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Appeal from Richland County

Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JANOBLIN MAURICE BRACY-BROWN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2016-001513

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 2 COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) 2012 GS 40 0347; 0350; 0356;  
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 8 JANOBLIN MAURICE BRACY-BROWN )  
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 9 Defendant )

10 Columbia, South Carolina  
 11 March 14, 2013  
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13 B E F O R E :

14 HONORABLE G. THOMAS COOPER, Judge Presiding

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1           (The within matter came before the Court for hearing  
2 on March 14, 2013)

3           THE COURT: All right, Solicitor.

4           SOLICITOR: The State calls Janoblin Bracy-Brown, Your  
5 Honor.

6           (Defendant sworn by the Clerk for purposes of this  
7 proceeding)

8           SOLICITOR: May it please the Court, Your Honor?

9           Before the Court is Janoblin Bracy-Brown. He is with  
10 his attorney, Mr. James Cooper of the Public Defender's  
11 Office.

12          Your Honor, he's pleading guilty to, as charged, at-  
13 tempted armed robbery and armed robbery. He is also plead-  
14 ing guilty to, I think as charged, assault and battery in  
15 the first degree, and two counts of assault and battery  
16 in the first degree have been reduced from attempted mur-  
17 der.

18          In exchange for his pleas and upon sentencing, the  
19 State will dismiss three counts of possession of a weapon  
20 in the commission of a violent offense and one count of  
21 armed robbery.

22          Your Honor, we're asking that you defer sentencing in  
23 this case until a later time.

24          THE COURT: Mr. Cooper, does Mr. Brown understand the  
25 significance of his guilty pleas to most serious offenses,

1 no parole offenses, in this particular case?

2 MR. COOPER: Yes, he does, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Does he understand the possible sentences  
4 he could get upon giving up his rights and waiving a jury  
5 trial?

6 MR. COOPER: Yes, he does, Judge.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Brown, you are pleading guilty to at-  
8 tempted armed robbery, and you can get up to twenty years  
9 in jail for that offense. Do you understand that?

10 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: For armed robbery, you can get up to thirty  
12 years in jail, and you must receive a sentence of at least  
13 ten years in jail. None of that can be suspended. Do  
14 you understand that?

15 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Both of those offenses are most serious  
17 offenses in the eyes of the law. That means that you use  
18 up at least one of the strikes you have today, and if you  
19 have any subsequent offenses when you get out of jail you  
20 will use up your second strike and you would go to jail  
21 for the rest of your life. Do you understand that?

22 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Upon entering a plea of guilty you give up  
24 certain of your rights. You give up your -- excuse me.

25 Assault and battery carries up to ten years in jail.

1 Do you understand that?

2 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: If you give up your right to a jury trial  
4 in this process, you give up your right to say nothing at  
5 all. Do you understand that?

6 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: You have a right to a jury trial in each  
8 of these charges. If you plead guilty you will not have  
9 a jury trial as you give up that right. Do you understand  
10 that?

11 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: If you had a jury trial, the State would  
13 have to prove your guilty, and all members of the jury  
14 must find you guilty of these charges beyond a reasonable  
15 doubt.

16 You wouldn't have to prove you are not guilty, but the  
17 State would have to prove the charges. If you plead  
18 guilty you don't get a trial. You give up that right.  
19 Do you understand that?

20 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: If you had a trial, you would have a right  
22 to question the State's witnesses who testify against you.  
23 You can call your own witnesses to testify for you, but if  
24 you plead guilty you don't get to question witnesses and  
25 you don't get to call witnesses. Do you understand all of

1 that, sir?

2 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Have you understood the rights I have just  
4 explained to you?

5 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Do you want me to go over any of it with  
7 you again?

8 DEFENDANT: No, sir.

9 THE COURT: Indictment Number 356 charges you with  
10 attempted armed robbery, and it says that you did in Rich-  
11 land County on or about July 2nd of 2011, while armed with  
12 a deadly weapon, attempt to take and carry away goods or  
13 moneys, which is stealing.

