

State of South Carolina
County of Berkeley

The Court of General Sessions
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Declaration
of
Gary L Grant
In Support of Motion
For a New Trial

I, GARY L.L. GRANT #289988 am the Declarant in this case and I further declare and swear that

1.) Exhibit A- Is an affidavit of Kareem King that is sworn to and Newly Discovered.

2.) That in Exhibit A- Kareem Kings affidavit he did swear that he intended to appear at a hearing on September 8, 2025 and testify regarding information that Grant and his attorney were not previously aware of. That means that it is newly discovered evidence.

3.) That in exhibit A- Kareem Kings Sworn affidavit he does admit that he along with the prosecutor did enter into an agreement. That the agreement was that he would receive 22 yrs if he was to comply with what the solicitor wanted and make a statement saying what he was instructed to say and implicate Mr. Grant.

4.) Kareem King Stated in Exhibit A- his Sworn Testimony that the solicitor instructed him on what to say and that he was not able to testify at trial as to the truth of what happened because he was never transported to do so.

5.) The Affiant Kareem King admits that the solicitor and himself conspired to commit perjury in order to convict Mr. Grant. The crime committed by the prosecution in order to secure the conviction against Mr. Grant is §16-9-10 perjury and Subornation of perjury section 2.

6.) That I was not convicted by legal means and that illegal means and conduct was used by the state through the prosecutor in order to secure my conviction.

7.) That the Law and Statute provision §17-25-10 states that no person shall be punished for an offense unless duly and legally convicted thereof in a court having competent jurisdiction of the cause and of the person.

8.) In Affiant Kareem King's affidavit, Exhibit-A, the affiant states with clarity & under oath that the Applicant Mr. Gary L. Grant was not present at anytime during the crimes and that Mr. Gary L. Grant did not commit the crimes that he is incarcerated for and accused of. In the affiant's affidavit, Kareem King, he states that someone else was the culprit, and identifies them by name. He also refers to evidence that coincided with this.

9.) That means that he is an alibi witness for the Applicant Mr. Gary L. Grant. Had Mr. Gary L. Grant known about the contents of Mr. Kareem King's Affidavit, the applicant would have presented it to the jury at trial. It is a well known fact that the jury is the trier of facts and if the jury would have been made aware of prosecutors criminal acts and conduct along with the facts presented in Kareem King's affidavit that the outcome of the trial would have been different and if given a new trial will be different.

10.) It is also a fact that the state and prosecution have a copy of the affidavit of Kareem King Exh A, and that

they have entered a motion in the court of appeals to remand back to this court, for this court to review the evidence in this case, that has been and is being presented to determine if there is Grounds for a New Trial or if a Dispute over Genuine issues of Material Fact exist that Warrant a jury trial.

11.) In their motion For Limited Remand in section 5, the state admits that there is a dispute over the affidavit and the Facts in Kareem Kings Sworn Aff Exhibit A. By the state admitting that there is a Dispute over Genuine Issues of Material Fact in section 5 of their motion. (See Exhibit-B-States Motion For Limited Remand Section 5) The evidence needs to Go to the trier of Fact, the jury.

12.) Exhibits C, D, E Kareem Kings Plea Negotiations and Exhibits F, G, and H Perry Hollins Plea Negotiations Support and reflect that Kareem Kings Affidavit Exhibit A is true.

13.) That I didn't know about any of the Facts stated by Mr Kareem King in his affidavit and that had I known it would have been presented at trial. I was denied the opportunity and chance to present this evidence to the jury. Had I been able to present it to the jury then they would have seen that I didn't commit the crimes, that someone else did, that the solicitor obstructed justice and subordinated perjury in order to convict and sentence me. A new trial needs to be had so that the jury will be able to hear this evidence. In the Interest of justice

I, _____, swear that the foregoing is true and correct. So help me God under penalty and pain of perjury and pursuant to U.S.C.A. §1746

Broad River Corr Inst WA-A
4460 Broad River Road
Columbia S.C. 29210

Subscribed and sworn before me

This 3rd day of June 2026

S. [Signature]

Notary public

My Commission Expires 8/30/2026

1st [Signature]



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LEGAL MAIL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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State of South Carolina,
Plaintiff,

S.C. SUPREME COURT

v.

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Gary L. L. Grant (#280988),
Defendant.

SC Court of Appeals

SWORN STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF
NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Please take notice that I, Kareem King, am a co-defendant in the above-captioned matter involving Gary L. L. Grant (#280988). I submit this sworn statement and notice to inform the Court of newly discovered evidence relevant to Mr. Grant's conviction.

I was informed by a family friend familiar with Mr. Grant's family that Mr. Grant had a hearing scheduled at the Berkeley County Courthouse on September 29, 2025. I intended to appear at that hearing to testify regarding information that neither Mr. Grant nor his attorney were previously aware of. However, I was advised not to attend. Specifically, a woman at the Berkeley County Clerk of Court's Office named Leah Dupree told me not to come, stating that Mr. Grant would not need me.

Because I was prevented from appearing, I now submit this sworn statement and respectfully request that the Court ensure Mr. Gary L. L. Grant receives a copy of this document, as I am willing and prepared to testify to the facts stated herein.

