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State of South Carolina) Court of General Sessions
County of Williamsburg) 2018-GS-45-22

State of South Carolina)
vs.) Transcript of Record
John A. James, III)

April 26, 2018
Kingstree, South Carolina

BEFORE:

Honorable Clifton B. Newman, Judge.

APPEARANCES:

Warren Scott Anderson, Esq.
Attorney for the State

Grant B. Smaldone, Esq.
Attorney for the Defendant

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1 (WHEREUPON, the hearing commenced at approximately
2 11:12 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

4 MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, before the Court is
5 John Arthur James, III, on Indictment No.

6 2018-GS-45-22. ~~This is the status conference that we~~
7 ~~discussed earlier in the week in Mr. James' case. The~~
8 ~~State's prepared to give you a procedural history about~~
9 ~~how we got to where we are today if the Court wishes.~~

10 JOHN A. JAMES, III, after being duly sworn,
11 testified as follows:

12 THE COURT: All right. And State's ready, and the
13 Defense, Mr.?

14 MR. SMALDONE: Smaldone, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Spell that one more time.

16 MS. SMALDONE: S-M-A-L-D-O-N-E.

17 THE COURT: Smaldone, is that what you had, Madam
18 Court Reporter?

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, judge.

20 THE COURT: You already had it?

21 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, I did.

22 THE COURT: Oh, she knows how to get that
23 information in advance. All right. Mr. Smaldone, are
24 you ready to proceed with this status hearing?

25 MR. SMALDONE: I am, Your Honor. I believe it's

1 just a status conference hopefully because that's what
2 I'm ready for.

3 THE COURT: All right. Well, on Monday,
4 Mr. James, present with his mother, wanted to address
5 the Court. And Mr. Anderson informed the Court that
6 he's represented, and rather than plunge into anything,
7 we rescheduled it for a time that you could be here.

8 MR. SMALDONE: Oh, I understand now.

9 THE COURT: Okay. So go ahead, Mr. Anderson.

10 MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, all this started off on
11 the offense date which is July 15th of 2017. Mr. James
12 bonded out five days later. At that hearing the Court
13 was informed about how to obtain a public defender or
14 the necessity of getting an attorney.

15 On Friday, October 20th, he had his appearance.
16 He had no lawyer at that appearance. He was told to be
17 back the following week with a lawyer or a receipt from
18 a lawyer, failed to do so. September the 5th, our
19 office sent him a letter telling him to get a lawyer
20 and come to court on October the 20th. October
21 the 20th, still no lawyer at the appearance.

22 On March the 26th, during that term of court, he
23 had Judge Cothran, Judge Cothran admonished Mr. James
24 in court for not having an attorney and ordered him to
25 be back the Monday he was here to speak with Your

1 Honor. On April the 11th, he applied for a public
2 defender. On April the 12th, Mr. Smaldone -- we got
3 the paperwork indicating he would be appointed. On
4 April the 16th, I sent Mr. Smaldone discovery.

5 And that's the status of this case as far as the
6 State's concerned.

7 THE COURT: All right. And what's Mr. James
8 accused of doing?

9 MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, and I misspoke Monday,
10 it's actually ABHAN and possession of a weapon during a
11 violent crime.

12 THE COURT: Alleging what?

13 MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, this involves an
14 incident at the IGA here in Kingstree. And the facts
15 are essentially that an argument develops, Mr. James
16 and the victim, Mr. Singletary, get into an argument in
17 the parking lot, words are exchanged, fists are
18 exchanged, weapons are exchanged, and Mr. Singletary is
19 shot down on camera in the parking lot in the IGA.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. ANDERSON: A copy of the video has been sent
22 to Mr. Smaldone.

✓ 23 THE COURT: All right. And so, Mr. Smaldone, you
✓ 24 started representing Mr. James on April 16th?

7 25 MR. SMALDONE: I believe April 12th I was

1 notified.

2 THE COURT: April 12th you were appointed?

3 MR. SMALDONE: Right. And I still -- I sent the
4 chief administrative judge a proposed order of
5 appointment, OID, because I'm 608 on the case. And OID
6 is now -- they want orders of appointment now rather
7 than just notifications from the PD's office.