14 Do you understand the charge of attempted armed rob-  
15 bery?

16 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: How do you plead to that?

18 DEFENDANT: Guilty.

19 THE COURT: Indictment 350 charges you with armed  
20 robbery and says that you did in Richland County on or  
21 about June 24th of 2011 commit a robbery by means of force  
22 or intimidation and take away goods that did not belong to  
23 you, specifically U. S. Currency, while you were armed  
24 with a deadly weapon or something that looked like a  
25 deadly weapon.

1           You are therefore charged with armed robbery. Do you  
2 understand that charge?

3           DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4           THE COURT: How do you plead to that?

5           DEFENDANT: Guilty, sir.

6           THE COURT: Indictment Number 358 charges you with at-  
7 tempted murder, and that Indictment says that you did in  
8 Richland County on or about June 26, 2011, with the in-  
9 tent to kill, attempt to kill Matthew Taylor with malice  
10 aforethought.

11          Do you plead guilty to assault and battery in the  
12 first degree on that, and do you understand that charge?

13          DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14          THE COURT: Indictment 357 charges you with another  
15 count of attempted murder on July 2nd of 2011 with intent  
16 to kill; that you intended to kill Hampton Johnson (inaud-  
17 ible).

18          They are allowing you to plead guilty again to as-  
19 sault and battery in the first degree. Do you understand  
20 that charge?

21          DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22          THE COURT: How do you plead to it?

23          DEFENDANT: Guilty.

24          THE COURT: Indictment Number 347 charges you with  
25 assault and battery in the first degree on June 24, 2011,

1 and this time an assault and battery upon the victim,  
2 Mr. Harrison (inaudible), in committing an act of bodily  
3 injury.

4 You are charged with assault and battery in the first  
5 degree in connection with that. Do you understand that  
6 charge?

7 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: How do you plead to that?

9 DEFENDANT: I plead guilty, sir.

10 THE COURT: Has anybody promised you anything or held  
11 out any hope of reward to get you to plead guilty to these  
12 charges?

13 DEFENDANT: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Has anyone threatened you or in any way  
15 forced you to plead guilty to these charges?

16 DEFENDANT: No, sir.

17 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty freely and volun-  
18 tarily?

19 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Of your own will and accord?

21 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with everything Mr.  
23 Cooper has done for you as your lawyer?

24 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: You are satisfied with his representation?

1           DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2           THE COURT: Have you had enough time to talk to him  
3 about all of this?

4           DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5           THE COURT: Have you understood the talks you have had  
6 with him?

7           DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8           THE COURT: Do you need some time to talk with him any  
9 more?

10          DEFENDANT: No, sir.

11          THE COURT: Before we go forward with your pleas, do  
12 you need to talk with him any more?

13          DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14          THE COURT: We'll give you whatever time you need to  
15 talk to him.

16          DEFENDANT: I believe I understand it.

17          THE COURT: I don't mean to suggest to you that you  
18 don't but . . .

19          MR. COOPER: After it's over, I told him I would come  
20 and talk to him but I think that's what he means. There  
21 aren't any concerns right now and I will speak to him af-  
22 ter it's over.

23          THE COURT: You understand what you're doing?

24          DEFENDANT: Yeah, I understand this.

25          THE COURT: You will have ten days from the date of

1 your sentencing -- not today but ten days from the date  
2 of your sentencing -- to file for post conviction or an  
3 appeal. You have to do that within ten days of your sen-  
4 tencing to file an appeal to your sentencing and your  
5 plea.

6 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: All right. Solicitor, let me hear from  
8 you.

9 SOLICITOR: I'll be brief, Your Honor.

10 All of these incidents occurred on different dates  
11 between June 24th and July second of 2011, where the De-  
12 fendant and the passenger, the CoDefendant, made entry  
13 into cabs with a gun.

14 He attempted to rob one cab driver and did rob the  
15 others.

16 Judge, two times the victims were struck. One cab  
17 driver was struck in the back of the head with a gun, and  
18 the other two were actually shot at and sustained injury.

