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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Appeal from Clarendon County

Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RONALD RAY BROADNAX,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000114

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1 (The case of the State of South Carolina vs.
2 Ronald Ray Broadnax, File No. 2023-GS-14-00152,
3 was called for hearing at 11:11 a.m. on Monday,
4 November 17, 2025. All parties were present.)

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MS. PIERCE: Your Honor, this is the State of
7 South Carolina versus Ronald Broadnax, indictment
8 2023-GS-14-00152. He was charged and indicted for arson
9 second-degree, assault and battery first-degree, attempted
10 murder, burglary first-degree, CSC first-degree, kidnapping,
11 discharging a firearm into a dwelling, as well as possession
12 of a weapon during a violent crime.

13 He is going to plead without recommendation or
14 negotiation to arson second-degree, assault and battery
15 first-degree, burglary first-degree, kidnapping and
16 possession of a weapon during a violent crime. He is
17 represented by Mr. Brett Perry. He wishes to enter his
18 guilty plea today and be sentenced at 9:00 in the morning.

19 **Plea Colloquy**

20 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Broadnax, do you want to
21 plead guilty?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Have you had enough time to talk to
24 your lawyer about this decision?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: Has he explained the nature of the
2 changes against you, the possible punishment you could
3 receive, as well as your constitutional rights?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: Okay. I'm sorry. I jumped ahead.
6 Madam Clerk, would you swear him in, please?

7 THE CLERK: Sure. Will you raise your right hand
8 for me? Do it the best that you can.

9 (The defendant was sworn at 11:12 a.m.)

10 THE COURT: Okay. Do you understand that on
11 burglary first, it carries from 15 years to life
12 imprisonment?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: And on the kidnapping, it's up to 30
15 years.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Or is it 20 years? It's 30 years;
18 isn't it?

19 MR. PERRY: It's 30.

20 THE COURT: And arson second is 20 years?

21 MR. PERRY: He's not pleading to the arson, Judge.

22 THE COURT: He is not?

23 MR. PERRY: No, sir.

24 MS. PIERCE: Yes, he is.

25 MR. PERRY: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah, he is, Judge. I

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1 apologize.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. PERRY: I apologize. We've -- there's been so
4 much back and forth. He is pleading to guilty to arson
5 second, Judge.

6 THE COURT: Okay. I didn't -- but burglary first
7 and kidnapping are most serious offenses, so if you get
8 another more serious offense, the next time, you could look
9 at life without the possibility of parole. Do you
10 understand that?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: And arson is -- is a violent, serious
13 offense. Do you understand that as well?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Uh-huh (positive.)

15 THE COURT: And the burglary, the kidnapping, and
16 the arson are all no parolable offenses, so you have to
17 serve at least 85 percent of whatever sentence you get. Do
18 you understand?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: And arson in the first-degree carries
21 up to ten years in prison. I'm sorry. Assault and battery
22 first carries up to ten years in prison. Do you understand
23 that?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: And possession of a weapon during a

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1 violent crime also carries up to 10 years. Do you
2 understand that?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Are you under the influence of alcohol
5 or drugs today no?

6 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

7 THE COURT: Do you have any mental diseases that
8 would keep you from understanding what you're doing here
9 today?

10 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Has anybody promised you anything or
12 threatened you in any way to get you to plead guilty?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Have you had an opportunity to go over
15 the discovery with your attorney that the State has provided
16 him?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Do you got any questions about that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

20 THE COURT: Do you got any complaints about it?

21 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

22 THE COURT: All right. Do you think the State has
23 given you everything that you're entitled to see? As far as
24 the discovery is concerned, have they provided all of the
25 information that you're entitled to see?

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1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Do you got any complaints
3 against your attorney at all?

4 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

5 THE COURT: Has he done everything you think he
6 should have done or could have done?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Okay. By pleading, you've given up
9 certain constitutional rights. You have a constitutional
10 right to remain silent, but when you plead guilty you're
11 giving that that up. Do you understand?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: You also have a constitutional right
14 to a jury trial on these charges, and in that trial, you
15 would be presumed innocent. The State would have the burden
16 of proving you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to all 12
17 jurors.

18 You would be able to sit in this courtroom and
19 confront each witness that would testify against you from
20 that witness stand right there. Your lawyer could
21 cross-examine each one of those witnesses, and he could
22 subpoena witnesses to testify on your behalf and put up any
23 defenses you have to this crime -- or these crimes, but when
24 you plead guilty, you're giving all of that up. Do you to
25 understand?

Factual Basis by Ms. Pierce

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: If you want to appeal this guilty
3 plea, if you think I've made a mistake on the law, then you
4 have to file that appeal within ten days of today's date or
5 you give that up. Do you understand?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Do you got any other questions you
8 want to ask me concerning your rights?

9 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

10 THE COURT: The solicitor is going to tell me
11 about the facts, and then I'm going to come back and ask you
12 about them.

13 **FACTUAL BASIS**

14 MS. PIERCE: Your Honor, on March 9, 2023, Jessica
15 Hill was on -- at 1411 Spigner Road in the Alcolu area of
16 Clarendon County. She was getting dressed. She heard her
17 dog bark. She looked out the window, and Mr. Broadnax was
18 in her yard.

19 She calls 911. While on the phone with 911, you
20 can hear her tell him to leave. He proceeds to come on into
21 her house. Jessica says, once he came into her house, he
22 had a weapon. You hear her mention the weapon on the 911
23 call.

24 He took -- took her. He went from room to room
25 with the gun making sure no one was in there. He accused

Factual Basis by Ms. Pierce

1 her of being the police. Law enforcement arrived on the
2 scene shortly thereafter.

3 Jason Thompson was there. He heard a male tell
4 Jessica to close the windows. They realized they were
5 dealing with a hostage situation. Mr. Broadnax, put Ms.
6 Hill into the master bedroom, and then into the closet. The
7 master bedroom closet where he barricaded himself and her,
8 and used her as a human shield for about four hours with a
9 standoff with law enforcement.

10 He -- while in there, he -- he shot at law
11 enforcement. I know he is not pleading to that, but there
12 were three to four shots that occurred that day. He finally
13 allowed Jessica to go out the window, or did not stop her
14 might be a better way to put it.

15 She was safe, and then SLED tried to get him out
16 of the house. They had to use tear gas. He still would not
17 come out. He set fire to her bedroom. It was intentional,
18 and you can see from the photographs the fire and the damage
19 that it caused.

20 SLED eventually had to use the dog. When they saw
21 the gun, they released the dog, and the dog was able to
22 latch onto his leg and pull him out of the house, and then
23 he was taken into custody.

24 Going through the elements, Your Honor, I believe
25 I've covered them all. For the arson, he did set fire to

Plea Accepted by the Court

1 her bedroom intentionally. Assault and battery, he did take
2 Jessica at gun point and had the present ability to injury
3 her as he held her hostage.

4 He did enter her dwelling without permission with
5 a deadly weapon with the intent to commit a crime. He
6 seized her person as soon as he came in. That covers the
7 kidnapping, as well as the possession of a weapon during a
8 violent crime, and these charges followed.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Are those facts correct, Mr.
10 Broadnax?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Then I find there's a factual basis
13 for your plea, made freely and voluntarily entered into.
14 You've had advice of competent counsel whom you tell me
15 you're satisfied. I'll accept the plea, and I'll set your
16 sentencing for 9:00 in the morning.

17 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 (These proceedings were in recess at 11:18 a.m.)
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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPT

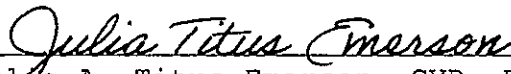
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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

This is to certify that the foregoing transcript of the proceedings taken at the November 17, 2025 General Session of Clarendon County is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings recorded by the office of the Clarendon County Clerk of Court and transcribed by me to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to any party or attorney, nor do I have any interest whatsoever in the outcome of this action.

This 6th day of April, 2026.


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4 November 18, 2025. All parties were present.)

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. PERRY: Good morning, Judge.

7 THE COURT: Good morning.

8 MS. PIERCE: Your Honor, we're going to go back on
9 the record for the State of South Carolina versus Ronald
10 Broadnax, indictment 2023-GS-14-00152. You accepted his
11 guilty plea yesterday, burglary first-degree, kidnapping,
12 arson second-degree, assault and battery first-degree and
13 possession of a weapon during a violent crime. We are here
14 today for sentencing.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Anything you want to tell me
16 before we start?

17 MS. PIERCE: Yes, Your Honor. The State -- I wish
18 to speak -- I mean, Sheriff Baxley wishes to speak, and the
19 victim wishes to address the Court.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MS. PIERCE: Your Honor, on March 9, 2023, Jessica
22 Hill stared into the face of evil. I'm not calling the
23 defendant evil. I don't know him, but his actions were
24 evil.