The reason I received a 22-year sentence is because I entered into a plea agreement with Prosecutor Blair C. Jennings. As a condition of that agreement, I was instructed to provide a statement claiming that Gary L. L. Grant was the trigger man. I complied and gave that statement.

Mr. Jennings repeatedly stated that he could not allow Gary Grant to win his trial and claimed that Mr. Grant and his brother were responsible for murders in another pending case at that time. Days before Mr. Grant's trial, Mr. Jennings met with me and another co-

defendant, Kerry Hollins, and coached us on what to say in court. We were instructed that if asked whether we had been promised anything or had made a deal, we were to answer no, despite the existence of an agreement.

The reason I did not come forward earlier is because the individual actually involved—Reginald Hamilton, also known as "Type," now deceased—threatened to kill my mother if I revealed the truth. This is the same individual referenced in Marquita Smith's statement, where she stated that Kerry Hollins placed him on the phone during the planning of the robbery and that he said no one would get hurt. At the time, he and Gary Grant associated socially, and he was out on bond for a murder charge.

This individual was the fourth participant, not Gary Grant. Gary Grant was targeted to divert attention away from my cousin, Jermaine Hartwell, whom the victim identified as the shooter.

Mr. Grant was charged with the same offenses as I was. However, because I agreed to cooperate, my charges were reduced. I entered into the plea agreement because I feared receiving a life sentence. Every statement I made implicating Gary L. L. Grant was false and made solely to secure the plea agreement offered by the prosecution. I stated only what I was instructed to say, including falsely claiming that I saw Gary Grant kill the victim.

I never testified at trial because no one came to transport me, yet I still received the agreed-upon sentence of 22 years in exchange for my written statement and cooperation. That statement was false. Gary L. L. Grant was not with us, and the wrong man is currently imprisoned.

I make this statement freely and voluntarily and am willing to testify under oath to these facts.

DECLARATION

I, Kareem King, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements of fact are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this 3 day of MARCH, 20.

Kareem King
Kareem King
Co-Defendant

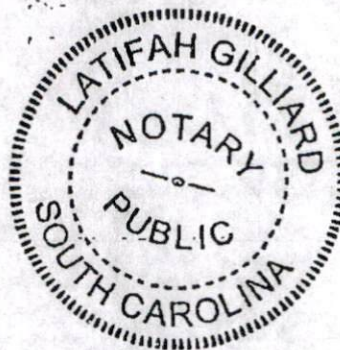
State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

On this 16th day of March, 2020, before me, the undersigned Notary Public,
personally appeared Kareem King.

Notary Public Signature Latifah Gillard

My Commission Expires: Jan 30 2034



Ex B

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY
The Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002357

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

GARY LAFETTE GRANT,

APPELLANT.

MOTION FOR LIMITED REMAND

The parties, upon consultation, jointly move to hold briefing in abeyance pending the consideration of this motion, and move for a limited remand for the following reasons:

1. Appellant, Gary Lafette Grant, was convicted of murder and other charges in his jury trial in August 2007. The Honorable Deadre L. Jefferson sentenced Grant to life imprisonment.
2. Grant filed a motion for a new trial, and, after a hearing on September 29, 2025, the Honorable Roger M. Young found Grant failed to show “after-discovered evidence as defined by the courts of South Carolina” that could support relief. (October 24, 2025, Order at 5). The captioned appeal is a result of the dismissal of the motion.

3. The appeal is presently in its early stages. The transcript has been received but briefing has not yet been submitted. Shortly after Grant's counsel advised that the September transcript was received, this Court received a document which purports to have been submitted by one of Grant's four co-defendants, Kareem King, in an affidavit form. On April 13, 2026, this Court provided the letter to counsel for the parties, while advising that "[n]o action will be taken on this filing[.]"

4. The transcript and order from the new trial proceedings show that Grant asserted the co-defendant who testified against him at the 2007 trial, Kerry Hollis, had an undisclosed deal with the prosecution. The affidavit contains allegations about interaction with the prosecution, referencing both Hollis and King, and also contains allegations regarding King's ability to be at the September hearing.

5. To be clear, the parties do not agree on authenticity of the document or any of the assertions. However, since some of the assertions could potentially bear on what evidence was available for presentation at the September hearing, it appears prudent to remand to Judge Young for a determination of whether any additional testimony needs to be taken, or if there is any potential impact of the material on the denial of the motion. The parties agree that addressing the matter now is preferable in ensuring fairness of the proceedings, providing a timely opportunity to litigate if additional litigation is necessary, and because it lessens the possibility of potential piecemeal litigation.

6. Thus, the parties jointly move for a limited remand and request that, as part of the remand authority, Judge Young be allowed to accept such testimony as would be necessary to determine authenticity, or availability of any potentially admissible testimony as it would relate to

the claims of the new trial motion, and/or claims of “newly discovered” evidence that may require additional proceedings.

7. The parties agree that it is preferable to have guidance for a timely disposition but defer to this Court to set timelines for resolution of the limited proceedings below, should the Court grant this motion.