19 He was identified by photographic lineup or video sur-  
20 veillance or the Defendant left personal items in the  
21 cab.

22 I would reserve the right to go into further detail  
23 at the time of sentencing.

24 MR. COOPER: Sure.

25 THE COURT: All right. I find there is factual support

1 for these charges and a factual basis on which they were  
2 made.

3 The pleas have been freely and voluntarily made, and  
4 he has had the services of a competent lawyer with whom he  
5 has said he is satisfied.

6 I will accept the pleas today, and the sentencing will  
7 be deferred until a later date.

8 SOLICITOR: Thank you, Judge.

9 THE COURT: Thank you all.

10 -----END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD-----

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3 Carolina Court Administration, hereby certify that the  
4 foregoing Transcript was prepared to the best of my abil-  
5 ity from the records of Daphne Helms, having been heard  
6 in the Court of General Sessions for Richland County on  
7 March 14, 2013.

8 Further, I would certify that I am not related to or  
9 counsel of any party to the action, nor do I have any  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
2012-GS-40-00350

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD  
JANOBLIN BRACY-BROWN, )  
Defendant. )

June 4, 2014  
Columbia, South Carolina

B E F O R E:

THE HONORABLE LETITIA HAMILTON VERDIN , JUDGE.

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(WHEREUPON, no witnesses were called during these proceedings.)

E X H I B I T S

(WHEREUPON, no exhibits were introduced during these proceedings.)



1 today: One count of armed robbery and three counts  
2 of possession of firearm during the commission of a  
3 violent offense.

4 Your Honor, back -- this plea was taken before  
5 Judge Cooper on March 14th of last year. He was  
6 represented at that time by Mr. James Cooper, of  
7 the Public Defender's Office, who shortly  
8 thereafter passed away.

9 Jennifer Davis, with the Public Defender's  
10 Office, is now representing him for purposes of  
11 sentencing.

12 His sentencing was deferred, Your Honor,  
13 because Mr. Brown was in agreement with the State  
14 to help in the prosecution of a Co-Defendant in one  
15 of his offenses who had requested a trial,  
16 Mr. Tyrek Givens. Mr. Givens' charges were  
17 disposed of earlier this year.

18 We are here today for sentencing.

19 Would you like for me to give you background  
20 facts at this time?

21 THE COURT: If you don't mind, yes, ma'am.

22 MS. GARFIELD: Judge, these facts arise out of  
23 three separate incidents. And I'm actually going  
24 to take them out of order to kind of explain to you  
25 how law enforcement developed their investigation.

1           The first one involving -- he is pleading  
2 guilty to an assault and battery in the first  
3 degree, which is reduced from attempted murder.  
4 And in this particular incident, he is having an  
5 armed robbery and possession of a weapon during a  
6 violent offense not-prosecuted.

7           The victim in this case is Mr. Matthew Taylor.  
8 And I would just like to make sure. Is Matthew  
9 Taylor in the courtroom?

10           (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

11           MS. GARFIELD: Your Honor, that incident  
12 occurred June 26th of 2011 at 36 -- actually, that  
13 is not the right address -- at Carnegie  
14 Street. Mr. Taylor was a driver of a Checker  
15 Yellow taxi, and the Defendant, along with a  
16 Co-Defendant, Tyrek Givens, made a phone call  
17 asking him to come and pick them up.

18           They did arrive to that particular location.  
19 When the Defendants approached them, did produce  
20 weapons and did fire at them. He was not injured  
21 in any way. They then stole some money from him  
22 and then fled the scene.

23           That scene obviously -- that began an  
24 investigation. And just a few days later, on  
25 July 2nd, 2011, the same sort of scenario. A taxi

1 driver was called to Hammond Avenue. Well,  
2 I'm sorry, called the Bay Shell area, picked up two  
3 individuals, and then taken to Hammond Avenue.  
4 The victim in that case was Robert Hampton.

