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Appeal from Jasper County
Honorable Perry M. Buckner, Circuit Court Judge

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RESPONDENT,

V.

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1 who told him. Because Antoine didn't tell him that.
2 Rohaime Hopkins told him what he did.

3 And this is a time line case. This is not an
4 Antoine Drake case. This is a time line. Rohaime
5 Hopkins is not at the Taylors when he says he was. He
6 calls Tutu at 8:30. The phone records show us that.
7 They go over there alone in T.J.'s car with T.J.
8 driving. At 9:37 they're together. They're pinging
9 off of the same side of the same cell phone tower, and
10 T.J. is disconnected from Angel.

11 That is the last time that anyone heard T.J.'s
12 voice because he shoots him five times. Rohaime
13 Hopkins walks back to Tutu's house because he doesn't
14 have a car. He came in T.J.'s car. He makes phone
15 calls and gets a ride away from the area, and he goes
16 to the other side of town to his girlfriend's house, to
17 one of his girlfriend's house.

18 There was one set of gunshots heard that night.
19 Shardaja Singleton and Justin Kesselring heard one set
20 of shots. Those were the shots at 9:37. Those were
21 the shots fired by Rohaime Hopkins and those were the
22 shots fired in Terrance Johnson's car that took his
23 life. In 19 minutes later, the only thing on Rohaime
24 Hopkins's mind is money. Dats done, I need to Holla at
25 u. Contract is satisfied. He wants to get paid.

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1 / THE COURT: Madam foreperson, ladies and gentlemen
2 of the jury, now my duty is to charge you on the law of
3 this case. The State of South Carolina is charging the
4 Defendant, Rohaime Hopkins, with murder in indictment
5 number 2015-GS-2700144.

6 I remind you that the fact that the Defendant was
7 arrested, the fact that the Defendant was charged, the
8 fact that the Defendant was indicted is not evidence in
9 this case nor does it create any presumption of guilt.

10 An indictment, ladies and gentlemen, is simply the
11 formal written instrument by which it contains the
12 charges made against the Defendant, but it is the means
13 by which the case is brought into this court, the Court
14 of General Sessions.

15 The Defendant has pled not guilty to the
16 indictment and that plea of not guilty puts the burden
17 on the State of South Carolina to prove the Defendant
18 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

19 A person charged with committing a criminal
20 offense in South Carolina is never required to prove
21 himself innocent. I charge you, ladies and gentlemen
22 of the jury, that it is an important rule of the law
23 that a defendant in a criminal trial, no matter what
24 the seriousness of the charge may be, will always be
25 presumed to be innocent of the crime for which the

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1 indictment was issued unless guilt has been proven by
2 evidence satisfying you of that guilt beyond a
3 reasonable doubt.

4 The presumption of innocence, ladies and
5 gentlemen, does not end when you begin your
6 deliberations but it accompanies the Defendant
7 throughout the trial until you, the jury, reach a
8 verdict of guilt based on evidence satisfying you of
9 that guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

10 The presumption of innocence is not just a legal
11 theory. It is not just a legal phrase. It is a
12 substantial right to which every defendant is entitled
13 unless you, the jury, are satisfied from the evidence
14 of the Defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

15 What is a reasonable doubt in the law? A
16 reasonable doubt is the kind of doubt that would cause
17 a reasonable person to hesitate to act. The State has
18 the burden of proving the Defendant guilty beyond a
19 reasonable doubt.

20 Some of you may have served before in a civil case
21 such as a contract case or a wreck case where you were
22 told in a civil case like that that it was only
23 necessary to prove that a fact is more likely true than
24 not true. We call that burden of proof in a civil case
25 by the greater weight or the preponderance of the

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1 evidence.

2 In a criminal case, such as the case here, the
3 State's proof must be more than that. It must be
4 beyond a reasonable doubt. Proof beyond a reasonable
5 doubt, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, is proof that
6 leaves you firmly convinced of the Defendant's guilt.

