

STATE vs.

Christova Pierre Knowlin

AKA:

RACE: **B**

SEX: **M**

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

) Date of Offense: **09/29/2023**

) S.C Code§: **16-25-0065(A)**

) CDR Code #: **3814**

) Range of Offense: **(1)**

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In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF or PLEADS

TO: **Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature**

Range of Offense Pled: **(NMT 20 years)**

In violation of § 16-25-0065(A) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 3814

NON-VIOLENT VIOLENT SERIOUS MOST SERIOUS MANDATORY GPS § 17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: As indicted Lesser Included Offense Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury

The plea is: w/o Rec/Negotiations Negotiated Recommendation

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Catherine H. Johnson, Solicitor

SC Bar #

Jonathan Hiller, Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the SCDC County Detention Center Home Incarceration Program
for a determinate term of 20 days/months/years/Time Served YOANTE _____ years and/or shall pay a fine
of \$ _____; provided that upon the service of _____ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment
of \$ _____ plus costs and assessments as applicable*; balance is suspended with probation for _____ months/years
and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run CONCURRENT or CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: _____
 The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC
353 days/months To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- PTUP _____
- No Contact with Victim Domestic Violence Intervention Program Hold for Inpatient Treatment
- Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 SAC/MHC if necessary
- Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135
- Other: _____

RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-490(B))

§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)

§14-1-211 (A)(1) Conv. Surcharge)

§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)

§56-5-1995 (DUI Assessment)

§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)

§14-1-212 (Law Enforcement Funding)

§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)

§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)

§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)

§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)

3% to County (if paid in installments)

Appointed PD or appointed other counsel. Provisio requires \$500 to be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees

§17-3-45(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the Clerk
of Court within \$25.00 days/months
beginning 3-12-2045

Restitution	\$	_____
FINE:	\$	_____
	\$	_____
	\$	_____
	\$	100.00
	\$	_____
	\$	12
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	\$	150
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	\$	41
	\$	_____
	\$	50
	\$	_____
	\$	40/ea
	\$	_____
	\$	TBD
	\$	3.75
	\$	_____
	\$	500
	\$	_____
	\$	40
	\$	40.00
	\$	_____
TOTAL	\$	108.75

Renee Elvis

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Natalie Dahl

Court Reporter

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Judge Code

2-12-2025

Sentence Date

Jonathan Hiller
Presiding Judge

SCCA217B

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WITNESSES

Helen M Sorace Myrtle Beach Police Department

Daniel Eddy

DOCKET NO. 2023GS2606528

The State of South Carolina

County of Horry

Catherine Girgan 23H05120

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DATE RECEIVED FROM
GRAND JURY

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2023A2620602702
CDR: 3814 16-25-0065(A)
DOA: 9/29/2023

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

TRUE BILL

THE STATE

vs.

Christova Pierre Knowlin
B/M

DOB: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]

ATTORNEY: Jonathan Hiller

Indictment for

Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated
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Jimmy A. Richardson, II, Solicitor

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Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: *[Signature]* DEC 20 2023

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

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INDICTMENT

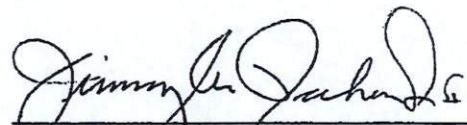
At a Court of General Sessions, convened on December 20, 2023, the Grand Jurors of Horry County present upon their oath:

Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature

CDR: 3814 16-25-0065

That, Christova Pierre Knowlin, did in Horry County on or about September 29, 2023, cause physical harm or injury to his/her own household member, Tarsha Cromedy, or did offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to Tarsha Cromedy with the apparent present ability under the circumstances to do so reasonably creating fear of imminent peril, and the circumstances manifested extreme indifference to the value of human life, and great bodily injury to the victim resulted or the victim reasonably feared imminent great bodily injury or death, in violation of Section 16-25-0065, S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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



JIMMY A. RICHARDSON, II
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A2620602702

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Myrtle Beach

THE STATE 23-017470 against

Christova Pierre Knowlin

Address: Phone: SSM: Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight: 162 DL State: DL #: DOB: Agency ORI #: SC0260600 Prosecuting Agency: Myrtle Beach Police Department Prosecuting Officer: Helen M Sorace - S02753 Offense: Domestic / Domestic Violence of a high and aggravated nature Offense Code: 3814 Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-25-0065(A)

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.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant CHRISTOVA KNOWLIN on 9/29/23

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions PO Box 677 1301 2nd Avenue Conway, SC 29528

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Myrtle Beach

AFFIDAVIT

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Form Approved by S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant Helen M Sorace who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christova Pierre Knowlin did within this county and state on or about 9/29/2023 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Myrtle Beach) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic Violence of a high and aggravated nature

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:

