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Dear SC Court of Appeal,

Indictment Nos.: 2024-GS-41-0001 & 2024-

GS-41-0002. On Thursday March 14, 2024

I Earl Valentine Jr. Was Wrongfully Convicted
and Sentenced to 55 years. I received

an unfair trial the Second those three

Jurors Who Knew Witnesses entered the

Jury room. Importantly two of these

Jurors knew police officers Outside of

work. It's no telling how these Jurors

could've influenced the rest of the Jury

before they was excused. Prior to this

in my transcript on pg 83 line 19 it

was brought to the Courts attention that

a Witness was also placed in the jury pool.

The court made a decision to excuse him.

On pg 84 Judge Debra R. McClain Stated

On line 9 "yeah, We just want to make

sure he doesn't get in With the jury

pool." Also on pg 84 it was brought to

the Courts attention that Officer Price and

Officer Quattlebaum, both of their

Significant others were on the jury pool. The judge stated on line 18-19 that "I will have them here tomorrow and we will resolve that. So they did come in contact with other jurors before they were dismissed. Importantly they were dismissed because they knew witnesses in this case

Objections never ruled on. There are many times my attorney objected to things but the judge never ruled on, instead the state would say let me rephrase that. On page 37 line 20 the state asked "Q+A I know you mentioned Zonnie, the victim in this case. Did Zonnie see Earl fire that gun? line 22 MS. Younger objected MS. McCasline never ruled on it. line 23 the state says let me rephrase that, your honor. line 24 the judge says thank you. Importantly the state ended up asking the same question but in different words. On pg 56 line 1-2 Martavis Barnes is a co-defendant in this case who

indicated that he was driving the vehicle in which him -. Line 3-4 MS. Young objected to hearsay. Once again the Judge never ruled on it. Also on pg 347 and so on.

The trial Judge erred in allowing Porsha Quattlebaum testimony even though she stated herself on pg 75 line 1-2 that "well, it might be prejudicial. Importantly her testimony shouldn't be allowed because she testified that it occurred somewhere else and only pointed at My yard after the state pointed there first she also testified that I fired a gun after she blacked out. On pg 29 line 17-20 she testified

17 Q: All right. Now looking at this photo,
line 18: approximately, where were you when this altercation occurred? Line 19 A: Well we was in between both houses. We was at the trailer in front of his house and his grandmother's house. Line 21 Q: Okay. So in the road way? She indicated the road. She only say My yard after the

State pointed at it first that's when she changed the location in her story. Importantly on pg 26-27 line 25 A: I was-- we was both standing and he approached me and I fell. Q: What happened after you fell? Line 3 A: I guess I blacked out. Line 4 Q: What caused you to black out as you put it? Line 5 A: Him hitting me in the head with the gun. On pg 28 line 6 Q: You indicated that you were down at some point. Where were you down? Where were you?

Line 8 A: I was on 119 Quattlebaum Rd Street. She indicated the road again. On pg 30 line 16 Q: Tell us what occurred that caused him to fire that gun? line 18 A: after he beat me up pretty bad I guess he just decided to shoot the gun in the air or however towards the ground. This is more reason not to allow her testimony.

How could she say I fired a gun if she say she blacked out. without these errors the result would have been different.

allowing her testimony would be unfair prejudice.

State v. Smith, 303 S.C. 189, 108, 679 S.E.2d 176, 181 (2009) ("When it is made to appear that anything has occurred which may have improperly influenced the action of the jury, the accused should be granted a new trial, although he may appear to be ever so guilty, because it may be said that his guilt has not been ascertained in the manner prescribed by law.")

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