7 Now, ladies and gentlemen, there are very few
8 things in this world that any of us know with absolute
9 certainty. And in a criminal case the law does not
10 require proof that overcomes every possible doubt. If
11 based on your consideration as a jury of the evidence
12 you are firmly convinced that the Defendant is guilty
13 of the crime charged, you must find the Defendant
14 guilty.

15 On the other hand, if you think that there's a
16 real possibility that the defendant is not guilty, you
17 must give the Defendant the benefit of the doubt and
18 find the Defendant not guilty.

19 I remind you, ladies and gentlemen, that during
20 this trial, you and I have had certain duties to
21 perform. As the trial judge it's been my
22 responsibility to preside over the trial of this case,
23 and I also have the duty to rule on the admissibility
24 of any evidence that's been offered during the trial of
25 this case.

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1 You are to consider only, ladies and gentlemen,
2 the competent evidence before you that has been
3 introduced into evidence during the trial of this case.
4 If there was any testimony ordered stricken from the
5 record in this case during this trial, you must
6 disregard any such testimony.

7 You are to consider only the sworn testimony from
8 the witness stand which has been presented to you
9 during this trial, any exhibits which have been
10 introduced into evidence during the trial of this case
11 and any stipulations or agreements which have been made
12 a part of the record in this case between counsel.

13 I also have the additional duty, ladies and
14 gentlemen, as the presiding judge to charge you the law
15 that applies in this case. As the presiding judge, I
16 am the sole judge of the law of the case and it is your
17 duty, as I told you at the outset, to accept and to
18 apply the law as I now state it to you.

19 If any of you already have any ideas as to what
20 you think the law is or what you feel the law ought to
21 be and it does not agree with what I now tell you the
22 law is, you must abandon any of your preconceived
23 opinions or any of your preconceived ideas, because
24 each of you, when we started this trial, took an oath
25 from the Clerk of Court of Jasper County. And in that

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1 oath you swore or you affirmed, which means that you
2 promised to tell the truth, that you would accept and
3 you would apply the law exactly as I now state it to
4 you.

5 In every case tried in this courtroom before a
6 jury, the jury becomes, as I told you at the outset,
7 the sole and the exclusive judges of the facts in the
8 case based on evidence introduced during the trial of
9 the case. A trial judge, such as myself, cannot
10 intimate it, comment on, make any kind of statement
11 whatsoever to a trial jury about the facts or the
12 evidence in a case.

13 Since you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, are
14 the sole judges of the facts in this case, you are not
15 to infer from anything that I have said during the
16 progress of this trial or anything that I might say now
17 to you in my charge to you on the law that I have, or
18 ruling upon the admissibility of evidence during a
19 trial, that I have any opinion whatsoever about the
20 facts in this case.

21 The law does not allow me to have an opinion about
22 the facts in this case. This is a matter, ladies and
23 gentlemen, the facts based on the evidence solely for
24 you, the jury, to determine. As jurors then, I charge
25 you that it now becomes your duty as a juror to

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1 determine the effect, the value, the weight and
2 ultimately the truth of the evidence that has been
3 presented during the trial of this case.

4 Now, there are two types of evidence that are
5 presented during a trial. And like many things in the
6 law, ladies and gentlemen, we have names for these two
7 general types of evidence. We call the two types of
8 evidence which are presented, direct evidence and
9 circumstantial evidence.

10 Direct evidence is the testimony of a person who
11 claims to have actual knowledge of a fact, such as an
12 eye witness to an event. Direct evidence is evidence
13 which immediately establishes the main fact to be
14 approved.

15 Circumstantial evidence, as contrasted with direct
16 evidence, is proof of a chain of facts and
17 circumstances indicating the existence of a fact.

18 Circumstantial evidence is evidence which immediately
19 establishes collateral facts from which the main fact
20 may or may not be inferred. Circumstantial evidence,
21 ladies and gentlemen of the jury, is based on inference
22 and not on personal knowledge or personal observation.