On 9/29/23, at 0016 hours, Affiant responded to an assault call at 1901 S. Ocean Blvd in the city limits of MB. Upon arrival, Affiant made contact with the defendant, who had blood on his clothing. Shortly after detaining the defendant, Affiant entered room 306, where the two were living together, and there was blood on both beds, in the bathroom, on the walls, and in the hallway of the building. The victim was rushed to the hospital, where she was unable to speak with law enforcement due to the severity of her injuries. Multiple witnesses on scene, who helped the victim, stated that she was found with a swollen face that had multiple contusions, was partially undressed, and that she looked like she had been beaten badly. The defendant and victim meet the standards of a domestic relationship, by living together and being in an intimate relationship. Furthermore, the defendant showed extreme indifference to value of human life, due to the injuries sustained by the victim.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County/ Municipality of Myrtle Beach

Affiant's Address 1101 Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-3599 Affiant's Telephone

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 9/29/2023 defendant Christova Pierre Knowlin did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of Myrtle Beach) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic Violence of a high and aggravated nature

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 9/29/2023

Signature of Issuing Judge Valerie A. Wentz Judge Code: 6671

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 1101 Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-3599 Judge's Telephone (843)918-1356

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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BAIL set by

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on _____

Type and Amount: _____

Name of Surety: _____

PRELIMINARY HEARING held by

Judge _____

on _____

Defendant Attorney: _____

Decision: _____

DISPOSITION before

Judge _____

on _____

by _____
(indicate jury trial, bench trial, plea, nol. pros., etc.)

Disposition: _____

Sentence: _____

JURORS

WITNESSES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

AMENDED
CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATION
(APPOINTING AS COUNSEL)

-VS-

CHRISTOVA KNOWLIN

JONATHAN M. HILLER

DEFENDANT)

FILE NO: 26A23-00004355

TO: Clerk of Court of General Sessions of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Office of the Solicitor
Appointed Counsel
Defendant

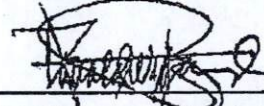
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This certifies that the above captioned Defendant is eligible for the services of the Public Defender, such determination having been made on the 25th day of October, 2023, regarding the charge(s) of:

2023A2620602702 Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

2025GS2600186 Assault / Assault & Battery of a High & Aggravated Nature

The Defendant's Counsel is **Jonathan M. Hiller**. The office of the Public Defender requests on the Defendant's behalf any and all evidence in the possession of you and or your agents pursuant to S.C. Criminal Practice Rule 5, and Brady v. Maryland 373 U.S. 383 (1963). The formal Motion for Discovery is attached.



RONALD W. HAZZARD
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT
PUBLIC DEFENDER

CONWAY, SC

DATED: January 27, 2025

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RONALD W. HAZZARD
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CONWAY, SC
DATED: November 16, 2023

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSION
OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
-VS-)
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NOTICE AND MOTION FOR PRODUCTION
OF SPECIFIC EVIDENCE AND
DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES

CHRISTOVA KNOWLIN

DEFENDANT)

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TO: SOLICITOR FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that unless the prosecution responds to the Defendant's request for disclosure within 30 days, or within such time as may be ordered by the Court, Counsel for the Defendant will move this Court for an Order compelling that the State:

1. Make available for Defendant any and all written and oral statements by the Defendant which are, or may come to be, in the possession of the State.
2. Make available for purposes of inspection, and copying, any and all police reports relating to the investigation and circumstances surrounding the crime which the Defendant is charged with, including any and all statements taken from witnesses and the Defendant.
3. Make available to the Defendant all tangible objects obtained during the investigation of this case, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) All tangible objects obtained from the scene of the crime; and
 - (b) All tangible objects obtained from the State's witnesses in this case
 - (c) All tangible objects the State intends to introduce into evidence at Trial which are relevant to the offense charged.
4. Make available any witnesses known to the State who have knowledge of facts which might be favorable to the Defendant.
5. Make available any promises made or actions taken by the State which caused or might have caused any witnesses for the State to testify on behalf of the State.
6. Make available any inconsistent statements made by witnesses for the State or any statements made by witnesses for the State which tend to exculpate the Defendants or to negate participation by the Defendants in the alleged crime.
7. Make available to the Defendant all results of laboratory tests, scientific tests, or physical examinations conducted in connection with this case, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Analysis of handwriting
 - (b) Photographs secured of the scene of the crime
 - (c) Comparison of fingerprints
 - (d) DNA analysis
8. Make available any facts which tend to exculpate the Defendant.

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CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

9. Make available any and all scientific or medical, psychiatric, legal or other information, reports or records which might tend to reflect on the credibility or competence of any of prospective witnesses for the State.

10. Make available to the Defendant the names and addresses of all persons who have knowledge of this case or who have been interviewed by the investigating officers in connection with this case.

11. Make available to the Defendant, the SLED, FBI, and local arrest and conviction records of all persons, including the Defendant, named in connection with this proceeding.