25 And, you know, I keep -- I keep sarcastically

Argument to the Court by Ms. Pierce

1 mentioning where a defense attorney on another unrelated
2 case a couple of years ago made a snide comment about,
3 "Well, it looks bad on paper." Well, in this case, I think
4 everybody would agree it does look bad on paper, but
5 these -- I want the Court to see this is beyond paper.

6 These are lives. This is real life. This is
7 Jessica's life, her family, and her friend's life, and, Your
8 Honor, it's the officers' lives.

9 We're past the point of worrying about beyond a
10 reasonable doubt, you know -- as you know, that's the kind
11 of doubt that makes you hesitate to act. But I want to
12 point out to the Court, on March 9th there was no
13 hesitation. When that first shot rang out, these
14 officers -- and everyone in the courtroom, all of them, had
15 a role to play that day. There was no hesitation.

16 Some of them got in formation as they've been
17 trained to do, and they went and they breached that door,
18 another shot rang out. Matthew Stone, Danny Graham, Ken
19 Clark, they were inside. No hesitation. If you watch Kenny
20 Clark's body cam, when you -- when you hear that shot, he
21 goes to the door, no hesitation, to try to save Jessica's
22 life.

23 Most importantly Judge, there was no hesitation on
24 the defendant's part. He went in her yard. When she yelled
25 at him to leave, as you may hear, if the Court allows, no

Argument to the Court by Ms. Pierce

1 hesitation. He ran inside. No hesitation. The only time
2 he hesitated was when it was time to come out and surrender.
3 That was the only hesitation.

4 So today, we stand before the Court are we're
5 asking that the Court have no hesitation to sentence him to
6 life in prison. Now, I understand the Court may want to
7 give him the benefit because he did plead guilty, and
8 Jessica does not have to relive it in front of strangers.

9 I understand that, but we're asking, at a minimum
10 for you not to hesitate for, at least 50 years or more.
11 Your Honor, this is burglary first. The legislature
12 obviously, intended for life to be a possible sentence.

13 There isn't a caveat in the statute that says,
14 "Well, you have to have a murder," or "Well, you have to
15 have this factor or that factor." It's burglary first, 15
16 to life.

17 And, you know, no, we don't have a murder. And of
18 all of his crimes, the only thing I fell like we've left out
19 was armed robbery and murder. But I would submit that a
20 piece of Jessica was murdered that day. The Jessica that
21 woke up on March 9th, is not the Jessica that's in this
22 courtroom. That Jessica is never coming back.

23 (An audio was played for the Court and was not
24 transcribed.)

25 MS. PIERCE: Your Honor, it continues. It's a

Argument to the Court by Ms. Pierce

1 nine-minute audio. So if you look at the time from when
2 Jessica first called 911, it is less than a minute before he
3 is inside her house. Less than a minute. No hesitation.
4 He was in the yard when she yelled at him. In less than a
5 minute he was inside her house.

6 She put the phone down on the counter and we were
7 able to hear her beg, "please no." Because when he came in,
8 he had a gun. She says, "He has a gun. He has a weapon."
9 He grabbed her, and took control of her person and that's
10 when he took her around the house room to room to room
11 before he barricaded in the bedroom.

12 And I neglected, Lieutenant Huckaby also did not
13 hesitate. He went in the house, too. He had Deputy Matt
14 Holt [phon.] in sniper position. He had Deputy Jones in
15 position at the back door. No hesitation.

16 But let's look at the defendant's hesitation.
17 This is from the body cam at the very end of the incident
18 where he's already destroyed her home, and destroyed a piece
19 of her soul. Let's watch his hesitation.

20 (An audio/video was played for the Court and not
21 transcribed.)

22 MS. PIERCE: And the last video, I would like the
23 Court to see is Jessica on March 9, 2023, because that
24 Jessica is not the Jessica that will stand before you today.
25 Even if she's emotional, this is not going to be the Jessica

Argument to the Court by Ms. Pierce

1 you're going to see on this video. This is right after she
2 was able to climb out and run into safety.

3 (An audio/video played for the Court and not
4 transcribed.)

5 MS. PIERCE: She had a stranger who comes in her
6 home. When this case is over, he has to face the alligation
7 of committing murder of his wife. By his own admission,
8 he's coming down 95, taking Jose Cuervo shots, a pile of
9 cocaine, and shooting heroin, which is scary to think of
10 while he's driving down 95.

11 He pulls off on in Alcolu. He's paranoid and
12 delusional. He thinks the cops are following him. They're
13 not. No, there's no evidence that he was being followed.
14 He pulls off in Alcolu to get gas and thinks the cops are
15 after him, he continues off until he runs out of gas, and
16 then randomly just walks through the woods into Jessica's
17 yard.

18 A stranger. He goes in her house, as you've
19 heard, and unleashes four hours of hell. Not just for her,
20 no just for her family and her friends, but law enforcement
21 as well. Because, Your Honor, when I watched the body cam
22 and I saw these men and they didn't hesitate to act, it
23 really hit me. They're more than officers. These are
24 husbands, fathers, and sons.

25 If the life in prison sentence for 50 years or

Statement to the Court by Sheriff Baxley

1 more, is not appropriate in this case, what case would it be
2 appropriate for, a complete stranger entering your house in
3 less than a minute and using you as a human shield?

4 The officers are asking for justice. Jessica is
5 asking for justice. The officers didn't hesitate that day.
6 Ronald didn't hesitate to enter that house that day. He
7 hesitated to come out, but he did not hesitate to come in
8 that house that day, and we're asking you not to hesitate to
9 sentence Mr. Broadnax. I think it's time for Jessica to
10 come out of that closet, Your Honor. Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. Does he have a prior
12 record?

13 MS. PIERCE: He does. I believe he has some prior
14 drug charges. Your Honor, the sheriff would like to address
15 the Court.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 SHERIFF BAXLEY: Your Honor, on that day, on March
18 the 9th, Mr. Broadnax was fleeing from a crime that he
19 allegedly committed in Virginia, and he shows up in an area
20 of Alcolu, a rural area where Ms. Jessica Hill lived.

21 He says that -- or he alleges that he thought he
22 was being followed by the police, but we know that's no so
23 because we weren't looking for Mr. Broadnax, or did we know
24 of anybody else that would have been.

25 So when the 911 call comes in, we were so

Statement to the Court by Sheriff Baxley

1 fortunate that we had an officer respond there within three
2 minutes. Within three minutes, we had an officer there on
3 that scene. And he had every opportunity, at that time,
4 that he could have gave up and come out, but he did not.

5 So then more officers came that blocked -- more
6 officers with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and
7 other local agencies that came to help us. They arrived on
8 scene, so we had more officers there, so he shouldn't have
9 been scared of the officers.

10 Within an hour or so, and by the time this ordeal
11 ended, we had about 80 police officers there. We had called
12 for SLED for their SWAT team after our guys were already in
13 the house and -- and had been fired upon. Were they fired
14 upon themselves? We don't know that. We allege that -- or
15 we can think that they were shot at, but we know shots were
16 fired in that house.

17 So each one of them, their lives were risked while
18 they were in that house, so we made a call out to the SWAT
19 team. SLED comes in -- they flew several of them in in a
20 helicopter to start with to get them there fast because this
21 was a serious incident. They arrive.

22 We had a medevac helicopter standing by. We had
23 every asset we could get because somebody's life is worth
24 that to us and that life was Ms. Jessica Hill. And on that
25 day, she lost a part of her life that she'll never get back.

Victim impact statement by Ms. Hill

1 And had we not responded in the time we did, how
2 do we know that Ms. Jessica Hill would not have been another
3 victim just like the one that was in Virginia? We'll never
4 know that. I don't know Mr. Broadnax. I don't know what
5 his faith is, but I do know this, if -- if he has good
6 faith, maybe God will have mercy on his soul.

7 But, Your Honor, I pray that you have no mercy on
8 that. That you give the maximum allowed punishment that
9 your -- that you can do. And I'm asking you that not just
10 for my officers, not just for Jessica Hill, but for society
11 itself because we're a world that's going to hell. And,
12 Your Honor, this is the time to do the right thing. Thank
13 you.

14 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. Anything else from
15 the State?

16 MS. HILL: Good morning. I'm Jessica Hill. I
17 have something written up but, you know what, it's not even
18 worth it. I hope you all can give him as much as you can
19 possibly get him because I lost myself that day.

20 I don't think I'll ever be the same person. I
21 appreciate what has been done on my behalf. My friends, and
22 my family have all been affected by this. After this
23 happened, we didn't know if we would have somewhere to go to
24 call home anymore.