23 Cases can be proven by circumstantial evidence.
24 The law makes absolutely no distinction between the
25 weight or the value to be given to either direct

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1 evidence or circumstantial evidence. Nor is a greater
2 degree of certainty required by certain circumstantial
3 evidence or direct evidence.

4 However, to the extent that the State relies on
5 circumstantial evidence, all of the circumstances must
6 be consistent with each other, and when taken together
7 point conclusively to the guilt of the accused beyond a
8 reasonable doubt. If the circumstances merely portray
9 suspicious behavior, the proof has failed. The State
10 has the burden of proving the Defendant guilty beyond a
11 reasonable doubt. This burden rests with the State
12 regardless of whether the State relies on direct
13 evidence, circumstantial evidence or some combination
14 of the two.

15 You, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, must review
16 and consider all of the evidence in this case, both
17 direct and circumstantial. After reviewing all the
18 evidence in this case, if you are not convinced of the
19 guilt of the Defendant beyond a reasonable doubt, you
20 must find the Defendant not guilty. On the other hand,
21 after viewing all of the evidence in this case, both
22 direct and circumstantial, if you are convinced of the
23 guilt of the Defendant beyond a reasonable doubt, you
24 must find the Defendant guilty.

25 Now you have heard the term in this case and I

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1 have used it for you, stipulation, with regard to
2 certain matters in the case. The State and the
3 Defendant can stipulate. They can agree that some
4 facts are true. As to any stipulation that may have
5 occurred during the trial in this case you should
6 accept the stipulation as a fact as true.

7 Necessarily I told you your job in part will be to
8 determine the credibility or believability of the
9 witnesses who have testified in this case. It becomes
10 part of your duty as a juror to analyze, to evaluate,
11 the evidence and determine which evidence you find to
12 be true, to be credible, to be believable.

13 In determining the believability of witnesses who
14 have testified in this case, you may believe one
15 witness over several witnesses, or you may believe
16 several witnesses over one witness. You may believe
17 part of the testimony of a witness and you may reject
18 the remaining part of the testimony of that same
19 witness. You may believe the testimony of a witness in
20 its entirety or you may reject the testimony of a
21 witness in its entirety.

22 You may consider whether any witness has
23 any interest, any bias, any prejudice or other motive
24 in this case. You may also consider what I told you we
25 call the demeanor of the witness, the appearance, the

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1 manner in which the witness appears on the witness
2 stand.

3 I charge you, ladies and gentlemen, that a person
4 who has a past criminal record is competent to testify
5 during the trial. A past criminal record does not
6 affect the ability of a witness to testify. The past
7 criminal record may be considered by you, if at all, in
8 determining the Defendant's credibility or the
9 Defendant's believability.

10 Remember, ladies and gentlemen, you, the jury, are
11 the sole judges of the facts in this case. You are the
12 sole judges of the believability or the credibility of
13 the witnesses who have testified during this case based
14 on the evidence introduced during the trial in this
15 case.

16 Now, normally, ladies and gentlemen, as I told you
17 in the trial, neither side of the case can call a
18 witness to the witness stand who looks at you and says
19 under oath, my opinion is this. The Rules of Evidence
20 ordinarily do not permit witnesses to testify to
21 opinions or conclusions. An exception to this opinion
22 rule exists for those witnesses we call expert
23 witnesses, a witness who by education, experience,
24 training claims to have become an expert in some art,
25 science, profession or calling may state an opinion as

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1 to matters the court deems relevant in which the
2 witness claims to be an expert and may state the
3 reasons for his or her opinion.

4 You should consider any expert opinion received in
5 evidence in this case, and like any other evidence, you
6 give it the weight you think it deserves as a jury. If
7 you decide that the opinion of an expert witness is not
8 based on sufficient education or experience or if you
9 should conclude that the reasons given in support of
10 the expert's opinion are not sound or that the opinion
11 is outweighed by the other evidence in the case, you
12 may disregard an expert's opinion entirely.