8 I still haven't heard back from him. I believe he
9 doesn't have a law clerk at the moment. So I have a
10 proposed order of appointment if Your Honor is inclined
11 to sign it.

12 THE COURT: All right. Cothran doesn't have a law
13 clerk?

14 MS. SMALDONE: I believe it's McFaddin.

15 THE COURT: Oh, Judge McFaddin?

16 MS. SMALDONE: I think his law clerk just started
17 at the PD's office in Horry County.

18 THE COURT: So you want me to handle the duties of
19 appointing you?

20 MR. SMALDONE: If Your Honor is so inclined. I
21 don't know if Mr. Anderson wants to see the order of
22 appointment, but...

23 MR. ANDERSON: I don't need to.

24 THE COURT: I've got jurisdiction to do that. We
25 have Judge McFaddin in Richland taking my place this

1 week.

2 MR. SMALDONE: State grand jury?

3 THE COURT: No. Regular general sessions.

4 MR. SMALDONE: Okay.

5 THE COURT: He's up to his ears in alligators
6 probably.

7 (Pause in proceedings.)

8 THE COURT: All right. Here's your order of
9 appointment.

10 MR. SMALDONE: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: You're officially appointed. And so
12 while we have this opportunity to discuss the status of
13 this case, Mr. Anderson has given a chronological
14 history from the State's perspective. Mr. Smaldone is
15 new to the case as far as representing Mr. James.

16 On Monday, Mr. James wanted to be heard and sort
17 of demanded his discovery. Or someone did, I don't
18 know if he did or his mother did. And Mr. Anderson
19 says that he's now provided you discovery including a
20 video. Are we all on the same page at this point, or
21 no, Mr. James?

22 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

23 THE COURT: We're not all on the same page?

24 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

25 THE COURT: Where do we stand?

1 ~~THE DEFENDANT:~~ We stand between fabrication of a
2 story and the facts of the story, ~~which I think it~~
3 ~~would be a nice time for us to move for a fact finder.~~
4 Let's find out about this fist fight. Let's find out
5 about all the parking lot incident, let's find out
6 about it.

7 Let's just don't say it. Let's let the burden be
8 on him to explain this to us. Because this is what we
9 need to know in order for us to go further. I want to
10 know about the fist fight, I want to see the marks of
11 the fist fight. I want to see the marks of the -- I
12 want to see these things.

13 I'm not just going to come in here and believe
14 that. I want to see this, prove it to me. The camera
15 got everything, let's see the camera. I saw the film,
16 already.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 THE DEFENDANT: That's how I can stand here boldly
19 and speak. Because what I told investigators from the
20 top story, they said, look, tell us the story. We
21 going to find out. It's going to be leaning on you for
22 the truth. They came back to me, they said, look, you
23 told us every bit of the truth.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 THE DEFENDANT: But yet I'm being -- yet I'm being

1 tug of war into running a trial or giving a plea. And
2 all I'm hearing in my life in this case is, you going
3 to prison for the rest of your life. That ain't
4 healthy. I can't handle that like I could have handled
5 that at 17, like I could have handled that at 20, like
6 I could have handled that that 22.

7 THE COURT: Well, the possible penalty for ABHAN,
8 possible penalty is up to 20 years in prison.
9 That's --

10 THE DEFENDANT: Right.

11 THE COURT: -- that's the possible -- you know,
12 that's the charge, and that's the maximum penalty if
13 you were to get -- how old are you now?

14 THE DEFENDANT: 43.

15 THE COURT: 43. So that's the maximum penalty.
16 Now, we're a long ways from dealing with that issue.
17 But hold your point for just a moment. And then
18 Ms. James here, I see you've had a folder for the past
19 couple of days. And are those photographs or
20 something?

21 MS. JAMES: Right.

22 THE COURT: And she is saying she has evidence,
23 she has evidence. So, now, whatever evidence that you
24 all might have is what you would typically share with
25 your lawyer who would likely present it, some of it, to

1 the solicitor.