5 The Defendant produced or asked him if he had  
6 change for a \$50 bill. As Mr. Hampton looked for  
7 some change, Mr. Brown changed his mind and said,  
8 Nevermind, here is a 10-dollar bill, gave him the  
9 10-dollar bill. At that time produced guns, him  
10 and his Co-Defendant produced guns, in an effort to  
11 rob him.

12 At that time it is alleged that Mr. Hampton  
13 put his hand under the seat as if he were going to  
14 somehow defend himself when the Defendant opened  
15 fire on him and did strike him in his upper chest/  
16 shoulder area.

17 At that time they did flee. However, the  
18 Defendant left his cell phone in the car.

19 Law enforcement obviously arrived. They were  
20 not able to identify -- interview the victim  
21 initially because he was being treated by the  
22 hospital, but they were able to get a search  
23 warrant on his car where they found the cell phone.

24 The cell phone did come back registered to Mr.  
25 Brown. And there were photographs of the Defendant

1 arming himself with guns on the phone.

2 With that they were able to identify from  
3 those photographs, along with several members of  
4 the Columbia Police Department who were familiar  
5 with Mr. Brown were able to identify him as  
6 Janoblin Bracy-Brown as someone that hung out in  
7 the Bethel-Bishop and Colony communities in our  
8 city. All this is in the City of Columbia. And,  
9 Judge, you are not from here anymore. That is some  
10 of our higher crime area.

11 They identified him as Janoblin Bracy-Brown.  
12 At that time they go back and revisit another  
13 incident.

14 Again, cab driver called on June 24th, 2011,  
15 at High Circle. That victim's name was  
16 Harrison Munywoki, for Madam Court Reporter.  
17 Again, he was dispatched to a location and  
18 immediately was struck. After he hears a large  
19 laugh, he turns and sees a Co-Defendant shoot into  
20 the air, and then immediately feels the back of his  
21 head being hit by something that he believed to be  
22 a handgun.

23 Approximately a hundred dollars was taken from  
24 him, and people did flee.

25 Based on those cell phone pictures from the

1 post-robbery, he was shown a photographic line-up,  
2 and he was able to identify the Defendant as the  
3 person that did assault him.

4 Your Honor, the second robbery, or the one  
5 involving Mr. Taylor, they then go back and they  
6 are able to retrieve video footage from an  
7 apartment complex where it determined the Defendant  
8 lived.

9 They see the Defendant coming from his  
10 apartment building, then they see a Tyrek Givens  
11 coming from another apartment building. The two of  
12 them leave. And then they are seen, the two  
13 together, coming back. And that is where you see  
14 the Checker Yellow come into play.

15 This video was shown to the Defendant's  
16 mother. The Defendant's mother did identify him as  
17 being the person in the video.

18 Also, Tyrek Givens' probation agent was shown  
19 the video, and he identified Tyrek Givens as the  
20 person in the video.

21 Tyrek Givens was then interviewed, and he did  
22 implicate himself and the Defendant being involved  
23 in the robbery. Of course, he pointed that Mr.  
24 Brown was the more culpable person and the one that  
25 actually that did the shooting.

1           When the Defendant himself was finally brought  
2 in and interviewed, he initially denied for some  
3 time having anything to do with this. He even  
4 denied ever riding in a cab. He tried to place the  
5 blame on other people, saying other people had  
6 borrowed routinely his cell phone and that is how  
7 it was used so many times. He never really gave an  
8 implicating statement at that time.

9           Mr. Givens wanted a trial. He was willing to  
10 cooperate. He did give law enforcement -- the  
11 Defendant before you did give law enforcement a  
12 statement. It was minimal statement. Can't say it  
13 was the best against Mr. Givens, but he did give a  
14 statement implicating Mr. Givens, and he would have  
15 been cooperative and used in trial against  
16 Mr. Givens.

17           Mr. Givens did, after that statement was  
18 rendered, agree to plead guilty to the same charges  
19 that Mr. Brown had already pled guilty to  
20 previously in his deferred plea.

21           We have also had several people in the jail  
22 that have come forward that have given statements,  
23 their names will remain anonymous at this time, who  
24 do report -- and they have this in discovery -- but  
25 they do report that the Defendant admits to the

1 last shooting of the cab driver. Several  
2 statements where the Defendant was trying to kill  
3 the cab driver, and that kind of nature of the  
4 statement.