25 The damage was so awful that we had to live

Argument to the Court by Mr. Perry

1 somewhere else for three or four months before we could move
2 back into our house. I have two boys in high school right
3 now that we didn't know if we had clothes to come home to.
4 So this has been a very long, tedious journey, and I am
5 hoping today we can put this behind us. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Thank you for coming. I'm sorry you
7 had to go through all of this.

8 MS. PIERCE: That's all from the State, Your
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Yes, sir?

11 MR. PERRY: May it please the Court, Your Honor?
12 I'll start with Mr. Broadnax's record. His record is de
13 minimis. He has nothing like this on this record. I think
14 maybe there's an old gun charge, you know, maybe some drug
15 charges, something along those lines.

16 I'll -- I'll also go back, Your Honor, to -- to
17 something that the Solicitor said about burglary first
18 that -- that it does carry up to life, but our legislature
19 also saw fit to prescribe that burglary first carries 15
20 years to life.

21 That's a -- that's a pretty wide window for a
22 judge to sentence within depending on the age of the -- the
23 defendant, but I do think that it shows that the legislature
24 intended for you to take into consideration in sentencing
25 all of the circumstances that were prevailing at the time.

Argument to the Court by Mr. Perry

1 While Your Honor is well aware, as is my client,
2 that voluntary or intentional intoxication is no defense.
3 It's no excuse for a crime that's committed. I do think
4 that it bears consideration by way of explanation.

5 Your Honor, with regard to the charges that are
6 pending in Virginia, that's where all of this stems from,
7 according to my client's recitation of the facts, and I
8 don't know of any others, he and his wife had been in an
9 argument.

10 She had grabbed a gun and held it to her head.
11 Rather than trying to talk to her or just not engage, he
12 tried to take the gun away from her, and during the course
13 of that, she ended up shot in the head and unfortunately,
14 deceased.

15 From prior incidents with law enforcement, he was
16 concerned about how they would look at it. He felt somewhat
17 responsible because they had been arguing. He was strung
18 out on drugs, and he reacted in a manner that -- that
19 clearly, was not well thought out.

20 Most people would stick around. They would call
21 911. They would be there to -- to answer any questions, but
22 due to the psychosis that was created by the drugs that he
23 were on -- that he was on and the incident that had
24 occurred, his thoughts were that he was going to drive to
25 Florida, sit on the beach, watch the sun come up, and kill

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1 himself.

2 That was his intention when he left Virginia, Your
3 Honor. He started driving South on 95 doing all sorts of
4 drugs, and drinking tequila. He became increasingly
5 paranoid as he traveled south. He was convinced that law
6 enforcement was following him.

7 He ended up getting off on the Interstate to get
8 gas and drove by a gas station when he got off the
9 Interstate, and he did not stop there because he thought the
10 police were right behind -- that the police were following
11 him.

12 There was no indication, of course, ultimately,
13 that they were, but he was convinced that they were because
14 of the psychosis that he was under. Your Honor, he's not
15 mentally ill in the excusable sense, you know, he's been
16 evaluated and found competent to be before Your Honor, but
17 none the less, his actions were affected by that.

18 He drove his vehicle until it ran out of gas. It
19 was completely random where it ran out of gas. He walked
20 through a swamp. He walked through woods. He ended up at
21 Ms. Hill's house. And I know that -- that -- that more --
22 way more for her than for himself, he regrets that that's
23 where his car ran out of gas.

24 Your Honor, you couldn't hear it on the 911 call.
25 I don't know if we just didn't get to that point yet, but

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1 when he initially entered the house, after she had opened
2 the door, telling him, you know, get out of my yard, get out
3 of here, he accused her of being the police. That's how out
4 of his head he was at the time.

5 He thought she was the police. He had gone into
6 this random stranger's house and accused her of being the
7 police. Your Honor, one of the things that you could hear
8 in that last video that they played, when he was sitting
9 there in the back of APC was that -- that he's going to kill
10 himself because that was his intention, Your Honor, to kill
11 himself or to have law enforcement kill him.

12 That's ultimately, why he set the bedroom on fire
13 after he had allowed Ms. Hill to leave the house. He was
14 going to burn the house down around himself. Your Honor, at
15 no point did he ever shoot at law enforcement. He did have
16 a firearm, and he did discharge it inside that bedroom in an
17 attempt just to get them to leave him alone for the moment.

18 He was trying to -- I -- I don't know what he was
19 trying to do, Your Honor, but he -- his intention was not to
20 harm anybody. His intention was to -- to die himself. The
21 hesitation that he showed in the video where he didn't just
22 immediately walk out and surrender and and give himself up,
23 his hope, his desire was that -- that someone would kill
24 him.

25 Fortunately, for him and for all of the officers,

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1 that didn't happen. Nobody had to kill him. Nobody had to
2 bear the burden that. He didn't have to be dead instead of
3 standing here before Your Honor.

4 Your Honor, again, we're not looking to excuse
5 anything that he did, but I do think that it -- that it
6 bears explanation, and the condition that he was in, the
7 psychosis that he was suffering from, the delusion caused by
8 the alcohol, the drugs, the stress of what had happened
9 earlier, he was not in his right mind.

10 I understand there is a different Ms. Hill that
11 stands before you today, Your Honor, but this is a much
12 different Ronald Broadnax that stands before Your Honor.
13 This is not the Ronald Broadnax that did the terrible things
14 that he did on this day.

15 And make no mistake, the stress, the -- the terror
16 that Ms. Hill was put through for this, the part of her life
17 that she has irretrievably lost, is just as lost whether he
18 did it because he was out of his mind, or whether he did it
19 from a position of a dark part, from an evil position.

20 What she suffered is the same either way, but I
21 know he regrets what he did. He does not have a history of
22 hurting people. He did not intend to hurt anybody this day.
23 He certainly didn't intend to cause her the sort of trauma
24 that Ms. Hill suffered.

25 He deeply regrets that, and I think he wants to

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1 address the Court in that regard momentarily. His mother
2 and two sisters are here, Your Honor. They've driven down
3 from Virginia. I think possibly one or more of them might
4 like to be heard at the appropriate time.

5 But, Your Honor when -- when the State spoke, they
6 asked you to have no mercy, no leniency, no hesitancy, and I
7 understand. That's supposed to be the State's position.
8 They're advocating on behalf of the -- the victim, and on
9 behalf of society as a whole, and I certainly understand why
10 they would take that position.

11 And justice doesn't always mean complete mercy,
12 but it also doesn't mean, you know, complete vengeance.
13 And, Your Honor, I think a -- a life sentence in this
14 situation is not called for. Fortunately, nobody was -- was
15 hurt physically.

16 There are psychological injuries, I understand,
17 that Ms. Hill will always suffer from, but no one was killed
18 in this situation. There was no armed robbery or anything
19 like that that took place. This was not somebody who went
20 in with the intention of causing the harm that he caused.

21 This is someone that was having a mental health
22 crisis brought on by extreme abuse of drugs and the
23 stressful situation that had occurred. This is not someone
24 that set out to cause the mayhem that he caused that day,
25 and I think it would be appropriate for Your Honor to take

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1 that into consideration with respect to the sentence that
2 you give him.

3 Your Honor, I think, you know, the fact that he
4 does have charges pending in Virginia -- at some point, he's
5 going to have to go up there and deal with those as well,
6 and so, you know, regardless of what sentence you give him,
7 there's going to be that for him to deal with as well.

8 Your Honor, he's 44 years old. I would ask you to
9 take that into consideration with respect to whatever
10 sentence you give him as well. If Your Honor is not
11 inclined to sentence him to life, per se, I would ask you to
12 not sentence him to life de facto.

13 Your Honor, I think a sentence of somewhere in the
14 20- to 30-year range, while that may sound extremely low to
15 the State and certainly to the victim, he's still going to
16 be in his 70's when he would be released from the South
17 Carolina Department of Corrections.

18 There aren't a whole lot of people in their 70's
19 that get released from the Department of Corrections, Your
20 Honor. So I would ask Your Honor to -- to not sentence him
21 to a de facto life sentence if you choose not to sentence
22 him to a life sentence itself.

23 Your Honor, I would ask you to hear from my
24 client. I believe he does want to speak, and I would ask
25 you to hear from whatever members of his family who want to

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1 speak on his behalf.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Let me -- you brought up
3 something. Did he go for an evaluation?

4 MR. PERRY: Yes, Your Honor. He was evaluated,
5 and the Department of Mental Health found him to be
6 competent, and we're not claiming that he is not.

7 THE COURT: Do you have a copy of that report?

8 MR. PERRY: I don't have it with me right now,
9 Your Honor.

10 MS. PIERCE: I can get it, Your Honor, yes.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MS. PIERCE: Do you want to take a break, or do
13 you want to...

14 THE COURT: Has any judge had a hearing as to the
15 substance of that report?

16 MR. PERRY: There -- there was not, I don't
17 believe.

18 THE COURT: They can't --

19 MR. PERRY: I got appointed in the case after that
20 was open, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: -- they can't -- they can't make that
22 determination. Only a judge can. I need that report.

