

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

County of Beaufort

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024GS0701676

State

) AW#: 2024A0710200516

VS.

) Date of Offense: 09/26/2024

ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CARAI FRO

) S.C. Code §: 16-3-10

AKA: SS#:

) CDR Code #: 0116

RACE: Hispanic SEX: Male

DOB: [REDACTED]

) Range of Offense: 30 to Life

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF or PLEADS TO: Murder Range of Offense Pled: 30 to Life

In violation of § 16-3-10 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0116

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

Solicitor Mary Jones 100353 SC Bar #

Attorney for Defendant Philip Little 10791 SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the SCDC County Detention Center Home Incarceration Program

for a determinate term of 180 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*; the 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: 5/28/26

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.

637 days/month 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))

Restitution \$
FINE: \$

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes rows for assessments, surcharges, and a total of \$128.75.

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the Clerk of Court within ___ days/months

- Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees
 § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk: Kimberly Williams 2785 5/28/26 Presiding Judge: [Signature]

SCCA217B 01/27/2025

WITNESSES

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Adam Praisen

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2024A0710200516

ACTION OF GRAND JURY
True Bill

Jonathan Mungo

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: JUN 2 2026

VERDICT

Guilty

[Redacted Signature] 5/28/26

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:
INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2024GS0701676

The State of South Carolina
County of Beaufort

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

June Term 2025

THE STATE

vs.

**ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-
CABALLERO**

Indictment For

Murder

SC Code: 16-3-10

CDR Code: 0116

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Jun 01 2026

SC Court of Appeals

After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive pre-sentment to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

I hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)

INDICTMENT
2024GS0701676

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on June 12, 2025, the Grand Jurors of Beaufort County present upon their oath:

Murder

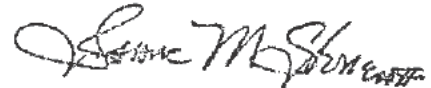
That in Beaufort County, South Carolina, on or about August 26, 2024, the Defendant, ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CABALLERO, did, with malice aforethought, kill [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did die as a proximate result of ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CABALLERO's actions, to wit: Defendant along with a co-defendant did act together and kill the victim, all in violation of Section 16-3-10, et al. of the Codes of Law of South Carolina.

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

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A0710200516

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE 345186392

against

Ebert Francisco Vargas-Caballero

Address: _____

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: **M** Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: _____ Agency ORI #: _____

Prosecuting Agency: **Beaufort County Sheriff's Office**

Prosecuting Officer: **Archie E Lidey - S01186**

Offense: **Murder / Murder**

Offense Code: **0116**

Code/Ordinance Sec: **16-03-0010**

This warrant is **CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE BY 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 **Ebert Francisco Caballero** on **6/26/24**

Signature of Constable or other officer _____

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

AFFIDAVIT ORIGINAL

Form prepared by S.C. Judiciary Council April 20, 2005 DCCR 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant **Archie E Lidey** who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant **Ebert Francisco Vargas-Caballero** did within this county and state on or about **8/26/2024** violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of **Beaufort**) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 08/26/24 between 2030 hrs. and Midnight, Vargas-Caballero, conspired with _____ to murder victim, _____ at their shared residence of _____, Durden, Beaufort County, SC, thus violating the South Carolina laws of Murder. Vargas-Caballero shot and killed _____ in the kitchen of said residence with malice and aforethought, and then he and _____ carried _____ body to a small deserted water pond where they disposed of his remains. Vargas-Caballero confessed to the murder, under the advisement of Miranda, however, claimed the need to kill _____ because he threatened to kill him and others. Vargas-Caballero led BCSO Investigators to _____ remains behind _____. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

Affiant's Address: _____

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 **8/26/2024** defendant **Ebert Francisco Vargas-Caballero** did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of **Beaufort**) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Murder / Murder

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 his execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on **8/31/2024**

Signature of Judge _____ (L.S.)

Erin Genery Vaux
 Judge Code: **7279**

Judge's Address: **Post Office Box 840**
Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge's Telephone: **(843)-25-5-56 x 10**

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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Judge Vauy
on 8-31-24
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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

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County of Beaufort

State

VS.

ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CARAI FRO

AKA: SS#:

RACE: Hispanic SEX: Male

DOB: [REDACTED]

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024GS0701677

) AW#: 2024A0710200517

) Date of Offense: 06/26/2024

) S.C. Code §: 16-23-490

) CDR Code #: 0549

) Range of Offense: 0 to 5 years

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was [X] CONVICTED OF or [] PLEADS TO: Possession of a Weapon During Violent Crime Range of Offense Pled: 0 to 5 years

In violation of § 16-23-490 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0549

[X] NON-VIOLENT [] VIOLENT [] SERIOUS [] MOST SERIOUS [] Mandatory GPS [] \$ 17-25-45 (CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: [X] As indicted, [] Lesser Included Offense, [] Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.

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

Solicitor Mary Jones SC Bar # 100353 Attorney for Defendant Phillip Little SC Bar # 10289

The Defendant is committed to the [X] SCDC [] County Detention Center [] Home Incarceration Program

for a determinate term of 5 days/months/years/Time Served [] YOA NTE ___ 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*; the 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: 5/28/26

[X] 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.

637 days/month [] 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))

Restitution \$
FINE: \$

§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)

§14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)

§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)

§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)

§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)

§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. 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, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees

[] § 17-3-30(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 _____ days/months

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes rows for various fees and a total of \$128.75.

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk signature

Kyberlee Williams 2785 Court Reporter

Judge Code 572826 Sentence Date

Presiding Judge signature

SCCA217B 01/27/2025

WITNESSES

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Adam Orisen

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

Joseph Mungo

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: JUN 1 2 2025

VERDICT

Guilty

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:
INDICT

DOCKET NO. 2024GS0701677

**The State of South Carolina
County of Beaufort**

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

June Term 2025

THE STATE

vs.

**ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-
CABALLERO**

Indictment For

**Possession of Weapon During
Violent Crime**

SC Code: 16-23-490

CDR Code: 0549

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After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive presentment to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

I _____

hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)

INDICTMENT
2024GS0701677

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on June 12, 2025, the Grand Jurors of Beaufort County present upon their oath:

Possession of Weapon During Violent Crime

That in Beaufort County, South Carolina, on or about August 26, 2024, the Defendant, ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CABALLERO, did possess a firearm, visibly display what appeared to be a firearm, or visibly display a knife during the commission of a violent crime, to wit: Murder and ERBERT FRANCISCO VARGAS-CABALLERO was convicted of committing or attempting to commit a violent crime as defined in Section 16-1-60, to wit: Murder, all in violation of Section 16-23-490, et al. of the Codes of Law of South Carolina.

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



Solicitor

ARREST WARRANT

2024A0710200517

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Beaufort

THE STATE **243105382**
against

Ebert Francisco Vargas-Caballero

Address: _____

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: _____ Agency ORI #: _____

Prosecuting Agency: **Beaufort County Sheriff's Office**

Prosecuting Officer: **Archie E. Lidey - S01186**

Offense: **Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death**

Offense Code: **0549**

Code/Ordinance Sec: **16-23-0490**

The 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 on Ebert Francisco Caballero 8/31/2024

Archie E. Lidey
Archie E. Lidey - S01186
Prosecuting Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Beaufort County General Sessions
PO Box 1128
102 Ribaut Road, Rm. 208
Beaufort, SC 299011128

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

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 8/26/24 between 2030 hrs. and Midnight, Vargas-Caballero, conspired with _____ to murder victim _____ at their _____, Burton, Beaufort County, SC, thus violating the South Carolina laws of Murder. Vargas-Caballero, who possessed a firearm during a commission of a violent crime, shot and killed _____ in the kitchen of said residence with malice and aforethought, and then he and _____ carried _____ body to a small decreed water pond where they disposed of his remains. Vargas-Caballero confessed to the murder, under the advisement of Miranda, however, claimed the need to kill _____ because he threatened to kill him and others. Vargas-Caballero led UCSO investigators to _____ remains behind _____. The affiant and others are witness to prove the same.

Signature of Affiant _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 County/ Municipality of)
Beaufort)

Affiant's Address _____

Affiant's Telephone _____

ARREST WARRANT

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 8/31/2024)

Erin Gentry Vaux (L.S.)) Judge's Address Post Office Box 840

Erin Gentry Vaux) Judge's Telephone Bluffton, SC 29910-

Judge Code 7279) (843)-25-5-36 x 10

Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit

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BAIL set by

Judge Vaux
on 8-31-27
• Type and Amount: retired
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: _____
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