

Code 1976 § 16-11-390, SC ST § 16-11-390
Current through 2019 Act No. 90, subject to technical revisions by the Code Commissioner as authorized by law before official publication.
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I Mr. George Holmes did not commit the offense of Safecracking
Dismiss the offense of Safecracking
Notes Of Decisions (10)
in general indictment: 2018A0710200400 16-11-8390

GH It is not essential to constitute a safecracker that he shall be successful in his attempt to break open the safe. Miller v. State of S. C. (D.C.S.C. 1970) 309 F.Supp. 1287.

GH "Safetampering" falls within the crime defined as "safecracking" in this section [Code 1962 § 16-337]. Miller v. State of S. C. (D.C.S.C. 1970) 309 F.Supp. 1287. Burglary 2

GH Defendant's possession, following larceny of safe, of property of the nature stolen, with his admission to others that he had obtained them from the safe in subject, were sufficient to sustain his conviction of the offense of safecracking. State v. Blue (S.C. 1975) 264 S.C. 468, 215 S.E.2d 905. Burglary 45

GH Use of a hammer to remove a safe in one county, although it was not opened until carried into a second county, constituted a violation of this section [Code 1962 § 16-337], such as to give a court of the first county jurisdiction over the case. Shelton v. State (S.C. 1965) 247 S.C. 41, 145 S.E.2d 420.

GH The subject of the act from which this section [Code 1962 § 16-337] is taken was expressed in the title thereof. State v. O'Day (S.C. 1906) 74 S.C. 448, 54 S.E. 607.

GH Constitutional Issues
Ten year minimum sentence for safecracking with tools does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment. Stockton v. Leeke (S.C. 1977) 269 S.C. 459, 237 S.E.2d 896.

GH This section [Code 1962 § 16-337] is not unconstitutional by reason of the fact that life imprisonment is directed upon conviction if the jury does not recommend mercy, and not less than ten years' imprisonment is directed when the jury does recommend mercy. State v. Haulcomb (S.C. 1973) 260 S.C. 260, 195 S.E.2d 601, appeal dismissed 94 S.Ct. 229, 414 U.S. 886, 38 L.Ed.2d 134. Larceny 2

GH The contention that this section [Code 1962 § 16-337] is not sufficiently definite to place a person of common intelligence on notice as to what is prohibited is clearly without merit. The offense is designated in bold-faced letters - "SAFECRACKING." State v. Haulcomb (S.C. 1973) 260 S.C. 260, 195 S.E.2d 601, appeal dismissed 94 S.Ct. 229, 414 U.S. 886, 38 L.Ed.2d 134. Larceny 2

GH Indictment
Where an indictment on its face specifically sets forth the charge of safecracking as the fourth count, its plain language is not to be ignored merely because on the outside of the indictment the several counts are tabulated in a different order. Crady v. State (S.C. 1966) 248 S.C. 522, 151 S.E.2d 670.

GH Questions for Jury
In a prosecution for armed robbery and safecracking, the court improperly denied defendant's motion for directed verdict.

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ORDER MOTION
TO BE RELEASED

Warrant No.(s): 2018A0710200399, 2018A0710200400
Indictment No.(s) 2019GS0700039, 2019GS0700040

ORDER

The Circuit Court applied the wrong Standard of review, and under the Correct Standard of review. Please See:
Arrest Warrant No. 2018A0710200399, States "Non-violent burglary 2nd degree, Conflict ORDER: on February 26, 2020. Stated Defendant, George Holmes, is charged with Burglary (non-violent) 2nd degree, "Non-violent" offense. Motion by Charles W. Patrick, III, On March 25, 2020, Order Granting Defendant Motion for Bond is hereby ordered as follows: George Holmes, shall be released on his own recognizance; shall be on house arrest. order for Competency to stand trial Evaluation Pursuant to STATE v. BLAIR. "States" George Holmes, charged with one (1) count of Burglary 2nd degree (non-violent) Please See: Summons No: 607774 Defendant's Copy incident Report #18S324616. May 18, 2022. The Trial Convicted of Burglary 2nd degree (violent) Sentence Sheet and Notice of Appeal Shows (violent).
The Circuit Court applied the wrong Standard of review and under the Correct Standard of review.
CREDIBILITY: OF B.C.S.O. Jonathan M Hewitt, 2-1-2019.
ACQUITTAL: That the evidence is insufficient to support a Conviction.

Thanks,
with kindest Regards I'm ~~George~~ Holmes

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