2 You might not want to give him any of the evidence
3 that you have. You might want to save it and give it
4 to the jury. I don't know what your strategy might be.
5 But we're not here for the trial, we're just trying to
6 get things on the same page.

7 You know, we have a trial this week. The jury is
8 gone, and I don't know when they'll be back. The next
9 time court will take place, sheriff, is -- when is that
10 going to be?

11 MR. SMALDONE: I think...

12 THE CLERK: May 29th.

13 THE COURT: May 29th?

14 THE CLERK: Yes.

15 THE COURT: May 29th. And you'll have Judge
16 Cothran here. You'll have a brand new judge, a brand
17 new jury, and...

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah, I wanted to add, concerning
19 the threats, I don't think that's the proper conduct.

20 THE COURT: The threat by?

21 THE DEFENDANT: You're going to get this, I'm
22 going to give you that, I'll be glad to give you this.
23 Oh, you're going to get this. You got to be here
24 Monday, you're going to court. So what I got to say --

25 THE COURT: You mean by the solicitor?

1 THE DEFENDANT: By Mr. Anderson.

2 THE COURT: Well, now you have a lawyer. So he
3 won't be talking with you, he'll be talking to his
4 lawyer.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Right. That's why on Monday when
6 I got upset and let him know that I'm ready to go to
7 court. These days that he's saying, these people in
8 this courtroom know that I was here every court term.
9 And I told him the same thing every court term.

10 I can't do nothing but go in there with the truth.
11 Any way I go, with a lawyer, without a lawyer, I ain't
12 got but one story, the same truth. So what I was
13 saying is, don't batter me and beat me with going to
14 prison. I done been to prison. It's getting worse in
15 prison. I'm scared of prison. Even might frighten me.

16 I'm being honest. It's scary at 43 years old. At
17 17, 18 years, 19 years old, hell, I might want to do
18 something crazy in here and just go. That ain't me no
19 more. I'm not trying to -- I'm not trying to buy it
20 all to believe in that. Just let my record stand for
21 itself.

22 I put a gun down. I'm on probation with this man
23 here for almost nine years. That was a rap for a gun.
24 I never looked back at a gun. I don't go fishing, I
25 don't go hunting. This Officer Scott came out on

1 multiple calls concerning this Singletary posing
2 threats and guns. This is the guy --

3 THE COURT: What is Singletary's first name?

4 MR. SMALDONE: John, I think, is it --

5 MR. ANDERSON: James.

6 MS. SMALDONE: James Singletary.

7 THE COURT: James Singletary, all right.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Bo.

9 THE COURT: Huh?

10 THE DEFENDANT: He known as Big Bo, that's what
11 they call him.

12 THE COURT: Bo Singletary?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Big Bo.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MS. SMALDONE: He's a big fellow.

16 THE COURT: Your momma's had her finger up for a
17 while. Go ahead.

18 THE CLERK: State your name for the record, Ms.
19 James.

20 MS. JAMES: My name is Josephine, known as Josie
21 James.

22 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, Ms. James.

23 MS. JAMES: I'm the mother of Johnnie James, III.

24 THE COURT: She got it. Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. JAMES: Okay. I love all my children.

1 Mothers is always going to, you know, look out for the
2 children. But I am --

3 THE COURT: Y'all look like you're about the same
4 age, but he's your son?

5 MS. JAMES: What father?

6 THE COURT: No. I'm saying y'all look like you're
7 about the same age. But go ahead.

8 MS. JAMES: I'm here to speak the truth. And I'm
9 here to find out, do y'all believe in self defending?

10 THE COURT: Self defense?

11 MS. JAMES: I have pictures. I have pictures of
12 the things that were going on before we left our house,
13 my home, before I left my home. I told JT, let's go,
14 we going shopping. I never in my life seen Big Bo at
15 the grocery store, never did. I told my son, it's got
16 to be a setup after all this here happened. But,
17 anyway, I have pictures I want everybody, you too.

