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Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

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The court heard oral argument on Defendant's Motion for New Trial on March 17, 2014.

The motion is respectfully **DENIED** for the reasons that follow.

After the jury had been deliberating for some time, they requested to have the video of Defendant's traffic stop replayed. With both parties' consent, the court arranged for the video to be viewed by the jury in the jury room.

The jury asked several questions related to the law, and then sent out a note asking: "What happens if one juror has a different verdict than the others?" Defendant argues that the court's failure to respond to this note and to provide an *Allen* charge unduly influenced the jury and pressured the "one juror" referenced in the note.<sup>1</sup> Defendant argues that the court should have sua sponte issued an *Allen* charge to remind the jury that their verdict must be unanimous and that a mistrial would ensue should they fail to reach unanimity. After discussing the situation on the record with both counsel, the court asked the foreman to check with his fellow jurors and inquire as to whether they wished to continue their deliberations or return in the morning. The foreman reported that the jury desired to stay and continue deliberating. The jury returned a guilty verdict shortly thereafter.

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Defendant makes the novel argument that the court erred by not giving an *Allen* charge. This failure, his argument goes, resulted in isolating the holdout, who was ignorant of his right to hang the jury and cause a mistrial. The trial court's silence therefore pressured the minority juror, increasing his isolation and breaking down his resistance to the majority. Defendant creatively contends that the court should have given the *Allen* "dynamite" charge to lessen the pressure on the minority juror.

This argument fails on several levels. First, it was not raised at trial and cannot be raised by post-trial motion. Second, even assuming there was a lone holdout, it is impossible to determine whether the lone juror changed her vote, or whether she persuaded the majority to change their view. Third, the note did not expressly state the jury was deadlocked, as juror notes often do. Judges have an obligation to assist jurors in their duty to attempt to reach a verdict and avoid a hung jury. This task could hardly be furthered by a meddling judge who hangs the jury on his own initiative. Mindful of the delicate and metamorphic nature of jury deliberations, courts should not rush to complicate matters for a jury that asks hypothetically about the consequences if one juror has a different view from the others. To rashly issue an *Allen* charge in such circumstances might mystify the jury and disrupt the deliberative process that was clearly underway. Moreover, it would set in motion the procedures mandated by S.C. Code Ann. § 14-7-1330, which could ultimately confine the court to being able to diplomatically ask only if the jury thought further explanation of the law would assist them, or further deliberation would be fruitful. See *State v. Barnes*, 402 S.C. 135, 739 S.E.2d 629 (2013).

There is no evidence pressure was exerted on any juror or that their deliberations were otherwise unduly influenced. The jury's review of the video evidence may well have resulted in the verdict, as it often does. Prior to deliberations, the court charged the jury that each juror's

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vote was his or her own vote and the verdict must be unanimous. Furthermore, the jury never specified they were "deadlocked." Finally, Defendant's counsel at trial did not request the court to respond to the jury question, did not object to the continuation of deliberations further into the evening, and did not request an *Allen* charge or other instruction. The transcript reveals no error or a basis for a new trial. There was sufficient evidence to support the jury's verdict.

Defendant's Motion for New Trial is therefore respectfully denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



D. Garrison Hill  
Circuit Judge

March 28, 2014  
Greenville, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

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v.

JOHNIE ALLEN DEVORE, JR.,

APPELLANT.

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**MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION**

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The State is hereby moving this Court to dismiss Appellant's direct appeal based upon a lack of jurisdiction, and is further requesting that this Court hold the time period for the filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in abeyance pending the resolution of this motion. The basis for this motion is explained below.

Background Facts

Appellant was indicted in Greenville County in November 2012 for driving under the influence, second offense. On March 14, 2013, Appellant was tried before the Honorable D. Garrison Hill and a jury. Appellant was represented by Steve W. Sumner, Esquire. The jury found Appellant guilty, and, on that same date - March 14, 2013 - Judge Hill sentenced Appellant to ninety days and imposed a fine of \$3,000.00. This sentence was suspended upon service of five