23 MS. PIERCE: Okay. We can get that, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. PERRY: I did not represent him when that took

Statement to the Court by the defendant

1 place, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. PERRY: Would Your Honor, like, to --

4 THE COURT: And I'll be glad to hear from
5 everybody, but I need that report before I do -- go any
6 further.

7 MR. PERRY: Of course, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay. And I'll -- while she's going
9 to get it, if you want to -- whatever you -- I'll be glad to
10 hear from him, and his family or whoever he wants to speak.

11 MR. PERRY: Do you want to speak, Ronald?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah. Well, this is bad. Well, I
13 can honestly say that, that wasn't me. I apologize to Ms.
14 Hill and her family for what I put them through. I would
15 like to take this time to apologize to my mother for
16 embarrassing her. And hearing all of that about yourself,
17 it's -- I can't explain it, when you know you're not that
18 person.

19 MR. PERRY: Is there anything else?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No.

21 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, we would ask you to hear
22 from any of his family that want to.

23 THE COURT: I would be glad to.

24 MR. PERRY: One moment.

25 (Pause in proceedings.)

Statement to the Court by Ms. Broadnax

1 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, do you -- Madam Clerk, do
2 you all have them come up? Where do they go to speak?

3 THE COURT: Yeah. That will be fine. She can
4 come up here.

5 MR. PERRY: Okay. This is his sister, Your Honor,
6 and I've instructed her to be sure to state her name clearly
7 and loudly for the record so the court reporter can get it
8 on the record.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. PERRY: Where would you like her to stand,
11 Judge?

12 THE COURT: Huh?

13 MR. PERRY: Just have here come over here?

14 THE COURT: Yeah, that will be fine.

15 MS. BROADNAX: Good morning, my name is Diane
16 Broadnax. I'm Ronald Broadnax's eldest sister. It's just
17 hard to hear this, hearing what he did. Ronald is -- I'm
18 his oldest sister. He's always been our protector, his four
19 sisters.

20 It's -- and to hear him do -- have done this stuff
21 and actually made somebody feel scared and hurt knowing that
22 he always protected us, is hurtful. He's not -- he's
23 definitely not that person.

24 I just wished that he would have trusted us enough
25 to come to us than to come down here and destruct y'all's --

1 y'all's community, and -- but he's definitely not and never
2 was the person that they speak on on paper. He's had --
3 he's always been our protector, his four sisters, and that's
4 all I have to say. Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. Anybody else you
6 want me to hear from?

7 MR. PERRY: No, Your Honor. I believe that --

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. PERRY: -- just the sister wanted to speak on
10 behalf of the family.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I'll wait until she gets back.

12 MR. PERRY: Yes, Your Honor.

13 (Pause in proceedings.)

14 THE COURT: How many days has he been in?

15 MS. PIERCE: Since March 9, 2023.

16 THE COURT: Huh?

17 MS. PIERCE: Since the incident.

18 MR. PERRY: March 9, 2023, Judge. I can get you
19 that total.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, it would be a total of 986
22 days. Six years, 8 months, and 10 days.

23 (Off of the record.)

24 THE DEFENDANT: What I was basically trying to say
25 is that, I apologize to the State of South Carolina and the

1 officers, Ms. Hill, and her family for what I done. The
2 emotional and mental scars I put on them. I do have a
3 history of mental illness with depression, and anxiety.

4 I wasn't myself that day, Your Honor. I was grief
5 stricken. That don't excuse it. My actions are
6 inexcusable. I'm just trying to explain it. I know I had
7 no right to cause that lady harm. That's it.

8 (Off the record.)

9 THE COURT: Okay. I have a report consisting of
10 12 pages by Dr. Richard Frierson, and the conclusions of
11 that report is he is competent to stand trial. And my
12 understanding from you, Mr. Perry, is that you don't --
13 after your conversations with him and the conversations I've
14 had with him today, do you have any questions at all that he
15 is, in fact, competent to stand trial?

16 MR. PERRY: I do not, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay. And I'm going to make this
18 report a Court's Exhibit in this case, and I so find that he
19 is, in fact, competent to stand trial, and I have accepted
20 his plea, and I think he's certainly competent to stand
21 trial, and to enter a plea of guilty in this case. Okay.
22 Anything else?

23 (Court's Exhibit No. 1 was identified and
24 admitted.)

25 MR. PERRY: No, Your Honor. We just simply ask

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1 for whatever mercy the Court finds appropriate.

2 **COURT'S RULING**

3 THE COURT: Okay. And I've taken into
4 consideration the facts in this case, and they are really
5 bad. But the fact that you have entered a plea of guilty,
6 and I'm giving you credit for that, the fact that you have
7 come forward, admitted your involvement, admitted your
8 guilt, not putting this family through a trial, and as well
9 as your comments to me.

10 I'm taking all of that into consideration and
11 trying to come up with a sentence that I think is
12 appropriate. So on the possession of a weapon during the
13 commission of a violent crime, the sentence of the Court is
14 you're committed to the State Department of Corrections for
15 a term of five years. I'm giving you credit for 986 days.

16 On the assault and battery first, the sentence of
17 the Court is you're committed to the State Department of
18 Corrections for a term of 10 years. It is to run
19 concurrent, and credit for 986 days.

20 On the arson, the sentence of the Court -- it
21 carries a maximum punishment of 25 years. I'm going to
22 sentence you to 20 years on this with credit for 800 -- I
23 mean 986 days to run concurrent.

24 On the kidnapping, the sentence of the Court is,
25 you're committed to the State Department of Corrections for

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1 a term of 30 years to run concurrent with credit for 896
2 days. On the burglary first --

3 THE COURT REPORTER: 986.

4 THE COURT: I'm sorry. 986. I said it wrong.
5 Thank you. On the burglary first, I'm not going to sentence
6 you to life as the State has requested because of the
7 reasons I've given you.

8 I'm going to sentence you be committed to the
9 State Department of Corrections for a term of 50 years.
10 It's to run concurrent with credit for 986 days. You're
11 eligible for parol under that for 85 percent of that
12 sentence. So you have a possibility of getting out alive.
13 I don't know. Good luck.

14 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 (These proceedings concluded at 10:25 a.m.)
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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

This is to certify that the foregoing transcript of the proceedings taken at the November 18, 2025 General Session of Clarendon County is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings recorded by the office of the Clarendon County Clerk of Court and transcribed by me to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to any party or attorney, nor do I have any interest whatsoever in the outcome of this action.

This 6th day of April, 2026.



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April 1, 2024

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Re: The State of South Carolina vs. Broadnax, Ronald
DMH #: 1065-9142
Clarendon County, Court of General Sessions

Dear Attorney Robinson:

In accordance with the court order issued by the Honorable R. Kirk Griffin, evaluations of criminal responsibility and capacity to conform were conducted by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-24-10 (1976) and § 17-24-20 (1976).

Please see the attached report for the results of this evaluation.

This 13 page document is certified to be the original court-ordered evaluation report issued pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-24-10 (1976) and § 17-24-20 (1976).

April 1, 2024

Date

Kelly Gothard, Ph.D.

Director
Forensic Outpatient Services
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**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CAPACITY TO CONFORM EVALUATION
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (SCDMH)
FORENSIC EVALUATION SERVICE**

DATE OF EVALUATION March 21, 2024

NAME: Ronald Ray Broadnax

SCDMH #: 1065-9142

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

PRESIDING EXAMINER: Richard L. Frierson, MD, DLFAPA
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SECOND EXAMINER: Kaitlyn M. Gronauer, MD
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PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSES (DSM-5-TR)

Cocaine Induced Psychotic Disorder, (time of the alleged offense, currently resolved)
Unspecified Depressive Disorder (MDD)
Antisocial Personality Disorder.
Opioid Use Disorder, In a Controlled Environment.
Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type, In a Controlled Environment.
Alcohol Use Disorder, In a Controlled Environment.
Cannabis Use Disorder, In a Controlled Environment.

OPINION REGARDING CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Broadnax would have been criminally responsible for his actions on or about March 9, 2023.

OPINION REGARDING CAPACITY TO CONFORM

Mr. Broadnax would have had sufficient capacity to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law on or about March 9, 2023.

DISPOSITION

Mr. Broadnax was returned to the Clarendon County Detention Center at the conclusion of this evaluation.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Ronald Ray Broadnax is a 42-year-old African American male who was seen at the Forensic Evaluation Center pursuant to a court order from the Clarendon County Court of General Sessions. This court order requests an evaluation of his criminal responsibility and capacity to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law on or about March 9, 2023 pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §17-24-10 (1976). He is currently charged with Burglary – First Degree, Kidnapping, Arson – Second Degree, Assault and Battery – First Degree, Discharging Firearms in a Dwelling, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, Attempted Murder, and Criminal Sexual Conduct – First Degree. According to the court order, it was issued for the following reasons: "Reported history of mental illness. Defendant has inappropriate responses to questions."

