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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County

Honorable Edward W. Miller, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

THOMAS S. MCFADDEN, JR.

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000566

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SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD ON APPEAL

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

County of Charleston

City of North Charleston

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**SEARCH WARRANT**

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**BODY OF**  
**Thomas Scott McFadden**  
**(DOB [REDACTED])**

NCPD//OCA: 2019007409

Officer: D. Pritchard // NCPD

Court 1027  
Exhibit  
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON  
CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON**

**AFFIDAVIT**

Personally appeared before me, one J. Boker, who being duly sworn, says that there is probable cause to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, is located on the following premises in this County:

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SOUGHT**

Property sought is DNA using a buccal swab from Thomas Scott McFadden, who has a date of birth of [REDACTED].

**DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES (PERSON, PLACE OR THING)**

The person to be searched is Thomas Scott McFadden, a black male with a date of birth [REDACTED]. Thomas Scott McFadden is currently incarcerated at the Charleston County Detention Center which is located at 3841 Leeds Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405.

**REASON FOR AFFIANTS BELIEF THAT THE  
PROPERTY SOUGHT IS ON THE SUBJECT PREMISES**

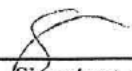
On March 14, 2019 officers with the North Charleston Police Department were dispatched to 9051 Palmetto Commerce Parkway in reference to a shooting. Officers arrived and located the victim lying in the parking lot near his vehicle suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Charleston County EMS responded and pronounced the victim deceased. During the investigation detectives located surveillance footage which showed a white in color vehicle, later identified as being occupied by the co-defendants and a blue Honda CRV later identified as being occupied by the defendant, surveilling the victim as he went on break. The white car leaves and a male wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark pants exits the blue Honda CRV and shoots the victim multiple times. During the viscous attack, the shooter dropped a unique t-shirt that had a picture of a person printed on it that was killed in Dorchester County in January of 2019. Investigation shows that the defendant, co-defendants and the person printed on the t-shirt are all members of T.O.L. (Town of Lincolville gang). The victim, Damien Stokes was a member of a rival gang that had an on-going dispute with the T.O.L gang. Detectives located the co-defendants that were operating the white vehicle, Ishmal Weston and Jamal Smalls and they work at the neighboring warehouse ARD Logistics. During an interview with Ishmal Weston he provided consent to a search of his cell phone. During that search Ishmal Weston received two missed phone calls from Facebook name "Untamed Guerrilla" through Facebook Messenger on the day of the homicide at 4:24 P.M. and 4:26 P.M. "Untamed Guerrilla" was identified as the defendant, Thomas Scott Mcfadden Jr, AKA "Trigger".

Days after the murder Detectives received several anonymous tips advising that a person by the name of "Trigger" was the shooter. Detectives then obtained a search warrant on Ishmal Weston's cell phone provider which showed him in communication with a number [REDACTED]-0637) believed to belong to the shooter before and after the shooting. The phone communication between Ishmal Weston and that phone number coincide with what is observed on surveillance footage in the area. Detectives also obtained a search warrant for the defendant's Facebook page, "Untamed Guerrilla". During review of that search warrant a person asked the defendant through Messenger for his cell phone number on March 12, 2019. The defendant provided that person with the number of [REDACTED] 0637. A cell phone provider search warrant was obtained for that number and the Cell site data for that number shows it in the vicinity of Cummins Turbo at the time of the homicide. Cell site data also tracks the defendant and co-defendants to an area of Ridgeville, SC immediately after the homicide. On March 26, 2019 a burned Honda CRV believed to have been used during this homicide was located in that same area of Ridgeville. On May 1, 2019 the defendant was captured in Moncks Corner, SC. During a search of the vehicle he was occupying Officers located a firearm which matched the caliber used to kill the victim.

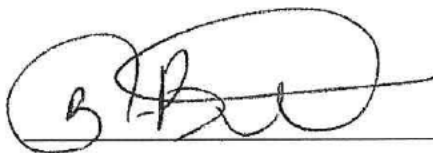
There is probable cause to believe that the defendant left biological evidence of his involvement in the crime based upon the previously mentioned facts. The evidence collected consists of DNA samples that will be tested and compared. Affiant is informed and believes that material evidence of guilt will be found by obtaining a buccal swab from Thomas Scott McFadden to obtain his DNA profile, which can be compared to evidence collected from the crime scene. The DNA sample will be obtained by swabbing the inside of Thomas Scott McFadden's mouth with a sterile swab and a proper chain of custody will be maintained. Affiant is further informed and believes that Thomas Scott McFadden has been suspected of committing a serious crime and there is no other less obtrusive means to obtain the biological sample from him. Obtaining the sample will not threaten Thomas Scott McFadden's health or safety and possesses no major intrusion upon his person. The community's high interest in fairly and accurately determining the guilt or innocence of Thomas Scott McFadden will be served by performing this requested procedure. For all these reasons, it is important that the DNA profile derived from the buccal swab collected from Thomas Scott McFadden be compared with the DNA profiles of other evidence collected in this case.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

this 3 day of May, 2019.

  
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Signature of Judge (L.S.)

8:55 AM



Affiant

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North Charleston, SC 29406  
Phone: 843-554-5700

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON  
CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON

TO ANY BONDED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR COUNTY OR OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON.

It appears from the attached affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, is located on the following premises:

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES (PERSON, PLACE OR THING)  
TO BE SEARCHED

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\_\_\_\_\_  
-See Attached Affidavit-  
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Now, therefore, you are hereby authorized to search the subject premises for the property described below and to seize such property if found:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
-See Attached Affidavit-  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Search Warrant shall not be valid for more than ten days from the location of the subject, Reginald Bernard Johnson.

A written inventory of all property seized pursuant to this Search Warrant shall be made to Issuing Judge within ten days from the execution date of this warrant, such inventory to be signed by the officer executing this warrant, and a copy of such inventory shall be furnished to the person whose premises are searched if demand for such copy is made.

A copy of this Search Warrant shall be delivered to the person in charge of premises searched at the time of such search if practicable, and if not, to such person as soon thereafter as is practicable; in the event the identify of the person in charge is not known or if such person cannot be found after reasonable diligence in attempting to locate the person, a copy shall be attached to prominent place on such premises.

Norton Charleston, S. C.  
May 3, 2019.

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[Signature] (L.S.)

Signature of Judge



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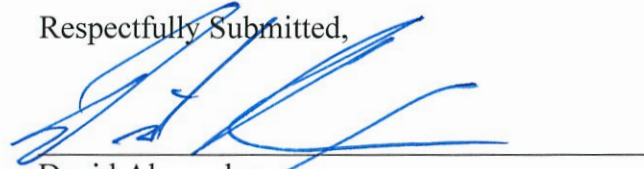
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CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

Counsel for appellant certifies that this Supplemental Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings."

Respectfully Submitted,



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This 4th day of March, 2026.