

April 22, 2026

The State V RONNIE J. Summerford  
Appellate CASE NO. 2026-000528

Indictments: 2025 GS1700010  
2025 GS1700011

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My name is RONNIE Summerford. First of all I want to apologize if I AM DOING ANY of this wrong the truth is ON Tuesday March 16th I WAS INFORMED to go to the MAIL ROOM where I WAS GIVEN A letter from my ex attorney DAVID RIGNEY. AS SOON AS I got back to my Dorm they informed me that I WAS WANTED IN OPERATIONS where I met with Mr Rigney where He gave me what looks to me like the very SAME paperwork only a lot more. The reason it seems like more is because its the EXACT SAME paperwork only each copy has about 3 to 4 COPIES each. I tried asking Him a couple of question but

He just ignored me or didn't hear me. The only reason I mentioned all of this is because I know I'm probably messing up or leaving out something but after looking and reading through the paperwork alone this is my best understanding of what to do. Trust me I'm not an attorney so here I go. The reason I feel I should get this appeal is mainly because Mr Riney didn't even try to represent me on these cases. I have 4 indictments total for this case 2 grand larceny and 2 malicious injury charges. My brother Ricky Summerford was one of my co-defendants along with my nephew Michael Summerford who was arrested first so he got the deal so to speak. My brother pled guilty in Sept. of 2026 and received 4 years for all 4 charges. He left me a letter stating that I was not there when he and Michael cut the fence. I told Mr Riney all along that I didn't want

to plead guilty to the malicious Injury  
charges because I was not guilty. I informed  
him I would plead to one of the grand  
larceny charges because I was guilty.  
Without drassing this on I told my  
attorney (Mr Risney) that I wanted a trial  
on the malicious injury charges and that  
I wanted my brother and a couple more  
people called as witnesses one witness  
being my nephew's michael's brother who  
was also there when the fence was  
cut. When February 23rd came which  
was my set trial date I hadnt seen  
my attorney since February 2nd of 26.  
Exactly 3 weeks before my trial date  
at our last meeting he was suppose  
to go and prepare for an trial but  
on the trial date I got to court  
and didnt have any witnesses.

I tried to fire my attorney but the judge said no. He said I could defend myself but he would keep Riney there to help me. He also said we didn't have time to get my brother or nephew (Steve Michaels's brother) back from SCDC for my witnesses. On Tuesday the 24th of February I met with Mr Riney before court and he informed me that he was not representing me but he would sit at the table with me ok and he also picked my jury. While we were waiting to get started he left my table and was talking to another lawyer and as I looked over at the solicitors table with all his witnesses and me at my table alone I decided that ten years was better than 20 which was what I was told would be my sentence if I went to trial and lost so that's why I pleaded guilty to charges I didn't commit I had no choice. Another thing that I pointed out to the judge was the fact that I was in jail

15 months and never got a bond hearing.  
Just more proof of Mr Rigney's inadequate  
defense.

One more thing and I wasn't even informed  
of this until we got to the judge for  
my plea. My original warrants state  
malicious injury \$5000 each  
GRAND LARCENY 1 count \$15,000  
GRAND LARCENY 1 count 20,000  
That was still on the paper work on Monday  
when they wanted me to plea but on  
Tuesday at the last minute the solicitor  
changed it to malicious injury \$14,000  
and GRAND LARCENY \$1200. I was given  
3 and 1/2 years for one of the malicious injuries  
and 18 mos for one GRAND LARCENY. 10 years  
total and I still have reach to go back  
and face. All this that I've said can  
be proven with court transcript

Thank You

Ronnie Sumner

PS. I did not commit  
this crime of malicious injury and I have proof  
but I've got 3 and 1/2 years for it and I still  
have to go back

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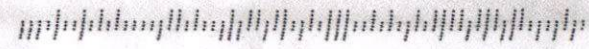
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