STATEMENT OF NONCONFIDENTIALITY

Prior to participating in the evaluation, Mr. Broadnax was informed that the evaluation was court ordered for the purpose of determining his mental state at the time of the alleged offenses. He was informed that the examiners would not be providing treatment. He was informed that the examiners were employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and were not being paid by his attorney or the solicitor in his case. He was informed that after the evaluation was completed, a report would be submitted to his attorney. He was informed the report may also go to the solicitor and the judge in his case. He was also informed that the evaluators could be called to court to testify at trial. He was able to answer questions regarding this information correctly and he voluntarily agreed to participate in the evaluation.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Court Order signed and dated on February 15, 2024 by the Honorable R. Kirk Griffin and received by the Forensic Evaluation Service on February 28, 2024.
2. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100049 for Burglary – First Degree.
3. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100050 for Kidnapping.
4. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100053 for Arson – Second Degree.
5. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100054 for Assault and Battery – First Degree.
6. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100055 for Discharging Firearms in a Dwelling.
7. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100056 for Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime.
8. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100063 for Attempted Murder.
9. Arrest Warrant 2023A1410100058 for Criminal Sexual Conduct – First Degree.

10. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Incident Report for Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping and Burglary.
11. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Incident Report for Forcible Rape.
12. Supplemental Incident Report from Lieutenant William Jackson.
13. Supplemental Incident Report from Major Danny Graham.
14. Supplemental Incident Report from Investigator James Ardis.
15. Supplemental Incident Report from Lieutenant Shante Demary.
16. Two Supplemental Incident Reports from Captain William Stone.
17. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Brief Case Summary.
18. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Property Listing.
19. Investigative Notes from Captain Kenneth Clark.
20. Investigative Notes from Captain Dalton Patrick McKenzie, II.
21. Clarendon County 911 CFS Report.
22. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Booking Report.
23. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Crime Scene Investigation Summary.
24. SLED Forensic Services Laboratory Request.
25. SLED Crime Scene Notes.
26. Clarendon County Sheriff's Office Evidence Inventory Sheets.
27. Consent to Search Form and Return.
28. SWAT Team Response List.
29. Press Release.
30. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) report on the defendant.
31. Clarendon County Fire Rescue Report.
32. Medical records from McLeod Health.
33. Medical records from the Clarendon County Detention Center.
34. Medical records from the J. Reuben Long Detention Center.
35. Medical records from the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority.
36. A social history obtained from the defendant's sister, Donnett Broadnax, by Elizabeth Bluemle, LMSW.
37. A three-hour clinical forensic interview on today's date.

Note: Medical records have been requested, but not received, from Henrico Mental Health and Substance Abuse Outpatient Services, East Center. We reserve the right to alter diagnostic opinions should those records become available.

CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Broadnax reports that he has been incarcerated in the J. Reuben Long Detention Center, initially, and then the Clarendon County Detention Center since March 16, 2023, for approximately one year. From March 9, 2023, the date of the alleged offense, to March 16, 2023, he was hospitalized at McLeod Hospital in Florence, South Carolina for treatment of injuries sustained on March 9, 2023. He reports that "it's jail" when asked how his time there has been. He reports that he is able to get out of his cell for an hour

and a half three times a day. He does not always take these opportunities because he likes to be by himself. He reports that he has spoken to some of his family members in Virginia over the phone.

He states that he had been sleeping well, but recently, the medication he is prescribed to help with low mood and sleep has not been helping him sleep as well. He estimates that he gets about five hours of sleep each night. He has difficulty sleeping due to his mind constantly wandering. He endorses having an appetite, and he reports that he has gained greater than fifty pounds while incarcerated, which he attributes to one of the medications he is taking. He reports feeling frustrated and irritable most days because he does not like being around people. He feels as though everyone is against him. When he was not incarcerated, he states that he spent the majority of his time with his wife and son. He rates his mood as a five on a scale of 1 to 10, with one being severely depressed and ten being euphoric. He reports experiencing chronic passive suicidal ideation. He states that the day he was arrested, his actions were two separate suicide attempts. He states that he initially tried to burn himself in the house, and then when that was not successful, he attempted to get the police to shoot him. He states that he did not want to live on that day because he had lost his wife. In jail, he reports that he could not do anything to hurt himself but could let someone else kill him. He endorses past suicide attempts via overdose on heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl. He admits that he was a heavy recreational user of these substances, but he was always aware that he could overdose and die from these substances, but he did not care, and it was a risk he was willing to take. He states that he has homicidal thoughts about a lot of people in jail. He reports that has no plans to harm anyone and does not have these thoughts about anyone specifically.

Secondary to experiencing the deaths of people close to him and being betrayed by close friends and family, he states that he has trust issues. This is also part of the reason he prefers to be by himself.

He is currently prescribed an antidepressant and an antihistamine that is often prescribed for anxiety, mirtazapine (Remeron®) and hydroxyzine (Vistaril®) respectively. He reports that the mirtazapine used to work well to help him sleep but is has not been helping as much with sleep lately. He is unsure if the medication has had any impact on his mood. He reports a history of prior treatment for opioid use disorder, anxiety, and depression.

He was screened regarding all of these diagnoses during our evaluation. He gives a history of sustained depressed mood lasting more than two weeks at times that has led to an impairment in his functioning and is associated with low energy, difficulty sleeping, feelings of hopelessness, and irritability. However, he has continued to use substances which could contribute to these symptoms. Therefore, we concur with the diagnosis of Unspecified Depressive Disorder His description of anxiety is centered around staying out of prison and does not meet diagnostic criteria for an General Anxiety Disorder

PSYCHIATRIC HISTORY

According to records from Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, he received treatment there in 2015 after being released from prison. The initial focus of treatment was his use of cannabis, opioids, and cocaine. He failed treatment with Suboxone and had positive urine drug screens for opiates. Therefore, he was referred to another clinic for methadone maintenance treatment. Additionally he had some depressive symptoms which were targeted with escitalopram (Lexapro®) and mirtazapine (Remeron®). He reports he was in treatment up until his arrest and although their record of his having an open case extends to March of 2024, the last note that was provided is from August of 2022.

After his arrest, he underwent a mental health evaluation at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center in Conway, where he was initially detained for security reasons. He was prescribed mirtazapine for sleep and depressive symptoms and hydroxyzine (Vistaril®), an antihistamine used for anxiety. These were continued when he arrived at the Clarendon County Detention Center.

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE HISTORY

He reports that he had his first drink of alcohol when he was nine years old and he started consuming it regularly at the age of thirteen. At his maximum use, he reports he could drink "gallons" of liquor a day. However, prior to incarceration, he had cut back his daily consumption and states that he was drinking about three hundred and fifty milliliters of Hennessy each day. He reports having a tolerance to alcohol. He reports that his alcohol consumption was concerning to his family members and led to fights with friends and family. It is our opinion that he would meet the diagnostic criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder. We are assigning the specifier *in a Controlled Environment* because he is currently incarcerated and does not have access to alcohol.

He reports that he first used opioids when he was sixteen years old. He began using opioids daily in 2016. He has used both heroin and fentanyl. He estimates that prior to incarceration he was using around three grams of heroin a day. He reports that he snorted it. He endorses having a tolerance for opioids. He used to experience cravings for opioids. He reports that his use of opioids has caused him legal problems, difficulties with family members, and placed him in dangerous situations. He overdosed on opioids in 2021, but his wife was able to resuscitate him with naloxone. He has failed treatment with suboxone and at the time of his arrest he was still receiving methadone maintenance treatment. It is our opinion that he would meet the diagnostic criteria for Opioid Use Disorder. We are assigning the specifier *in a Controlled Environment* because he is currently incarcerated and does not have access to opioids.

He began using cocaine in April of 2015, after his niece passed away. Prior to his arrest, he estimates that he was using about two hundred and fifty dollars a day of cocaine, which

he reports was equivalent to about five grams a day. He reports that he would snort cocaine. He reports experiencing paranoia and auditory and visual hallucinations when under the influence of cocaine, including at the time of the alleged offenses. He reports having a tolerance for cocaine and that his use of cocaine has caused him legal issues in the past. It is our opinion that he would meet the diagnostic criteria for Stimulant Use Disorder. We are assigning the specifier *in a Controlled Environment* because he is currently incarcerated and does not have access to cocaine.

