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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Case Appeal: Court of General Sessions-2017-GS-33-0322

Honorable Chief Judge H. Bruce Williams

I Hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to submit and appeal regarding the case Eric M Willard-2017-GS-33-0322., which in 2017 was concluded in the Marion County Court, South Carolina. I respectfully request a reconsideration of the decision made by the lower court below.

Brief Case Overview:

I was in the home of one of the men that was arrest at the time of the raid along with others. Unfortunately, I was the only one person to get arrested, and I didn't find that out until the trial. Also, I didn't know that the other men that was apprehended during this raid was coerced to writing false statements accusing me as the person responsible for everything. I had no drugs on me. I absolutely had nothing to do with what was in someone else's home, What I am guilty of is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. On top of that my trial was not tried in my favor it was biased and I wasn't able to bring witness and If I recall the jury pled no content because they said they didn't have enough evidence to convicted me. Also, the Agent and the police department never got a confession from me, so I'm stating like I did 7 years ago that I'm not guilty. Unfortunately, I firmly believe that errors were made during the proceedings, leading to an unjust outcome. Thus, I am appealing to the South Carolina Judicial Branch to rectify this situation and ensure a just resolution.

Grounds for Appeals:

Legal Errors: I will address the pury statement from Agent Mark Collins and the Marion county sheriff and police department saying that he executed a search warrant at Eric M Willard address (That was not the defendant home, address was 141 Aster Place Road in Mullins). Eric

M Willard lived on 4500 Milton Troy Ave, Mullins. Next the false statement where he said Eric M Willard gave a confession. (No documentation to submit at the time of trial), Next all the officers and agents have different statements for what happened. This Includes the misinterpretation of Mark Collins again saying that Eric M. Willard said it was his narcotics also false statement, just keep stating that the defendant confessed he never did. They have no body cam, not writing, or verbal from the defendant. All these errors have improperly influenced the outcome of my case and are unacceptable in the interest of Justice.

Inconsistencies and unreasonable Findings: The lower court decisions demonstrates inconsistencies and unreasonable findings that deviate from facts presented and the applicable legal standards This has resulted in an erroneous ruling that does not align with the evidence presented in trial.

Newly Discovered Evidence: Since the conclusion of the trial, I have obtained new and material evidence that was available then but no one in judicial system did anything about it, Judy and Dan Barker are husband and wife at the time of this trial. Which becomes a conflict of interest. The judge on the case at the time was publicly scolded by SC Supreme Court, on Friday June 17, 2022, for mis handling conflicts involving the Marion County Sherrif's Department. Once again Daniel Barker II didn't properly disqualify himself from the case involving Marion County deputies his wife supervised, according to court documents on June 15, this information was in the writing by Emily, Trampf (News Reporter). This evidence is crucial to my case, and it came out after my sentence.

Desired Outcome:

I respectfully request the South Carolina court of appeals thoroughly review Marion County Clerk of Courts decision based on the aforementioned grounds. Considering errors, Inconsistencies, and the new discovered evidence, I kindly request that the decision be reversed, modified, or remanded for a new trial to ensure a fair and just resolution of my case.

For your convince I have the copy of my transcript and if you need it feel free to reach out. I will send it to you.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a fair and just review of my appeal. If needed, I am available for any additional hearings or proceeding.



Your Sincerely
Eric M Willard

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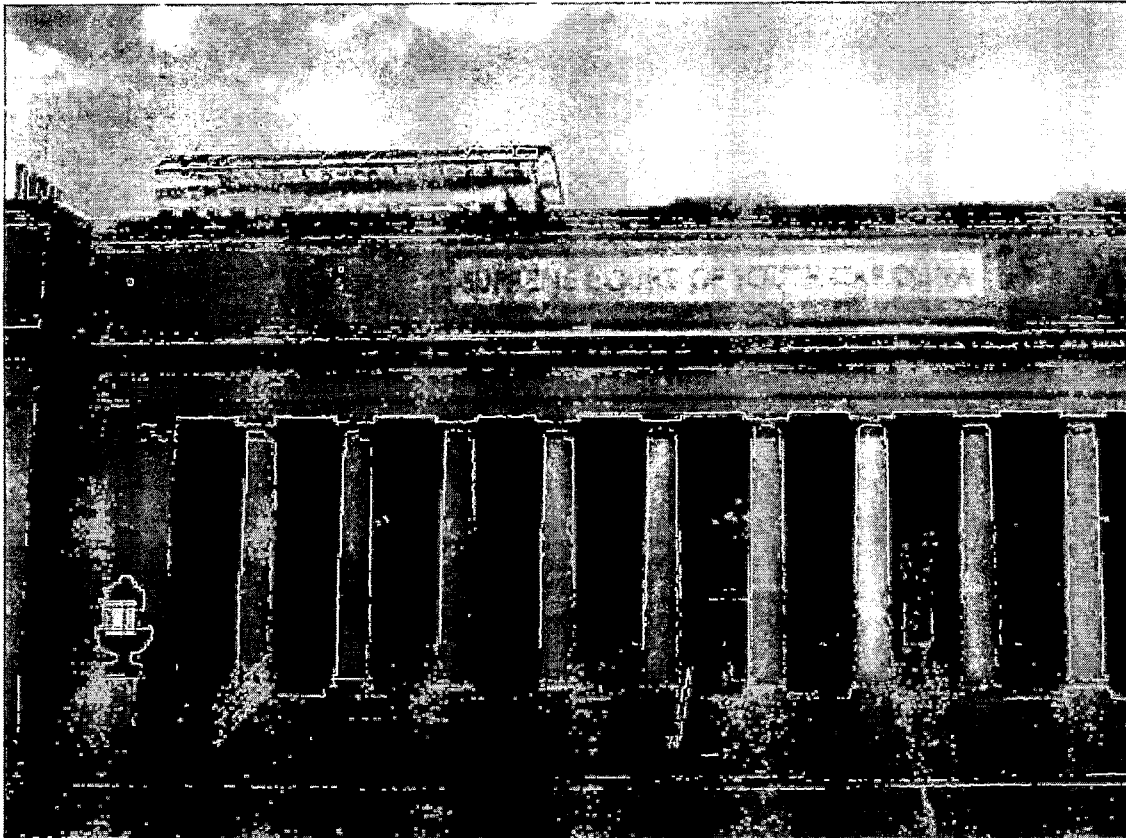
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Pee Dee judge publicly scolded by SC Supreme Court

by Emily Trampf

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MARION COUNTY, SC (WPDE) — A Marion County judge has been scolded by the South Carolina Supreme Court publicly for mishandling conflicts of interest involving the Marion County Department of Health and Human Services.

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Daniel Barker II didn't properly disqualify himself from cases involving his wife supervised, according to court documents filed on June 15.

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Barker never presided over any case or hearing in which his wife appeared involved. However, he did regularly presided over bond hearings, traffic court hearings, and other matters involving Sheriff's Office deputies who were sued. Documents state.

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