18 MR. SMALDONE: I'd ask that you give theme to me,
19 and then I'll maybe strategically, maybe they don't
20 need to see all the pictures. You know, if they're
21 playing poker --

22 MS. JAMES: Well, my pictures are evidence, it's
23 evidence. I got to -- I come here to prove myself and
24 my son.

25 MR. SMALDONE: Right. But that -- in a scheduling

1 conference is not really the point, I guess you would
2 say.

3 THE COURT: Yeah. He's saying you need to save
4 your evidence for when the case really comes to court.

5 MS. JAMES: Okay.

6 THE COURT: Unless your purpose is to convince --
7 unless your purpose is to try to convince the solicitor
8 that he doesn't have a case and he should drop the
9 whole thing. That sometimes works, too.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah, a fact finder, I mean,
11 that's what I don't understand, and as a fact finder
12 here, I would like to go with that.

13 THE COURT: Yeah. But --

14 THE DEFENDANT: I would love to go with that
15 today.

16 THE COURT: You got to follow the advice of your
17 lawyer.

18 MR. SMALDONE: I have an idea that maybe we get
19 like 12 random people that are fact finders, and maybe
20 I'll show them the evidence. That's just a concept I
21 have.

22 MR. ANDERSON: I agree with Mr. Smaldone. That's
23 probably the best way.

24 THE COURT: He wants to save the evidence and
25 present it to the jury rather than everybody in here

1 right now, since the people in here are not going to
2 decide anything.

3 ~~THE DEFENDANT~~: Well, I'm going to go along with
4 what I'm going to fight with. Because I already know
5 where I'm going at, I can tell you where I'm going at.
6 You cannot allow a man to come stand in this courtroom,
7 plead guilty to being a menace, plead guilty to
8 destroying the tranquility of the community, plead
9 guilty to a riotous man, plead guilty to ferocious
10 behavior man, plead guilty to this, plead guilty to
11 putting fear in a man life, and you're going to tell me
12 I didn't act like a reasonable man by running, giving
13 him a warning shot. He continued to approach, I shoot.

14 MS. JAMES: And still come --

15 ~~THE DEFENDANT~~: And still come at me. Then I
16 shoot him in the chest, now he falls. That's a
17 reasonable man, that's what a reasonable man do. I
18 don't want to kill you, please, stop. I want to run.
19 You're going to chase me around the parking lot --

20 THE COURT: So I take it the victim is a pretty
21 bad dude; huh?

22 THE DEFENDANT: He's -- everybody knew Bo. Bo is
23 a bad man, they say. They say I'm a bad man. But if a
24 man shoot a gun at me and gave me a warning shot, I'm a
25 smarter man than that. I'm going. That's how smart I

1 am. There ain't nothing going to aggravate me to the
2 substance that I'm going to approach you with a gun in
3 your hand. I'm going to kill her and take your gun.

4 I'm not going to get that aggravated. And I know
5 this courtroom have seen some things about John James.
6 He a bad guy. Matter of fact, I might be the baddest
7 man in Kingstree. But I'm not bad as Bo. I'm not
8 going to walk up on you with no gun.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 THE DEFENDANT: That's aggravated. But aggravated
11 was put on me.

12 THE COURT: All right. Yes, ma'am. Your mom got
13 her finger up.

14 MS. JAMES: What I wanted to say, it's -- it is
15 aggravating. You can't look at one person because he's
16 been had a problem before. My son changed a lot till
17 this come up. But this come up, it because his sister
18 was involved with that. He's dating -- my son's dating
19 his sister.

20 Now, I'm the one who went to my car to get the
21 gun, the gun is mine. I believe it's self-defense. I
22 carry a gun because I work late at night. I'm up and
23 down two, three, 4 o'clock at night.

24 THE COURT: Well, now, you understand you've given
25 the statement on this now.

1 MS. JAMES: Okay. Now --

2 THE DEFENDANT: That's the truth.

3 MS. JAMES: If you give somebody a warning shot,
4 my son took the gun out of my hand because somebody
5 grabbed me from the back. He grabbed me from the back.
6 So what could I do?