5 His prior record, Judge, consists as an  
6 adult -- a 2010 ABHAN conviction -- that would have  
7 been three of the new ABHANS -- and a April of 2011  
8 possession of controlled substance. He also has a  
9 minimal juvenile record.

10 He has been in jail -- I'm sure Ms. Davis has  
11 that right before her, I had it earlier -- over  
12 1000 days. He has been in jail since July 7th,  
13 2011.

14 And I believe that is all from the State,  
15 Judge.

16 THE COURT: All right. And y'all are not  
17 making any recommendation as to sentence?

18 MS. GARFIELD: Judge, the agreement at plea  
19 was I would recommend a concurrent sentence.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MS. GARFIELD: And there would be no other  
22 negotiations.

23 THE COURT: All right. Yes, ma'am?

24 MS. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor. May it  
25 please the Court?

1           And as Ms. Garfield stated, I became involved  
2           in this case after Janoblin had already pled  
3           guilty. My understanding was that the sentencing  
4           was deferred so that he could cooperate. He did  
5           follow through on that. He gave actually a 4-page  
6           single-spaced statement.

7           He told us, from what I can review of the  
8           discovery and his statement, everything that there  
9           was to tell and corroborated everything that we  
10          believe happened between him and Mr. Givens. I  
11          don't believe there is anything else he could have  
12          told them that he didn't in his statement.

13          He has been in jail, Your Honor, 1061 days.  
14          That is almost three years day-for-day.

15          He was 18 at the time this happened. He was  
16          fully prepared to go and testify against his  
17          Co-Defendant had he gone to trial, but he ended up  
18          pleading I think about three weeks ago.

19          Your Honor, Janoblin went through a Turning  
20          Leaf program down at the jail. And I'm not sure if  
21          Your Honor is familiar with that. It is something  
22          that has been down at the jail for I think the last  
23          year and a half or so. And he gave me all the  
24          paperwork from that program. And I have been to  
25          the graduation and watched the inmates get up and

1 talk about their poems and essays, and stuff like  
2 that. But he also gave me the worksheet that he  
3 did. And it is not something a defense attorney  
4 gets to see a whole lot of, their work that they  
5 have done.

6 But it was very effectual, Your Honor. I  
7 think it speaks for his character.

8 He is 21 now. He was 18 when this happened.  
9 He has done a lot of growing up. Unfortunately, he  
10 has done it down at the Detention Center.

11 He spoke to me regularly about what that --  
12 what he learned from that. Not only did he learn  
13 once he got arrested, but learned what it is like  
14 to see people coming in and out of the jail, what  
15 happens at the jail. Being down there for three  
16 years day-for-day, he, unfortunately, has seen a  
17 lot.

18 Your Honor, one of the things I thought was  
19 interesting in his paperwork that he did for that  
20 program is it asked, if he was on probation or  
21 parole what would you do and how could he repair  
22 damages his actions had done in the community.

23 Now, granted, we understand he is not getting  
24 probation today, and he's very aware of that. We  
25 are asking Your Honor to consider the minimum

1 sentence concurrent.

2 But I did think that what he wrote was  
3 interesting. He said: I will give my professional  
4 painting and renovating skills to the community. I  
5 will establish my credibility effective. They will  
6 respect me and they can trust me again. While I  
7 work, I can develop normalcy and be at peace. They  
8 will not have to worry. I will experience and  
9 accept all the wrongs that I have done. I have  
10 learned important lessons at this point. And any  
11 choice that will be made will be made with thoughts  
12 of their actions. I am very sorry for the pain I  
13 have caused everyone in my whole life. I have got  
14 a lot of work to do, and I'm doing it with God  
15 Almighty.

16 And that is something he wrote while at the  
17 jail. It is not something I told him to say. It  
18 is not something I had an influence on. I have  
19 plenty of clients if they were asked that question  
20 I don't know how they would respond, but I think  
21 very few would have the foresight to say what he  
22 said.