13 An expert witness's testimony is to be given no
14 greater weight than that of other witnesses simply
15 because the witness is an expert. Further, you are not
16 required to accept an expert's opinion, even though
17 it's not contradicted.

18 I charge you, ladies and gentlemen, that a
19 statement alleged to have been made by the Defendant
20 has been admitted into evidence in this case. While
21 the Court has determined that the statement is
22 admissible as a matter of law, I instruct you that you,
23 ladies and gentlemen of the jury, make the ultimate
24 decision of whether or not the Defendant made the
25 statement. If you determine the Defendant did make the

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1 statement, you must determine whether the statement was
2 made by the Defendant voluntarily and of his own
3 freewill. This means that the statement wasn't caused
4 by pressure, force, fear, threat, coercion,
5 intimidation or by hope or promise of leniency or
6 reward of any kind.

7 In determining whether a statement is voluntary,
8 you can consider based on the evidence the
9 characteristics of the Defendant, the detail of the
10 questioning.

11 Some of the factors that were introduced into
12 evidence you may consider would be the age of the
13 Defendant, the education or lack thereof, the
14 Defendant's mental ability or capacity, the Defendant's
15 IQ or intelligence, the Defendant's background and
16 environment, the place and length of detention, the
17 nature of the questioning and the advice or lack
18 thereof to the Defendant of his constitutional rights
19 including but not limited to the right to remain
20 silent, that any statement could be used against him in
21 a court of law, the right to have a lawyer present. If
22 he could not afford a lawyer, a lawyer would be
23 appointed to represent him without any cost, that he
24 can stop making the statement at any time.

25 You as the jury must consider all the surrounding

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1 circumstances before you give any weight to any alleged
2 statement. The State has the burden of proving beyond
3 a reasonable doubt that the alleged statement was
4 voluntary. If you determine it was, you as the jury
5 can give the statement any further consideration that
6 you deem proper. You must decide what weight, if any,
7 should be given to the alleged statement. If you
8 determine the alleged statement was not the free and
9 voluntary statement of the Defendant, you should not
10 consider the statement at all.

11 Now, in order to establish criminal liability,
12 criminal responsibility, criminal intent is required.
13 Let me give you some examples of criminal intent.
14 Criminal intent must be proven, ladies and gentlemen,
15 in many cases. Examples of criminal intent would be
16 purpose, just normal examples, not necessarily this
17 case, purpose, intent, knowledge, recklessness,
18 negligence. Those are examples of criminal intent.

19 Criminal intent must be proven by the State beyond
20 a reasonable doubt. Criminal intent is always a matter
21 that must be determined by the jury from the
22 circumstances surrounding the situation based on
23 evidence introduced during the trial of the case.

24 Now, we know, ladies and gentlemen, there is no
25 way to prove intent to a mathematical certainty. There

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1 is no way medical science can dissect a person's brain
2 and tell what that person had in mind. So, what
3 happens? The law says, ladies and gentlemen, that
4 intent may be inferred from the circumstances shown to
5 have existed based on evidence introduced during the
6 trial of the case.

7 This, ladies and gentlemen, is how you as a jury
8 make a determination as to whether or not any element
9 in any crime requiring intent was present. It is not
10 necessary for the State to establish intent by direct
11 or positive evidence. But intent may be established by
12 inference in the same way as any other fact by taking
13 into consideration the acts of the parties and all the
14 facts and circumstances of the case based on evidence
15 introduced during the trial of the case.

16 Criminal intent, ladies and gentlemen, is a mental
17 state, a conscious wrongdoing. It is up to you, the
18 jury, from the evidence to determine what the Defendant
19 intended to do based on the circumstances shown to have
20 existed from evidence introduced during the trial of
21 the case.

22 I charge you, ladies and gentlemen, that an
23 issue in this case is the identification of the
24 Defendant as the person who committed the crime
25 charged. The State also has the burden of proving

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1 identity beyond a reasonable doubt. You must be
2 satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the accuracy of
3 the identification of the Defendant before you may
4 convict a Defendant.