days of active time under Greenville County's "Home Incarceration Program," payment of a \$2,100.00 fine, and probation for six months. Judge Hill also ordered that Appellant attend MADD meetings and complete substance abuse counseling while on probation. Eight days after trial, on March 21, 2013, Appellant submitted a *pro se* letter to the judge asking for reconsideration of his conviction. This letter stated it was being copied to the "GS Court, Prosecutor, personal attorney." (See Exhibit #1, 3/21/14 Letter). On April 1, 2013, Appellant submitted a second *pro se* letter to the solicitor referencing his prior letter and referring to it as a "request for appeal, review, or consideration for changing my trial results to a mistrial." (See Exhibit #2, 4/1/14 Letter). Subsequently, Appellant retained J. Falkner Wilkes to represent him. On April 19, 2013 - thirty-six days after Appellant's conviction - counsel filed and served an "Amended Notice of Appeal" referencing Appellant's previous *pro se* filings. On June 21, 2013, this Court remanded the case to the circuit court "for the limited purpose of consideration of Appellant's motion for reconsideration." On March 17, 2014, a hearing on Appellant's post-trial motion was held, and Judge Hill denied the motion in an oral ruling from the bench. On March 27, 2014, Appellant's counsel filed and served a new Notice of Appeal. On March 31, 2014, Judge Hill filed an Order Denying Defendant's Motion for New Trial. (See Exhibit #3, Order).

#### Discussion

Rule 203 of South Carolina's Appellate Court Rules states, in pertinent part:

After a plea or trial resulting in conviction or a proceeding resulting in revocation of probation, a notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents **within ten (10) days after the sentence is imposed**. In all other cases, a notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of entry of the order or judgment. When a **timely** post-trial motion is made under Rule 29(a), SCRCrimP, the time to appeal shall be stayed and shall begin to run from receipt of written notice of entry of an order granting or denying such motion (emphasis added).

Rule 29(a), SCRCrimP, provides, in pertinent part, that post-trial motions shall be made within ten days after the imposition of the sentence and that the time for appeal shall be stayed by a timely post-trial motion and shall run from the receipt of written notice of entry of the order granting or denying such motion.

In Miller v. State, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010), the South Carolina Supreme Court stated as follows:

Since there is no right to "hybrid representation" that is partially *pro se* and partially by counsel, substantive documents, with the exception of motions to relieve counsel, filed *pro se* by a person represented by counsel are not to be accepted unless submitted by counsel. State v. Stuckey, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); Foster v. State, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989). Because petitioner was represented by counsel, the *pro se* motion was not proper, should not have been accepted, and should not have been ruled upon. The motion was essentially a nullity. We therefore vacate the order ruling on the motion and dismiss petitioner's notice of appeal as moot. We also take this opportunity to remind judges and clerks of court of our directive in Foster not to accept substantive documents, with the exception of motions to relieve counsel, filed *pro se* by a party who is represented by counsel (emphasis added).

In Appellant's case, there was no proper, timely motion for reconsideration or notice of appeal within the ten days after the conviction. Appellant was admittedly represented by counsel at the time he submitted the March 21, 2013 letter to the trial judge. (See Exhibit #3, 3/17/14 Transcript, p. 3, lines 19-21; see Exhibit #1, 3/21/13 Letter). Under Miller, this document was an improper *pro se* filing that should not have been - and could not properly have been - accepted or ruled upon by the trial judge; it was a nullity. Miller at 347, 697 S.E.2d at 527; see also Jones v. State, 348 S.C. 13, 14, 558 S.E.2d 517, 517 (2002) ("There is no constitutional right to hybrid representation either at trial or on appeal."); Foster v. State, 298 S.C. 306, 307, 379 S.E.2d 907, 907 (1989) (ordering the Clerk of Court to return a substantive *pro se* document filed while the petitioner was represented by counsel). Therefore, the March 21, 2013 letter could not operate as a

notice of appeal or a motion for reconsideration that would stay the time period for the filing of the appeal.