23 I think the fact that he said it in a program,  
24 which he knew no one may ever see it, speaks to his  
25 character and to what he can be once he is released

1 from the Department of Corrections.

2 I spoke with his mother and a girlfriend  
3 repeatedly. They are in support of him. His  
4 girlfriend could not get off work today. His  
5 mother was actually going to be here and called me  
6 this morning and had been admitted to the emergency  
7 room for a stomach problem that she was having, and  
8 so she could not be here either, but desperately  
9 wanted to be and wanted to know what the outcome  
10 was for Janoblin.

11 Your Honor, I'm asking you to consider the ten  
12 years with 85 percent, as you know, come out on  
13 community supervision. I think that is a  
14 substantial amount of time for someone at 18 when  
15 they get into trouble to have to go to the  
16 Department of Corrections. I think that is enough  
17 to rehabilitate him, enough to punish him, and to  
18 meet any other goals that are supposed to be met in  
19 the criminal system. And I would ask Your Honor to  
20 consider that.

21 I know that he wants to address you at this  
22 time.

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, Your Honor. I'm  
25 Janoblin Bracy-Brown. And I would like to mention

1           that I was 18 at the time and wasn't responsible  
2           for my actions. And I would like to -- and I have  
3           made plenty of mistakes and learned from them as  
4           well as not to be a repeat offender. I have also  
5           made bad decisions by hanging around the wrong  
6           people that got me in a situation that I can't get  
7           out.

8           Your Honor, while serving these 35 months, I  
9           have learned lot of things that I have been allowed  
10          to see, which was a wake-up call for me.

11          And also, while this is my first felony  
12          charge, it also will be my last. But causing me  
13          service time at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center has  
14          taught me a valuable lesson. I do not intend to  
15          throw my life away to the system anymore.

16          Your Honor, by serving these months, I have  
17          been praying and hoping for a second chance for  
18          freedom to turn my life around and be the best I  
19          can be and to be there to aid and assist my sick  
20          mother as well.

21          And, Your Honor, I know I'm not perfect nor am  
22          I special to any other. All I'm asking is for your  
23          favoritism to hear me out while I speak from my  
24          heart to let you know that I'm a changed man. I  
25          want to do the right thing and be successful in

1 life.

2 And, Your Honor, one thing I -- another thing  
3 I would like to say, I'm very sorry to the victim  
4 for my behavior and my actions.

5 If they are here today, I will say, I'm very  
6 sorry, and I wish I could take those things back.

7 And I want to say that I'm very sorry to you  
8 as well for breaking the law here in the State of  
9 South Carolina.

10 And I thank you for taking the time to hear me  
11 out.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 MS. DAVIS: And, Your Honor, actually he  
14 failed to mention -- the probation agent was just  
15 here. He has a probation violation as well, which  
16 was a YOA not to exceed four years. He has done  
17 three years day-for-day. And I would ask Your  
18 Honor to terminate that.

19 And during the course of these events, I just  
20 want to relay as well, he was not in his right  
21 state of mind. He was using cocaine, marijuana,  
22 alcohol, which is clear from his probation report  
23 as well because he tested positive. In his right  
24 state of mind, I don't think anything would have  
25 happened, although he is very aware that that is

1 not an excuse, that is just what happened.

2 So I would ask Your Honor to consider the ten  
3 years concurrent.

4 MS. GARFIELD: Your Honor, can I just put  
5 something on the record as well?

6 THE COURT: Certainly.

7 MS. GARFIELD: Matthew Taylor, one of the  
8 victims, he had told us he was going to be present,  
9 and he has not appeared.

10 Also, the other two victims indicated they  
11 were not going to be here because they didn't want  
12 anything to do with the Defendant and did not want  
13 to see him.

14 The investigator, lead investigator in this  
15 case, is Sergeant Robert McCracken, with the  
16 Columbia Police Department. He wanted to be here  
17 today and was here for the plea, but he is wrapped  
18 up in an incident that occurred in the Vista this  
19 past weekend.