Prior to his arrest, he reports that he also used cannabis. He started smoking cannabis when he was eleven years old. His use increased to daily when he was thirteen years old. He states that he was smoking about four ounces of weed every two days, which was equivalent to about two to three hundred dollars' worth of cannabis. He states that sometimes he would smoke "wet", which he explains is marijuana cigarettes that are dipped in other substances, such as ecstasy or embalming fluid. He reports past cravings for cannabis and has a tolerance for cannabis. His cannabis use has caused problems for him both legally and with his family. It is our opinion that he would meet the diagnostic criteria for Cannabis Use Disorder. We are assigning the specifier *in a Controlled Environment* because he is currently incarcerated and does not have access to cannabis.

He reports that before he was incarcerated, he would use benzodiazepines that were not prescribed to him whenever he could get his hands on them. He started using benzodiazepines inappropriately around the age of fifteen or sixteen. He states that he was never addicted to benzodiazepines.

He reports that he began smoking tobacco when he was eleven years old. Prior to his arrest, he was smoking a box of Black & Mild cigars daily.

He denies the use of other illicit substances and he denies the use of intravenous drugs.

MEDICAL HISTORY

He reports that he has been experiencing muscle spasms in his stomach recently and is not sure the reason. He speculates it is due to the food at the detention center. He reports a history of asthma, hemorrhoids, shoulder dislocation, and a dog bite to his right calf which required wound debridement surgery and a skin graft. He denies allergies to medications.

FAMILY HISTORY

His father, Donald Broadnax, was in the armed forces at the beginning of his career and now receives disability benefits. He was married to the defendant's mother until he was eleven years old. He endorses physical trauma by his father as a child, but states that at that time it was thought of as appropriate discipline. He states that his father suffers from

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, and depression. In addition, his father uses both heroin and phencyclidine (PCP).

His mother, Brenda Diken, suffers from congestive heart failure, diabetes, and hypertension. She worked odd jobs throughout the defendant's life. Her last job was working as a receptionist for a company. There is a history of Schizophrenia on her side of the family.

He has six siblings and is number five of his parents' seven children. His siblings are named Jermaine, Donnet, Nicole, Kimberly, Donald, and Brenda. Jermaine does not work and collects disability benefits, Donnet works as a home health nurse, and Donald works at Walmart. He is not sure what his sisters Kimberly, Nicole, and Brenda do for a living. His sister, Brenda, struggles with mental illness and uses cocaine. All of his siblings consume alcohol. There is no family history of death from suicide.

SOCIAL HISTORY

He was born in Bronx, New York. He is unaware of any problems with his birth and delivery, and thinks he met developmental milestones at appropriate ages. He was raised by his mother and father until the age of five. According to his sister, his father was physically abusive to his mother. He witnessed domestic violence between his parents. Both his father and an uncle are described as abusive. When he was five years old, his mother left his father. The defendant, his mother, and his siblings moved to Richmond, Virginia. Shortly after they moved to Richmond, Virginia, his father followed them to Virginia and the defendant's parents tried to make things work until they separated when he turned eleven. (According to his sister, this happened at age 9). After that, he was raised by his mother. When he was sixteen years old, his mother remarried to a man named "Jimmy", who helped raised the defendant in his teenage years.

According to his sister he told lies as a child. She describes this as being part of his character. He attended public schools in Virginia. He reports he had accommodations while in school for an emotional disability and was in self-contained classrooms with other students who had emotional disabilities. He reports that he was an average student when he tried. He was held back in third and seventh grade. He had numerous disciplinary problems beginning in the sixth grade. He was suspended on many occasions and was expelled from two schools in the seventh grade because he assaulted a teacher and for fighting. He left school in the seventh grade. After leaving school, he found himself in the streets. He obtained a GED while in federal prison. In 2008, he earned his associate degree in business administration from ECPI University.

He reports a history of juvenile arrests for possession of drugs and firearms. He spent a couple months in the juvenile detention center at age 16. After his second or third juvenile arrest, he was sent to a group home for youths struggling with substance use. According to his sister, he eventually escaped from a juvenile facility, and he was not located until

he was an adult. He denies involvement in gangs and setting fires as an adolescent. However, he reports stealing snacks from convenience stores and cars. He frequently skipped school and was truant in the fifth grade. He used brass knuckles and other weapons during fights. He laughs while reporting that when he was younger, he would throw cats off of bridges to see if they truly had nine lives.

He reports that outside of making money by distributing illegal substances, he has had past jobs working in a warehouse and driving a tow truck. He also owned a cleaning service from 2012 until 2015/2016. According to his sister, he worked in construction and for a moving company.

He was married once, by common law, to Asha Hite, who passed away on March 9, 2023. They had known each other since they were in middle school. They have one child together, Keaj, who is nineteen years old. He states that he has not spoken to his son since his incarceration because his son has heard rumors that the defendant may have been involved in the death of his mother, Asha Hite, and his son believes what he has been told. He reports that these rumors are not true.

In addition to physical trauma, in the form of discipline, by his mother and father, he was sexually assaulted when he was eight years by an older female.

He reports he has only been to prison one time. He spent eight years in federal prison. His National Crime Information Center (NCIC) report shows prior convictions for Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Traffic Crime, Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana Within 1000 Feet of a Public School. He also has prior arrests for Possession with Intent to Distribute, Malicious Assault, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, Malicious Wounding, Possession of a Firearm and Drugs, Armed Robbery, Probation Violation, Assault and Battery, Strangulation Resulting in Injury, Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, Manufacturing/Distributing Schedule I or II Drugs, Driving While Intoxicated, and Failure to Appear.

MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION

Mr. Broadnax appeared neatly groomed with adequate hygiene. He was cooperative during the evaluation. There were no abnormal movements noted. His speech was normal in rate and volume. He was alert and oriented to person, place, day, date, and time. He was able to register three objects and he had no difficulty recalling all three objects after five minutes. He was able to recall significant past personal information and we found no evidence of clinically significant long- or short-term memory impairment. He was able to name the current president and the last two presidents. He performed well on a test of concentration and could spell the word *world* backwards. His thinking was abstract as evidenced by his ability to place similar objects into an abstract category and to interpret a simple proverb. His judgment to a hypothetical situation was adequate.

Therefore, if he were in a crowded theater and smelled smoke like it was on fire, he would get out.

As mentioned previously, he reported that his mood was "frustrated and irritable" and rated it as a 5 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being severely depressed and 10 being euphoric. He denied suicidal or homicidal ideas. He denied auditory or visual hallucinations. He denied grandiose delusions, paranoid delusions, or ideas of reference. His thinking was logical and goal-directed without loosening of associations or flight of ideas. There was no evidence of disturbed thought processes or thought content.

DIAGNOSTIC FORMULATION

The rationale behind the diagnoses of Opioid Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; Alcohol Use Disorder; and Cannabis Use Disorder can be found in the Alcohol and Substance Use History section of this report.

At the time of the alleged offense, Mr. Broadnax had been using large quantities of cocaine and heroin. In the context of this use he developed a paranoid psychosis, thinking the police were following him. He has become paranoid in the past when using cocaine. He would meet the diagnostic criteria for Cocaine-Induced Psychotic Disorder, a non-permanent condition (by definition).

Additionally, he has reported low energy, difficulty sleeping, feelings of hopelessness, and irritability. However, he has continued to use substances which could contribute to these symptoms. Therefore, he would meet the diagnostic criteria for diagnosis of Unspecified Depressive Disorder.

Finally, he has a history of early legal involvement as a juvenile and would have met criteria for Conduct Disorder. He has continued to engage in activities that are the grounds for his arrest. He has acted impulsively and shown a reckless disregard for the safety of others. He would meet the diagnostic criteria for Antisocial Personality Disorder.

DEFENDANTS ACCOUNT OF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE

Mr. Broadnax reports that on the day of the alleged offense, he was trying to go to Miami, Florida to visit the beach. Early that morning, he states that something bad happened to his wife and he did not want to be alive anymore. He reports it seemed like a good idea at the time to die on the beach. Therefore, he got into his Chevrolet Traverse, which he states belonged to him and his wife, Asha Hite, but was in Asha Hite's name, and left Richmond, Virginia and headed towards Miami, Florida. He estimates that he left Richmond, Virginia around three or four in the morning.

While he was driving towards Miami, Florida, he reports he was drinking Jose Cuervo and snorting large quantities of heroin and cocaine out of two separate bags with a straw. He

reports that he made a couple of stops for gas but did not stop to eat. While on his drive, he reports that he felt on numerous occasions that the police were following him so he would get off and back on the interstate to see if they would follow him. He reports that he did not want to go to jail. He admits that it could have been cocaine playing tricks on his mind.