5 I instruct you, ladies and gentlemen, that the
6 burden of proof is on the State of South Carolina. It
7 extends to every element of the crime charged and this
8 specifically includes the burden of proving beyond a
9 reasonable doubt the identity of the Defendant as the
10 person who committed the crime. If after examining all
11 the evidence in this case you have a reasonable doubt
12 as to the accuracy of the identification, you must find
13 the Defendant not guilty.

14 I instruct you, ladies and gentlemen, that the
15 fact the Defendant did not testify in this case is not
16 a factor to be considered by you in any way in your
17 deliberation and in your consideration on the question
18 of the guilt or innocence of the Defendant. It must
19 not be considered by you in any manner whatsoever in
20 your jury room. A defendant has the constitutional
21 right to remain silent and the assertion of that right
22 must not be considered by you, the jury, in your
23 deliberations.

24 I repeat and under that oath each of you took, my
25 charge to you on the law is, you are to draw no

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1 conclusion whatsoever from the fact that the Defendant
2 in this case did not testify. It should not even be
3 discussed in your jury room.

4 The burden of proof as I have stated to you is on
5 the State of South Carolina. The Defendant is not
6 required to prove his innocence. The burden of proof
7 remains on the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable
8 doubt.

9 Now, as I told you I read you the allegations in
10 this indictment. And, madam foreperson, I remind you,
11 Skyler is holding the original. Whatever you write on
12 the verdict form, don't leave without also writing the
13 same words on the indictment.

14 The indictment in this case charges the Defendant
15 with the criminal offense of murder. For this offense,
16 ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the State must prove
17 beyond a reasonable doubt that the Defendant killed
18 another person with malice aforethought.

19 Malice is hatred, ill will, hostility towards
20 another person. It is the intentional doing of a
21 wrongful act. Without just cause, without any excuse
22 and with an intent to inflict injury, malice
23 aforethought does not require that malice exist for any
24 particular time before the act is committed. But
25 malice, hatred, ill will, hostility must exist in the

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1 mind of the Defendant just before and at the time the
2 act is committed. Therefore, there must be a
3 combination, ladies and gentlemen, of this malice or
4 evil intent or hatred or ill will or hostility and the
5 act itself.

6 Malice aforethought may be expressed or implied.
7 These terms "express" and "implied" do not refer to
8 different kinds of malice but merely the manner in
9 which malice may be shown to exist. That is either by
10 direct evidence or by inference from the facts and
11 circumstances which have been proven to you based on
12 evidence introduced during the trial of the case.

13 Expressed malice is shown when a person actually
14 speaks words which express hatred or ill will or
15 hostility towards another person.

16 Malice may also be inferred from conduct showing a
17 total disregard for human life. If facts are proven
18 beyond a reasonable doubt sufficient to raise an
19 inference of malice to your satisfaction, ladies and
20 gentlemen, this inference would be simply an
21 evidentiary fact to be considered by you along with all
22 of the other evidence in this case, and you may give it
23 the weight you decide it should receive.

24 Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have prepared a
25 verdict form for you. Wrong one.

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1 I have prepared a verdict form for you. I put the
2 name of the case. I've got the State of South
3 Carolina, County of Jasper, in the Court of General
4 Sessions. I have the indictment number of 2015 at 144.
5 I have got the State of South Carolina versus Rohaime
6 Hopkins, Defendant. Got the word "verdict" written in
7 the caption at the top.

8 There's only one question on your verdict form.
9 Pay absolutely no attention to the order in which the
10 form of the verdict are written. We obviously had to
11 write one before the other, ladies and gentlemen, and
12 the order has no significance whatsoever.

13 Question one: We, the jury, by unanimous consent
14 find the Defendant, Rohaime Hopkins, in indictment
15 number 2015-GS, means General Sessions, 27, that means
16 Jasper County, 00144. And the first form of verdict
17 under that question is guilty of murder.