20 THE COURT: All right. The sentence of the  
21 Court is 16 years, credit for the time that you  
22 served, concurrent; and ten concurrent on all the  
23 assault and batteries.

24 Good luck to you.

25 MS. GARFIELD: Thank you, Judge.

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(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded.)

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**WITNESSES**

(S) INV. DOW - Columbia Police  
Department

McCracken

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

K689110

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**TRUE BILL**

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date: *Margaret K. Davidson*  
JAN 19 2012

**VERDICT**

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

DOCKET NO. 2012GS40 00347

**The State of South Carolina**

County of

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**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

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Janoblin M B Brown

**Indictment for  
ASSAULT AND BATTERY 1ST DEGREE**

SC Code: 16-03-600(c)(1)  
CDR Code: 3412

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

Defendant

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

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. AND G.S.

**WITNESSES**

(S) INV. DOW - Columbia Police  
Department

McCracken

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

K689108

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

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Margaret K. Dickerson  
Foreperson of Grand Jury  
Date: JAN 19 2012

**VERDICT**

Foreperson of Petit Jury  
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2012GS40 00350

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County of

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**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

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Janoblin M B Brown

**Indictment for  
ARMED ROBBERY**

SC Code: 16-11-0330(A)  
CDR Code: 0139

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

Defendant

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

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. AND G.S.

**WITNESSES**

(S) Robert Mccracken - Columbia Police Department

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

K689155

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**TRUE BILL**

*Margaret H. Dickman*  
Foreperson of Grand Jury  
Date: JAN 19 2012

**VERDICT**

Foreperson of Petit Jury  
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2012GS40 00356

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**Janoblin M B Brown**

**Indictment for  
ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY**

SC Code: 16-11-0330(B)  
CDR Code: 0026

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

Defendant

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

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. PLS. AND G.S.

**WITNESSES**

(S) Robert Mccracken - Columbia Police Department

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

K689154

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**TRUE BILL**

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date:

JAN 19 2012

**VERDICT**

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

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**Janoblin M B Brown**

**Indictment for  
ATTEMPTED MURDER**

SC Code: 16-03-0029

CDR Code: 3410

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Defendant

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

Defendant

Witness:

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**WITNESSES**

(S) Robert Mccracken - Columbia Police  
Department

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

K689291

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**TRUE BILL**

*Margaret A. Dickerson*  
Foreperson of Grand Jury  
Date: JAN 19 2012

**VERDICT**

Foreperson of Petit Jury  
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2012GS40 00358

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Indictment for  
**ATTEMPTED MURDER**

SC Code: 16-03-0029  
CDR Code: 3410

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to the Grand Jury.

Defendant

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*Janoblin M B Brown*  
Defendant

Witness: *[Signature]*  
C.C.C. PLS. AND G.S.

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TO: The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Presiding Circuit Court Judge  
The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes  
cc: Dolly Garfield, Assistant Solicitor

This matter comes before me on motion of Deputy Public Defender Jennifer Davis, Attorney for the Defendant, requesting this Court to reconsider the sentence imposed against the Defendant on the above referenced indictments.

It appears that the Defendant pled guilty before this Court in March 2013 when James Cooper represented him. His sentence was deferred at that time. He was sentenced on June 4, 2014. He received sixteen years on his Armed Robbery charge, sixteen years on his Attempted Armed Robbery charge, and ten years on the three counts of Assault and Battery First Degree all concurrent.

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The Defendant respectfully requests this Court to reconsider the sentence imposed in the above-referenced case because Defendant believes the solicitor's position regarding sentencing was represented differently on the record than had been expressed to Defendant.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Davis  
Deputy Public Defender  
Attorney for the Defendant

Columbia, South Carolina

This 11 day of June, 2014

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this date I served the Motion to Reconsider Sentence in this case on The State of South Carolina by delivering a copy of this motion to the State's attorney of record, Assistant Solicitor Dolly Garfield, by delivering said copy to The Office of the Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County Judicial Center, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and leaving it with a clerk or other person of authority at said office.

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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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