While driving through what must have been South Carolina, he got off the highway to get gas because the tank was running low. Before he could enter the gas station, he thought he saw police following him. Therefore, he passed the gas station and continued driving down the country road. He was worried that if he was stopped by the police he would get caught with both firearms and cocaine in the car. Unable to evade the police (in his mind), he pulled off on the side of the road, parked his car, and ran into a swamp. When he realized there was not anyone following him, he came out of the swamp and entered the backyard of the alleged victim's property. He walked through the alleged victim's yard and tried both the front and back doors of the house, but they were locked. While standing in the middle of the alleged victim's yard, he heard the alleged victim on the phone with the police. Shortly after, he thought he saw the police drive by the house. At that point, he became very frightened. He states he was "scared but prepared to die at the same time". He reports that suddenly and unexpectedly, the alleged victim opened the front door, yelled at him to get away, and went back inside. Therefore, he tried the front door again. It was unlocked this time, so he went inside to hide from the police.

Once inside the alleged victim's home, he reports that the alleged victim hung up the phone and he asked her if she was a "cop". He does not know why he said this, but suspects it was likely because he was paranoid and "high out of [his] mind." While in the home with the alleged victim, he saw the police pull up into the alleged victim's driveway. Therefore, he barricaded both himself and the alleged victim into one of the bedrooms. He used both a mattress and a dresser to barricade the bedroom door shut. When he realized that the police could "snipe" him through the windows of the bedroom, he barricaded himself and the alleged victim into the bedroom closet. He reports that he barricaded the alleged victim with him in the closet because he knew that he would not die if she was in there also.

While in the closet, the police entered the home and began negotiations with him. He reports that the alleged victim answered most of the questions. During negotiations, he agreed to let the alleged victim go if they provided him with a phone to call his son. The police agreed to honor this request. Therefore, he reports that he let the alleged victim go because she had nothing to do with it, admitting that he was the one in the wrong. He reports that he did not sexually assault the alleged victim while they were in the closet and does not know why she would say this.

He received the phone from the police, but it did not work. He became very frustrated at this point. He reports that he took his shoes off and proceeded to attempt to burn the house down. He reports that as soon as he started to choke on the smoke, a gush of

water came through the window to put the fire out. He laughs as he recalls this memory, stating "they f**cked my suicide up." He reports he then decided that he needed to find another way to end his life. When the police department began releasing gas into the home, he was driven to the front porch of the home to get fresh air. He immediately saw a large law enforcement presence out front and beams from firearms on his body. The next thing he remembers is that they released the police K9 who grabbed him by his right leg and drug him off the porch.

He reports that he regrets what happened that day. He describes the alleged victim as a strong woman and appreciated her "talking him off the ledge" that day.

CONCLUSION REGARDING CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

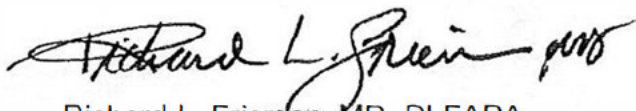
From the defendant's report, although he was paranoid due to cocaine use, there is no evidence that symptoms of an underlying mental illness played a role in the offense. He reports that he was "paranoid out of my mind" due to his cocaine use. He did not report a delusion regarding the alleged victim in this case. It is inconceivable that someone who did not stop for police because he knew it was wrong to possess cocaine and heroin and firearms would not know it is wrong to burglarize a house, kidnap a victim, sexually assault the victim, set the house on fire, and shoot at police. This would indicate that he was aware of the wrongfulness of his actions.

Based on his report and the police reports, it is our opinion that Mr. Broadnax, at the time of the alleged offense, would have been able to distinguish moral and legal right from moral and legal wrong and would have been able to recognize the particular acts charged as morally and legally wrong. Therefore, it is our opinion that he would have been criminally responsible pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §17-24-10 (1976) for his actions on or about March 9, 2023.

CONCLUSION REGARDING CAPACITY TO CONFORM

Although Mr. Broadnax was very paranoid at the time of the alleged offense, his paranoia was due to cocaine use. In retrospect, he reports that his actions were an attempt at "suicide by cop." However, according to his own report, he made great efforts to avoid being shot by police. When he was in the bedroom of the alleged incident location, he pushed the alleged victim into the closet because he thought a police sniper could shoot him through the window. He reported his motive was based on the notion that if he had a hostage, he knew he would not get shot. If indeed he were suicidal, these actions would be inconsistent with someone wanting to be dead. Additionally, if he were suicidal after the death of his wife, he had the means to kill himself without involving law enforcement or a hostage/victim. He could have shot himself in the swamp when he thought the police were after him or taken an overdose of heroin in his vehicle. Because he had other options that he chose not to use, this would indicate that the acts constituting the alleged offenses were volitional and a choice. He does not report a delusion, command hallucination,

compulsion, or other symptom of mental illness that would have impaired his ability to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law on or about March 9, 2023.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF CLARENDON)

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 vs.)
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 RONALD RAY BROADNAX)

Warrant #s: 2023A1410100049
 2023A1410100050
 2023A1410100053
 2023A1410100054
 2023A1410100055
 2023A1410100056
 2023A1410100058
 2023A1410100063

MOTION TO RECONSIDER SENTENCE

NOW COMES THE DEFENDANT, by and through his undersigned counsel, and files this motion to have the sentence of the Court reconsidered.

On November 19, 2025, the Defendant pled guilty before the Honorable R.F. Cotheran, on the charges of Burglary 1st Degree, Kidnapping, Arson 2nd Degree, Assault and Battery 1st Degree and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. He received sentences of fifty years on the Burglary charge, thirty years on the Kidnapping charge, twenty years on the Arson charge, ten years on the Assault and Battery charge and five years on the Weapon charge. All of these sentences were to be run concurrent.

Given all of the facts and circumstances prevailing, the Defendant, by and through his undersigned Counsel, now asserts that the sentence he received was excessive, cruel and unusual. The Defendant therefore requests that the Court reconsider the sentences previously rendered and resentence him to a reduced term of incarceration.

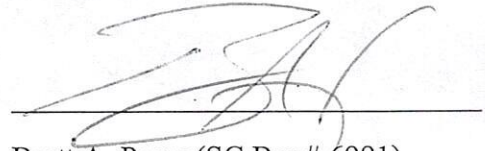
WHEREFORE, the undersigned prays that the Court schedule a hearing on this matter at its earliest convenience, that Defendant's Counsel be allowed to be heard on the matter, that the Court consider this matter thoughtfully, and issue its Order reducing the sentences previously

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imposed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PERRY LAW FIRM

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November 19, 2025
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF CLARENDON)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
 THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

INDICTMENT NO: 2023-GS-14-0152

The State of South Carolina)

vs.)

Ronald Broadnax,
 Defendant.)

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
 MOTION TO RECONSIDER SENTENCE

This matter came before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence pursuant to Rule 29 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure following Defendant's guilty plea on November 17, 2025.

The sentence imposed was within the statutory range prescribed by law. The Court considered all relevant factors at sentencing, including the nature and circumstances of the offense, the Defendant's criminal history, and any mitigating or aggravating circumstances. The Defendant has failed to demonstrate any legal or factual basis warranting modification or reconsideration of the sentence imposed. This Court finds no error of law, abuse of discretion, or other grounds justifying relief.

For the foregoing reasons, this Court respectfully DENIES the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

Jan 13, 2026
 Manning, South Carolina

Chief Administrative and Presiding Judge
R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
 R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.

WITNESSES

Clarendon County Sheriff

Randy Jones

Patrick McKenzie

Dakota Stephen

Kenneth Clark

Jessica Hill

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2023A1410100049	2023A1410100050
2023A1410100053	2023A1410100063
2023A1410100054	2023A1410100055
2023A1410100056	2023A1410100058

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date:

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

AMENDED
DOCKET NO. 2023-GS-14-0152

The State of South Carolina

County of CLARENDON

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

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THE STATE

VS.

RONALD RAY BROADNAX

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At a Court of General Sessions, convened on October 9, 2025 the Grand Jurors of
 CLARENDON County present upon their oath:

COUNT ONE – BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County on or about March 9, 2023, willfully and unlawfully enter the dwelling of Jessica Hill located at 1411 Spigner Road, without consent and with the intent to commit a crime therein, and the defendant was armed with a deadly weapon (firearm) in violation of the Section 16-11-311, S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

COUNT TWO - KIDNAPPING

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County on or about March 9, 2023, unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away one Jessica Hill, without authority of law, in violation of Section 16-03-0910, S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

COUNT THREE – ARSON 2ND DEGREE

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County on or about March 9, 2023, willfully and maliciously cause an explosion, set fire to, burn, cause to be burned, or aided, counseled or procured the burning of one double-wide mobile home belonging to Jessica and Randy Hill, in violation of Section 16-22-0110(B), S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

COUNT FOUR – ASSAULT AND BATTERY 1ST DEGREE

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon on or about March 9, 2023, violate Section 16-3-600(C)(1) of the code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, in that he did unlawfully offer or attempt to injure another person, to wit: Jessica Hill, with the present ability to do so, and the act was accomplished by means likely to produce death or great bodily injury as well as occurred during the commission of a robbery, burglary, kidnapping, or theft.