8. The parties also move to hold the briefing schedule in abeyance pending resolution of this motion.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move to hold briefing in abeyance pending the resolution of this motion and for a limited remand for the purposes set out above.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN WILSON
Attorney General

W. JEFFREY YOUNG
Chief Deputy Attorney General

DONALD J. ZELENKA
Deputy Attorney General

MELODY J. BROWN
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

s/Melody J. Brown

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April 27, 2026.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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The Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002357

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

GARY LAFETTE GRANT,

APPELLANT.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion for Limited Remand, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, via email today, April 27, 2026 to Wcarter@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant at sleverett@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 27th day of April, 2026.

s/ Angela Brown

Angela Brown
Legal Assistant to Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

INDICTMENT/WARRANT STATUS CHANGE FORM
(One Defendant and One Warrant/Indictment Per Form)

DEFENDANT
LAST King FIRST KAREEM MIDDLE

INDICTMENT NUMBER
2007-GS-08-0325
WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

a/k/a
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

I 725434

DISPOSITION (Check One) REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal PLEA NEGOTIATIONS - TESTIFIED AGAINST

4B ☒ Nol Pros C-DEFENDANT GARY GRANT

5A ☐ Diverted - DEF SENTENCED TO 22 yrs

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment Probate Judge
Commitment Date:

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal Court Administrator's Review

7 ☐ Remanded Charge: Court:

8A ☐ Dismissed at Prelim Judge: Date: (☐ Check for return of file if seeking Direct Indictment)

8B ☐ No Bill Grand Jury Term (☐ Check for return of file if seeking Direct Indictment)

9 ☐ Failure to Appear Date Bench Warrant Issued

10 ☐ Other

11 ☐ Send Charge to General Sessions Court (Warrant Nos.):

Authorized by: [Signature] Date: 11-14-08
Solicitor

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DEFENDANT

LAST King FIRST KAREEM MIDDLE

a/k/a _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

INDICTMENT NUMBER

2007-GS-08-0347

WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

I 725435

DISPOSITION (Check One)

REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal PLEA NEGOTIATIONS - TESTIFIED AGAINST

4B ☒ Nol Pros Co DEFENDANT GARY GRANT

5A ☐ Diverted - DEF SENTENCED TO 22 yrs

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment Probate Judge _____
Commitment Date: _____

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal Court Administrator's Review _____

7 ☐ Remanded Charge: _____ Court: _____

8A ☐ Dismissed at Prelim Judge: _____ Date: _____ (☐ Check for return
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DEFENDANT

LAST KING, FIRST KAREEM MIDDLE

a/k/a _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

INDICTMENT NUMBER

2007-GS-08-0347

WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

I 725436

DISPOSITION (Check One)

REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal

PLEA NEGOTIATIONS - TESTIFIED AGAINST

4B ☒ Nol Pros

CO DEFENDANT GARY GRANT

5A ☐ Diverted

- DEF SENTENCED TO 20 yrs

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment
Commitment Date: _____

Probate Judge _____

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal

Court Administrator's Review _____

7 ☐ Remanded

Charge: _____

Court: _____

8A ☐ Dismissed at Prelim

Judge: _____

Date: _____

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DEFENDANT

HOLLINS, KERRY O.
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

a/k/a

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

INDICTMENT NUMBER

2007-GS-08-0322

DIRECT INDICT

WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

DISPOSITION (Check One)

REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal PLEA NEGOTIATIONS (TESTIFIED AGAINST

4B ☒ Nol Pros CO DEFENDANT GARY GRANT

5A ☐ Diverted -18 ya SENTENCE

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment Probate Judge
Commitment Date: _____

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal Court Administrator's Review _____

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8A ☐ Dismissed at Prelim Judge: _____ Date: _____

8B ☐ No Bill Grand Jury Term _____
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DEFENDANT

Hollins KERRY O.
LAST FIRST MIDDLE
a/k/a _____

INDICTMENT NUMBER

2007-GS-08-0323

Direct Indict.

WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

DISPOSITION (Check One)

REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal PLEA NEGOTIATIONS (TESTIFIED AGAINST

4B ☒ Nol Pros CO DEFENDANT GARY GRANT

5A ☐ Diverted - 18 yr SENTENCE

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment Probate Judge _____
Commitment Date: _____

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal Court Administrator's Review _____

7 ☐ Remanded Charge: _____ Court: _____

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DEFENDANT

LAST Hollins FIRST KERRY MIDDLE O.

a/k/a _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

INDICTMENT NUMBER

2007-GS-08-0324
WARRANT/TICKET NUMBER

DIRECT INDICT.

DISPOSITION (Check One)

REASON:

4A ☐ Dismissal

4B ☒ Nol Pros

5A ☐ Diverted

5B ☐ Judicial Commitment
Commitment Date: _____

6 ☐ Judicial Dismissal

7 ☐ Remanded

8A ☐ Dismissed at Prelim

8B ☐ No Bill Grand Jury Term

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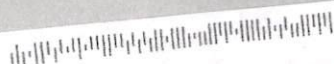
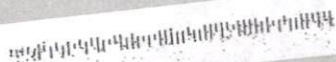
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