18 Madam foreperson, if that be your form of verdict,
19 you would place a checkmark on the line beside that
20 form of verdict on the verdict form.

21 The second form of verdict under question one is
22 not guilty of murder. Madam foreperson, if that be the
23 jury's form of verdict, you would place a checkmark
24 beside the line on that form of verdict.

25 You must find one form of verdict or the other.

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1 You cannot find both. Either guilty or not guilty.

2 When you have reached a verdict, madam foreperson,
3 you will place a checkmark for the entire jury on the
4 appropriate line reflecting the jury's verdict and then
5 you will sign your name on the line where it says
6 foreperson at the bottom of the verdict form.

7 Your verdict must be unanimous. That is it must
8 be the verdict of each and every one of you. All 12 of
9 you must agree on a verdict. When you have reached a
10 verdict, you will knock on the jury room door, inform
11 my bailiff that you have reached a verdict, and we will
12 bring you back in the courtroom to publish your
13 verdict.

14 Now, madam foreperson, ladies and gentlemen of the
15 jury, I have now charged you on the law to hopefully
16 help guide you to a fair result in this case. You are
17 the judges of the facts in this case and based on your
18 determination of the facts and on the law as I have
19 explained it to you, you are soon going to begin your
20 deliberations.

21 You have been selected, each of you, as fair and
22 impartial jurors. You took an oath to fairly and
23 impartially try and determine the facts of this case.
24 And when you comply with that oath, no one can
25 criticize your verdict. But you are to decide this

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1 case based only and solely on the evidence that has
2 been presented to you in this case. That means sworn
3 testimony from the witness stand, exhibits and any
4 stipulation.

5 You will have most of the exhibits with you in
6 your jury room. There are a couple that I have got to
7 keep out here because you need equipment in order to
8 use them. However, if you so desire to listen to them,
9 I will be happy to let you come back and we will set up
10 the equipment out here for you in order to utilize any
11 exhibit that you so desire.

12 You must decide this case, ladies and gentlemen,
13 without any bias, without any prejudice toward either
14 party in this case. You cannot allow yourself to be
15 governed by prejudice for or against any person. You
16 can't allow yourself to be governed by public opinion
17 or by emotion or any other arbitrary factor that is not
18 in evidence in this case.

19 Both the State of South Carolina and the Defendant
20 have the absolute right to expect that each of you on
21 this jury will carefully and impartially consider all
22 of the evidence in this case and that you will follow
23 the law as I have instructed you to be in reaching your
24 verdict in this case.

25 Now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to ask you if

VERDICT

1 THE COURT: Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not
2 tolerate any emotion or outburst when the jury verdict
3 is published. If you cannot control your emotions,
4 please leave the courtroom at this time. I'll enforce
5 that with contempt powers of the Court. So, if you
6 feel like you can't control yourself, regardless of
7 what the verdict is, please excuse yourself from the
8 courtroom. This jury deserves respect.

9 Very well. Anything from the Defendant?

10 MR. LEE: No, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Bring us the jury.

12 (The jury enters the courtroom at 3:13 p.m.)

13 THE COURT: Madam foreperson, has the jury reached
14 a verdict?

15 FOREPERSON: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Will you give it to the clerk, please.
17 Do you want me to publish it?

18 THE CLERK: Go ahead.

19 THE COURT: Will Defendant and counsel please
20 rise. The State of South Carolina versus Rohaime
21 Hopkins, indictment number 2015-GS-2700144, we the jury
22 by unanimous consent find the Defendant, Rohaime
23 Hopkins, in indictment number 2015-GS-2700144 guilty of
24 murder.

25 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if this be your

SENTENCING BY THE COURT

1 listen to you.

2 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Anything further from the State of
4 South Carolina?

5 MS. JONES: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Anything further from the Defendant?

7 MR. LEE: No, sir.

8 THE COURT: Very well. On Indictment
9 2015-GS-2700144, the State versus Rohaime Hopkins, the
10 jury has convicted you of the offense of murder. The
11 sentence of this Court is: Defendant is committed to
12 the State Department of Corrections for the remainder
13 of your life without the possibility of patrol. The
14 Defendant is to be taken into custody at this time.