COUNT FIVE- DISCHARGING A FIREARM INTO A DWELLING

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County on or about March 9, 2023, discharge or cause to be discharged unlawfully, firearms at or into a dwelling house or other building or enclosure regularly occupied by persons; or into a vehicle, aircraft, watercraft or other conveyance or equipment while it was occupied, in violation of Section 16-23-0440, S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

ATTACHED TO AND BECOMING A PART OF THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENT FOR 2023-GS-14-0152 THE AFORESAID NAME(S) OF RONALD RAY BROADNAX SHOWN THEREON:

COUNT SIX – POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County, on or about March 9, 2023, possess a firearm, or visibly display what appeared to be a firearm, or visibly displayed a knife, during the commission or attempted commission of a violent crime, in violation of Section 16-23-0490, S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

COUNT SEVEN – ATTEMPTED MURDER

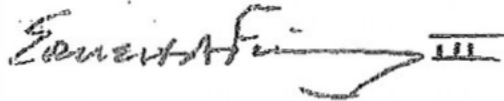
That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon on or about March 9, 2023, violate Section 16-3-0029 of the code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, in that he, with intent to kill, attempted to kill another person with malice aforethought, either expressed or implied, committed the offense of attempted murder, to wit: discharged a firearm through a wall where Captain Kenneth Clark was located and engaging in hostage negotiations with said Defendant.

COUNT EIGHT – CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT 1ST DEGREE

That **RONALD RAY BROADNAX** did in Clarendon County on or about March 9, 2023, violate Section 16-3-652 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, in that the said Defendant did engage in, or attempt to engage in, a sexual battery in and upon Jessica Hill by using aggravated force and aggravated coercion upon her and assaulting her with the intent to engage sexual battery with the said Victim.

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

Solicitor

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COUNTY OF ClarendonINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-14-00152

STATE VS.

A/W#: 2023A1410100049Date of Offense: 3/9/2023S.C. Code § 16-11-0311CDR Code #: 0079

Range of Offense: _____

Ronald Ray Broadnax

AKA: _____ SSN: _____

RACE: _____ SEX: M DOB: _____In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was
TO: Burglary / Burglary (After June 20, 1985) - Fir☐ CONVICTED OF or
Range of Offense Pled _____☐ PLEADS _____in violation of § 16-11-0311 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0079☐ 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 _____Pierce, Darla F 77856
SC Bar # _____Perry, Brett Allen SCB6991
SC Bar# _____The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Programfor a determinate term of 50 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*; 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: _____☒ 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.
95.6 days/months ☐ 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 \$ _____

FINE: \$ _____

☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-190(B))

§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 instalments)

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

\$100

\$100

\$12

\$25

\$25

\$150

\$41

\$50

\$40/ea

TBD

\$500

\$40

TOTAL

\$ 128.75☐ 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 FundShana Foran
Clerk of Court/ Deputy ClerkSula Amerson
Court Reporter2024
Judge Code11/19/23
Sentence DateR. L. ...
Presiding JudgeSCCA217B
01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF ClarendonINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-14-00152

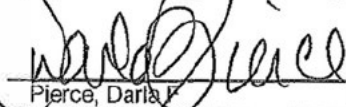
STATE VS.

A/W#: 2023A1410100050Date of Offense: 3/9/2023S.C. Code § 16-03-0910CDR Code #: 0095

Range of Offense: _____

Ronald Ray Broadnax

AKA: _____ SSN: [REDACTED]

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SC Bar #

Perry, Brett Allen

SCB6991

SC Bar#

The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Programfor a determinate term of 30 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*; 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: _____☒ 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.98.6 days/months☐ 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 \$

FINE: \$

☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-190(B))

§14-1-208 (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)

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the

Clerk of Court within _____ days/months

\$100

\$100

\$12

\$25

\$25

\$150

\$41

\$50

\$40/ea

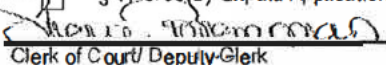
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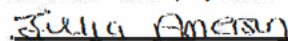
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TOTAL

\$ 128.75

☐ 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

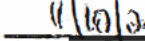
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Court Reporter



Judge Code



Sentence Date



Presiding Judge

SCCA217B

01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF ClarendonINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-14-00152

STATE VS.

A/W#: 2023A1410100053Date of Offense: 3/9/2023Ronald Ray BroadnaxS.C. Code § 16-11-0110(B)

AKA: _____ SSN: _____

CDR Code #: 2551RACE: Black SEX: M DOB: _____

Range of Offense: _____

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was

☐ CONVICTED OF or
Range of Offense Pled☐ PLEADSTO: Arson / Arson - Second degreein violation of § 16-11-0110(B) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code #2551☐ 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 ☐ RecommendationPierce, Darla F77856
SC Bar #Perry, Brett AllenSCB6991
SC Bar#The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDCC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Programfor a determinate term of 20 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*; 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: _____☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code §24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDCC.9.56 days/months☐ 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 \$ _____

FINE: \$ _____

☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-190(B))

\$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)

Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the

Clerk of Court within _____ days/months

\$100

\$100

\$12

\$25

\$25

\$150

\$41

\$50

\$40/ea

TBD

\$500

\$40

TOTAL

\$

\$100.00

\$

\$

\$

\$25.00

\$

\$

\$

\$3.75

\$

\$

\$

\$128.75

☐ 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 FundShirley R. Thompson

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Julia Anderson

Court Reporter

2144

Judge Code

11/14/23

Sentence Date

R. L. ...

Presiding Judge

SCCA217B
01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF ClarendonINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-14-00152

STATE vs.

AW#: 2023A1410100054Date of Offense: 3/9/2023Ronald Ray BroadnaxS.C. Code § 16-03-0600 (C) (1)AKA: SSN: [REDACTED]CDR Code #: 3412RACE: Black SEX: M DOB: [REDACTED]

Range of Offense: _____

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was
TO: Assault / Assault & Battery 1st degree☐ CONVICTED OF or
Range of Offense Pled☐ PLEADSin violation of § 16-03-0600 (C) (1) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code #3412☒ 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 ☐ RecommendationPierce, Darla F77856
SC Bar #Perry, Brett AllenSCB6991
SC Bar#The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Programfor a determinate term of 10 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*; 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: _____☒ 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.
986 days/months ☐ 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 \$ _____
FINE: \$ _____☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-110(B))

\$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)

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

\$100	\$
\$100	\$ <u>100.00</u>
\$12	\$
\$25	\$
\$25	\$ <u>25.00</u>
\$150	\$
\$41	\$
\$50	\$
\$40/ea	\$
TBD	\$ <u>3.71</u>
\$500	\$
\$40	\$

TOTAL

\$ 128.71☐ 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 FundSharon Thompson
Clerk of Court/ Deputy ClerkSula Anderson
Court Reporter2144
Judge Code4/1/2023
Sentence Date[Signature]
Presiding JudgeSCGA217B
01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF ClarendonINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-14-00152

STATE vs.

A/W#: 2023A1410100056Date of Offense: 3/9/2023Ronald Ray BroadnaxS.C. Code § 16-23-0490AKA: SSN: [REDACTED]CDR Code #: 0549RACE: Black SEX: M DOB: [REDACTED]Range of Offense:

In disposition of the above Indictment comes now the Defendant who was

☐ CONVICTED OF or
Range of Offense Pled☐ PLEADSTO: Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crimein violation of § 16-23-0490 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code #0549☐ 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 ☐ RecommendationPierce, Darla F 77856 SC Bar # 77856Perry, Brett Allen SCB6991 SC Bar#

The Defendant is committed to the ☒ 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*; 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:

☒ 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.
986 days/months ☐ 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 \$
 FINE: \$

☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-190(B))

\$14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5 %)

\$14-1-211(A)(1) (Conv. Surcharge)

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\$56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)

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Clerk of Court within days/months

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\$25	\$ <u> </u>
\$25	\$ <u>25.00</u>
\$150	\$ <u> </u>
\$41	\$ <u> </u>
\$50	\$ <u> </u>
\$40/ea	\$ <u> </u>
TBD	\$ <u>3.75</u>
\$500	\$ <u> </u>
\$40	\$ <u> </u>

TOTAL

\$ 128.75

☐ 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:

Julia Amerson
Court Reporter2/21/23
Judge Code11/8/23
Sentence DateR. L. Smith
Presiding JudgeSCCA217B
01/27/2025

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

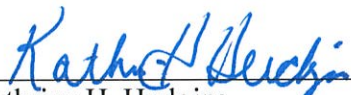
Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised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

Respectfully Submitted,

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This 20th day of July, 2026.