7 ~~THE DEFENDANT: This man was coming at my mom,~~

8 MS. JAMES: The man was coming toward us.

9 ~~THE DEFENDANT: He coming at my mom, he coming~~
10 at --

11 ~~MR. SMALDONE: I'd ask that we talk about~~
12 scheduling.

13 THE COURT: All right. Well, let's just -- yeah,
14 let's not handle the case right now. It sounds like
15 y'all might have -- may all be friends sometimes and --

16 THE DEFENDANT: No, I don't know him. I only
17 dated his sister.

18 THE COURT: Well, everybody else knows him
19 apparently, according to you. So hold your points for
20 a minute. Let's just go, let's talk about some
21 scheduling. And y'all got a good lawyer, Mr. Smaldone.
22 He's getting rave reviews from Charleston all the way
23 up to Kingstree.

24 THE DEFENDANT: I called him eight months ago and
25 spoke with him myself.

1 THE COURT: Your office is in Charleston; is that
2 right?

3 MR. SMALDONE: That's correct, yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Called you eight months ago.

6 MR. SMALDONE: Just moved.

7 THE COURT: All right. So what's the scheduling
8 on this case?

9 MR. ANDERSON: Your Honor, this is not a complex
10 case, we're not waiting on DNA or any lab evidence.
11 The video and statements of the case, Mr. Smaldone has
12 those. However long it takes him to review that, we
13 can have it on the trial docket.

14 MR. SMALDONE: And, Your Honor, I agree. It's a
15 case where, you know, that's why I prefer my clients
16 not to talk. But, you know, the story's going to be
17 the same, it's going to be the same now, it's going to
18 be the same in front of a jury. It's really one of
19 those --

20 THE DEFENDANT: This is the truth.

21 MR. SMALDONE: -- one of those cases where you can
22 just skip the evidence portion of the trial and go
23 right into closing and show the video and then
24 deliberate. Now, that's not what I'm going to do, but
25 it's that type of straightforward case.

1 Because there is -- obviously, ~~there is a factual~~
2 ~~dispute~~. I believe, you know, it's alleged that the
3 victim was chasing him with a machete basically. So
4 there's some -- there's some stuff there, and it's
5 not like -- like Mr. Anderson said, there is no chain
6 of custody issues, it's not a drug case, no
7 suppression, ~~no need to look up too much case law~~.

8 So I'll be ready when the solicitor calls the case
9 or when Your Honor is inclined to set the case, not --
10 probably not in a week, but I don't think there is
11 court in a week, so.

12 THE COURT: No, not until May, May 29th. And
13 May 29th, is that Memorial Day or the day after?

14 THE CLERK: The day after.

15 THE COURT: So that's a short week.

16 MR. ANDERSON: And this is a short case.

17 THE COURT: That's a short case on a short week.
18 Yes, ma'am, Ms. Josie.

19 MS. JAMES: Excuse me. The boy James Singletary,
20 when he started, he's the one who attacked my son
21 first.

22 ~~THE DEFENDANT~~: He pleaded guilty already.
23 Evidently, if he pleaded guilty, he's acknowledging,
24 yo, I started this. I brought about this whole thing,
25 if he pled guilty.

1 THE COURT: Well, you know, a lot of times these
2 situations happen out in the country under a tree
3 someplace, and we never hear about it. But it just so
4 happens that this particular one happened in the
5 parking lot of IGA. So it's caught on camera, so makes
6 it a little easier.

7 THE DEFENDANT: If I can make a phone call to his
8 sister -- because he's taunting her, they're living
9 together -- if I can make a phone call to his sister
10 here today, and she says that he left home with this
11 intention, her and her father tried to stop him, could
12 we stop this case?

13 Right now. I ain't talking about nothing planned,
14 I'm talking just call her on the phone, could you talk?

15 THE COURT: No, I can't.

16 THE DEFENDANT: I know, man. I'm asking her, I'm
17 just saying to her, can you talk, can you explain what
18 happened the day when he left home on June the 15th.
19 They tried to stop him.