15 (Pause.)

16 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of my jury panel,
17 I want to thank you for your service. Once again, I
18 thank you for your patience. I realize that it took a
19 while. I want you to know, that although in every case
20 and Mr. Lee was right to tell you that they don't
21 necessarily agree with the jury's verdict but he
22 respects the jury's verdict and I do too. I can tell
23 you that I believe that there was evidence in which you
24 could reach the conclusion of guilty. Obviously, I
25 wouldn't have submitted the case to you for your

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

CASE # 31-4-0114

LEAD # _____

LAST NAME <u>Hopkins</u>		FIRST NAME <u>Rohaim</u>		MIDDLE NAME <u>Jamar</u>	AGE <u>35</u>	D.O.B. [REDACTED]
NICKNAME/AKA <u>Killa</u>		M ☒ F ☐	SSN [REDACTED]	STREET ADDRESS [REDACTED]		
CITY <u>Roseland</u>	STATE <u>SC</u>	ZIP <u>29936</u>	MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT <u>94-1F</u>			
HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	WORK TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	CELL TELEPHONE <u>300</u>	OCCUPATION [REDACTED]			
EMPLOYER [REDACTED]		EMPLOYER ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER/STATE [REDACTED]		DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW <u>12-8-2014</u>				
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW <u>Chatham County Detention Center</u>						
INTERVIEWING AGENT <u>R. Johnson</u>		DEPARTMENT <u>SCLED</u>	INTERVIEWING AGENT [REDACTED]		DEPARTMENT <u>SCLED</u>	

I, ROHAIM JAMAR HOPKINS understand I do not have to say anything, and I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve. I can read and write and completed the G.E.D. grade in school.

Around 4:00 p.m. on the day of Mrs. Simmons' death we were located in the yard with family members. T.J. arrived we talked in the yard. T.J. is Terrance Johnson he took me to get some cloths and took me back to Tanekia Dupont house and drop me off. I did not talk back with him or see him anymore that night. T.J. took me to get cloths from Roseland around 6:00 p.m. and that took about 20 min then he dropped me off.

At Tanekia Dupont house when we was finished which was around 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and Tanekia dropped me off around 11:30 to 11:45 in Baytree Apt. I did not go back to the Simmons Hill anymore that day. P.H.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of _____ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bears my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Date: 12-8-2014 Time: 2:54

Signature of person giving voluntary statement

WITNESS: Michael Johnson

WITNESS: _____

I certify that I have been given a copy of this statement consisting of 1 pages.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF JASPER)

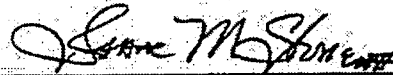
INDICTMENT
2015GS2700144

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on June 25, 2015, the Grand Jurors of Jasper County present upon their oath:

Murder / Murder

That in Jasper County on or about November 12, 2014, with malice aforethought, Rohaime Jamar Hopkins did kill and murder Terrance Johnson by means of shooting him, and that Terrance Johnson did die in Jasper County as a proximate result thereof on November 12, 2014; in violation of Section 16-3-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended.

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


Solicitor

WITNESSES

R. Johnson - SLED

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2015A2710200075

ACTION OF GRAND JURY WE
NO BILL
FOREMAN WES R. R. R.
DATE 6/25/15

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS2700144

The State of South Carolina

County of Jasper

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

June Term 2015

THE STATE

vs.

Rohalme Jamar Hopkins

Indictment for

Murder / Murder

SC Code: 16-03-0010; 16-03-0020
CDR Code:0116

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

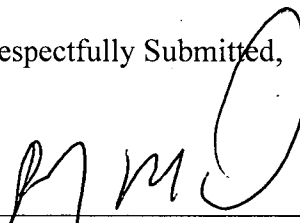
Witness:

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

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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