12. Make any chemist, analyst, and all persons within the chain of custody appear in Court for the purpose of personally testifying. Attorney for the Defense thus objects to the introduction of any chemist's or analyst's report pursuant to Rule 6, S.C. Rules of Criminal Procedure.

13. Make available to the Defendant all video and audio recordings and/or notarized affidavits made pursuant to South Carolina Code § 56-5-2953 and any other applicable South Carolina Statute or regulation, including but not limited to:

- (a) Police and booking reports;
- (b) Police logs;
- (c) Alcohol influence reports;
- (d) Accident reports
- (e) Reports dealing with defendant's refusal to submit to testing;
- (f) Notes taken from any recording by Law Enforcement regarding conversations with potential prosecution witnesses
- (g) Any notes taken by Law Enforcement with regards to this case which the officer intends to rely on, or make us of, at trial.
- (h) The names of the officers or other witnesses who were with the Defendant within one hour of the arrest who had the opportunity to observe the appearance and behavior of the Defendant, to include the identity of any officer present at the scene of arrest.
- (i) The time and place where the Defendant was given the Miranda warning and the name of the officer who advised him/her of the same.
- (j) Any reports made by any laboratory or hospital concerning any examination made of any physical (urine, blood, etc.), photographic, or written evidence related to the Defendant's case.
- (k) The records of analysis and the results of any chemical, urine, or breathalyzer tests administered to the Defendant.

14. Make available to the Defendant following information regarding the person(s) who administered the Defendant's chemical/breathalyzer tests:

- (a) The person's name and the name of his/her employer;
- (b) The date of his/her original certification to give chemical/breathalyzer tests and the grade he/she received on the exam;
- (c) The date of his/her most recent certification to give said tests; And his/her compliance with statutes and regulations providing for standards of training for person(s) administering such tests.

15. If the Defendant's blood alcohol concentration was determined on the basis of a test involving the use of any machine, provide the following information:

- (a) The type of machine used and the make, model, and serial number of particular machine;

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- (b) The manufacturer and the date of manufacture of the machine;
- (c) The owner's manual and the instruction manual;
- (d) The software program used in said machine;
- (e) The date of purchase by the agency owning the machine;
- (f) The location of machine;
- (g) The number of prior tests conducted on the machine;
- (h) All maintenance information for the last two years, including all repairs done and all calibrations made on the machine;
- (i) The results of all tests performed in the thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Defendant's arrests, including any tests in which the machine malfunctioned;
- (j) Any checklist to be used by the operator of the machine, either before, during, or after the admission of a test.

This information is requested pursuant to Rule 5 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure. This information is further requested pursuant to Brady vs Maryland, 373 U.S. 383, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215, 83 S. Ct. 1194 (1963), U.S. vs Agurs, 427 U.S. 97, 49 L. Ed 2nd 342, 96 S. Ct. 2392 1976, State vs Mixon 274 S.E. 2nd 406 (1981), City of Rock Hill vs Suchenski, 374 S.C. 12, 646 S.E.2d 879 (2007). Further this information is requested on the grounds that it is essential to insure the Defendant's right to a fair trial, right to confrontation of witnesses, the right to effective Counsel and due process of law guaranteed by the South Carolina Constitution and the United States Constitution.

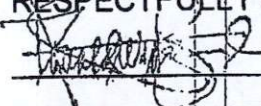
ADDITIONALLY, DEFENDANT REQUESTS A SPEEDY TRIAL

The Defendant requests and asserts his / her right to a speedy trial in General Sessions Court in this County pursuant to the 6th Amendment to the United States Constitution, as well as Article I, Section 14 of the South Carolina Constitution, and under relevant case law.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays:

- (a) That the Solicitor be Ordered to produce all information described herein and allow the Defendant the right to examine, inspect, copy and photograph, such materials and information at a specific time and place to be fixed by the Court.
- (b) That the information be provided no later than 30 days from the date of this request, as reflected by the Clerk of Court's time-stamp appearing on the face of this Document.
- (c) That the Court enter an Order requiring the Solicitor's Office to make continuing disclosure of all matters requested herein up to and during the Trial of the charges against the Defendant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


 RONALD W. HAZZARD
 FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT
 PUBLIC DEFENDER

CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
 DATED: November 16, 2023

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Indictment #: 2023-GS-26-06528

vs.

CHRISTOVA KNOWLIN,

DEFENDANT.

VERDICT FORM

I. PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE VERDICT BELOW.

- a. We the jury unanimously find the Defendant, Christova Knowlin, as to the charge of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE:

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

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II. * IF YOU FIND THE DEFENDANT "GUILTY" OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, CEASE DELIBERATIONS.

*IF YOU FIND THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, THEN YOU MAY CONSIDER THE LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE OF FIRST-DEGREE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

a. We the jury unanimously find the Defendant, Christova Knowlin, as to the charge of FIRST-DEGREE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

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Please sign and date.

John Paul Beatty
Jury Foreperson

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Date

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