20 THE COURT: You share all of your evidence with
21 your lawyer, and then he will let the -- tell the
22 solicitor what he wants them to know. And then
23 we'll -- we'll take it -- it will all come back, and it
24 will be settled one way or the other. I know you all
25 are anxious to deal with it today, but it's not

1 scheduled today. Your lawyer just got on the case.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Just got the case, that's what I
3 was saying yesterday.

4 THE COURT: He needs some time to catch up with
5 you.

6 THE DEFENDANT: That's what I was --

7 THE COURT: Get up to speed.

8 THE DEFENDANT: That's what I was saying
9 yesterday. Why am I being bashed and beaten and
10 threatened about going to jail, and I ain't got a
11 lawyer? That's all I came here to ask the other day,
12 can that cease.

13 THE COURT: That's why it's important to get a
14 lawyer early on. And you're kind of late in getting
15 one.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Sometime money don't work --
17 sometime money don't work out the way you see in the
18 planning. You can go take a down payment to somebody,
19 they'll say, hey, that's just not enough to represent a
20 gun charge. You got to withdraw that and come on and
21 start all over again.

22 THE COURT: Yeah.

23 THE DEFENDANT: But that, on top of all that,
24 nobody deserve the threats, nobody.

25 THE COURT: Sometimes starting all over again can

1 be rough.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Nobody deserve a threat.

3 THE COURT: Even made a song by that name,
4 starting all over again is going to be rough. But
5 we're going to make it.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Oh, yeah.

7 MS. JAMES: Oh, that been set up the whole time.

8 THE COURT: All right. Well, good, that's it for
9 that status conference. You all need to confer with
10 your lawyer and share your evidence. And he'll deal
11 with the solicitor, and we'll see what happens next.

12 MR. SMALDONE: Thank you, Your Honor.

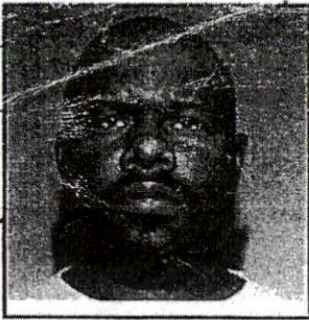
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14 11:32 a.m.)

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [X] Municipality of
KINGSTREE

THE STATE
against

MES SINGLETARY
Address: 111 COUNCIL RD
KINGSTREE SC 29590
Name: SSN:
M Race: B Height: 6-5 Weight: 312
State: SC DL#:
Agency ORI#: SC0450200
Securing Agency: KINGSTREE POLICE DEPT.
Securing Officer: SGT YASMINE DAVIS
Offense: ASSAULT & BATTERY 1ST DEGREE
Offense Code: 3412
Title/Ordinance Sec. 16-03-0600 (C) (1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
County/ [] Municipality of

The accused
to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

(L.S.)
Signature of Judge

Date Time

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant JAMES SINGLETARY

7/31/17
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
GENERAL SESSIONS
5 W. MAIN ST
KINGSTREE, SC 29556

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[] County/ [X] Municipality of
KINGSTREE

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA #18

Personally appeared before me the affiant SGT YASMINE M DAVIS who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant JAMES SINGLETARY
did within this county and state on 07/15/2017 to 07/15/2017 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [] County/ [X] Municipality of KINGSTREE)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 16-03-0600(C)(1) / ASSAULT & BATTERY 1ST DEGREE

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 OR ABOUT JULY 15TH, 2017 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45 PM AT THE LOCATION OF 522 E. MAIN STREET (IGA GROCERY STORE PARKING
LOT) WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY LIMITS OF KINGSTREE, SC., ONE JAMES SINGLETARY DID WILLFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE
CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS. WHILE LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT OF IGA MR.
SINGLETARY AND MR. JOHN JAMES WERE IN A VERBAL ALTERCATION THAT TURNED PHYSICAL RESULTING IN MR. SINGLETARY GOING TO
THE TRUNK OF HIS RED IN COLOR 2004 CHEVEROLET AVEO RETRIEVEING A 18 INCH MACHETE KNIFE. MR. SINGLETARY THEN TURNED FROM
HIS TRUNK UNSHEATHING THE KNIFE IN PLAIN VIEW AGGRESSIVELY CHARGING TOWARDS THE SILVER IN COLOR VEHICLE WHERE MR.
JAMES AND HIS MOTHER (JOSEPHINE JAMES) WERE LOCATED CAUSING MR. JAMES TO FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY/LIFE. ONE JAMES SINGLETARY
WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER WITNESSES AS THE PERSON WHO COMMITTED THIS CRIME.
ASSAULT AND BATTERY 1ST DEGREE IS IN VIOLATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 16-03-0600(C)(1) AS AMENDED.

Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address 401 N LONGSTREET ST
KINGSTREE SC 29556
Affiant's Telephone (843) 355-5435

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

[] County/ [X] Municipality of
KINGSTREE

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN 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 07/15/2017 defendant JAMES SINGLETARY

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

[] County/ [X] Municipality of KINGSTREE) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ASSAULT / ASSAULT & BATTERY 1ST DEGREE

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 the 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 19 July 17 1520 HRS
Signature of Issuing Judge William Duggan (L.S.)

Judge Code: 6528

Judge's Address C/O 401 N. LONGSTREET STREET
KINGSTREE SC 29556

Judge's Telephone 843-355-7484

Issuing Court: [] Magistrate [] Municipal [X] Circuit

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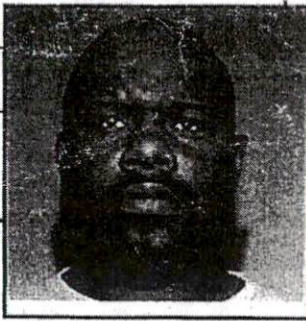
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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [X] Municipality of
KINGSTREE



THE STATE
against

MES SINGLETARY
Address: 111 COUNCIL RD
LTERS SC 29590
Name: SSN:
M Race: B Height: 6-5 Weight: 312
State: SC DL#:
Agency ORI#: SC0450200
Secuting Agency: KINGSTREE POLICE DEPT.
Secuting Officer: SGT YASMINE DAVIS
Offense: POSS. OF WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT
IME Offense Code: 0549
e/Ordinance Sec: 16-23-0490

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
County/ [] Municipality of

The accused
to be arrested and brought before me to be
it with according to law.

(L.S.)
Signature of Judge

Date Time

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant JAMES SINGLETARY

7/31/17
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
GENERAL SESSIONS
3 W. MAIN ST
KINGSTREE, SC 29556

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [] Municipality of
KINGSTREE

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 018

Personally appeared before me the affiant SGT. YASMINE M DAVIS who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant JAMES SINGLETARY
did within this county and state on 07/15/2017 to 07/15/2017 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of [] County/ [X] Municipality of KINGSTREE)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 16-23-0490 / POSS. OF WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME

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 ABOUT JULY 15TH, 2017 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45 PM AT THE LOCATION OF 522 E. MAIN ST (IGA GROCERY STORE PARKING LOT)
WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY LIMITS OF KINGSTREE, SC., ONE JAMES SINGLETARY DID WILLFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE
CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS. ONE JAMES SINGLETARY DID PRODUCE A BLACK
HANDLE 18 INCH MACHETE KNIFE DURING THE COMMISSION OF AN ASSAULT AND BATTERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE, CHARGING AT JOHN
JAMES (VICTIM) CAUSING HIM TO FEAR FOR HIS LIFE. ONE JAMES SINGLETARY WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES AND VIDEO
SURVEILLANCE AS PERSON WHO COMMITTED THIS CRIME. POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME IS IN VIOLATION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 16-23-0490 AS AMENDED.

Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address 401 N LONGSTREET
KINGSTREE SC 29556
Affiant's Telephone 843-355-5435

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [] Municipality of
KINGSTREE

ARREST WARRANT

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did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
[] County/ [X] Municipality of KINGSTREE) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: WEAPONS / POSS. WEAPON DURING VIOLENT CRIME, IF NOT ALSO
SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE OR DEATH

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 the 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 July 17, 2017 9:18am
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Judge's Address C/O 401 N. LONGSTREET STREET
KINGSTREE SC 29556
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