Since no proper motion for reconsideration or notice of appeal was filed within ten days of Appellant's conviction, this Court has no jurisdiction over Appellant's case and must dismiss his appeal. See Hill v. South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, 389 S.C. 1, 21, 698 S.E.2d 612, 623 (2010) ("The service of a notice of appeal is a **jurisdictional requirement**, and the time for service may not be extended by this Court."); Canal Ins. Co. v. Caldwell, 338 S.C. 1, 5, 24 S.E.2d 416, 418 (Ct. App. 1999) (in a civil case, pointing out that Rule 203(b), SCACR, requires a party to serve his notice of appeal within thirty days after receiving written notice of the entry of a final order or judgment, and failure to do so divests this court of jurisdiction "and results in dismissal of the appeal"); see also Henning v. Kaye, 307 S.C. 436, 437, 415 S.E.2d 794, 794 (1992) ("[T]he South Carolina Appellate Court Rules are not mere technicalities but provide the parties and this Court with an orderly mechanism through which to guide appeals in this State."). Although this required dismissal will prevent Appellant from challenging his conviction in a direct appeal, Appellant's issues can be raised in a post-conviction relief application.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> At the post-trial hearing on March 17, 2014, Appellant's new counsel explained that Appellant's trial counsel "left on a vacation and left the country without filing the motion [for reconsideration] or notice [of appeal]." (See Exhibit #4, 3/17/14 Transcript, p. 3, lines 21-22).

### CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, the State respectfully requests that this Court dismiss Appellant's appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The State further requests that this Court hold the time period for the filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in abeyance pending the resolution of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXHIBIT 1 (page 1 of 2)

March 21, 2013

Dear Judge Hill:

Re: Request to re-examine Case# GS2302124-01

On March 14, 2013 I pled innocent but was found guilty of DUI in your courtroom (Case# GS2302124-01).

It is my sincere belief and observation that many occurrences during the trial and primarily during the deliberation continually tipped the scales of justice unfairly against me, an innocent man. The following instances were unfair, caused a miscarriage of justice, and should either dis-qualify the jury or re-establish the trial finding as a miss-trial.

- 1) After over two hours of deliberation and four rounds of questionable questions, the jury asked: "what happens if we have a split decision?" Rather than answering the question with what I assume proper, "then it will be declared a mistrial", the court instead brought the jury foreman in and asked if the jury would deliberate further or come back tomorrow or deliberate further. This basically said to and forced the jury to come to a unanimous decision based not on their convictions but rather on the threat of having to come back tomorrow, after two hours of obviously confused deliberation. The jury foreman had already reported that they were at a split decision after the two hours and numerous bizarre questions. As presumed innocent, I feel that split decision should have been accepted.
- 2) In the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of questions, the jury asked; "can you define DUI?" This was already explicitly defined during and immediately after the trial period. Now the jury was confused on what they were deciding. Although the implications were tremendous on my life, the court incredibly sent a confusing, two-page definition to the jury room for a self-explanation by an admittedly already confused jury. Due to the serious implications, I think the jury should have been brought back to the courtroom and had DUI redefined verbally and explicitly by the judge.
- 3) The road-side film, though produce digitally, was fully compromised by the analog playback in the courtroom, thus was nearly 90% inaudible. The muffled playback and poor quality projector presented an hour long, inaudible and visually compromised video that subjected the jury to long periods of inattention and even dozing off. This portion of the video was a compromised presentation of our in-car conversation and I

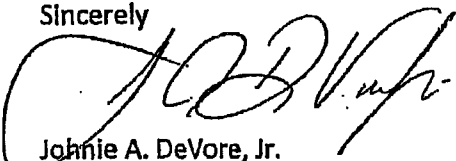
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think it should have been dis-allowed from the trial unless shown in the digital quality it was created in.

- 4) Lack of a jury of my peers was a major imbalance of justice. No one on the jury looked like me. From the pool of 40 jurors, one African American man was brought in and was not selected. A pool of 11 white jurors and 1 black female is tantamount to me being in a foreign country. The City of Greenville is nearly 40% black and the County is 18% black; I was given a jury that was 8% black, an opposing gender? That's not justice. If you or the prosecutor were on trial and had a 92% black jury and with one Caucasian of opposing gender, would you consider that a jury of your peers? I do not.
- 5) Finally, for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, the jury asked to see the road-side film. By a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, both my and the officers testimony also should have been allowed again as the jury is now prejudiced. However, to further prejudice, the court sent the lap-top computer to the jury room for self-playback. As this was the prosecutor's computer, I don't know what other information was accessed or made available on that computer while in the jury-room accessible to all jurors with absolutely no over-site. After the computer was sent back during the fourth round of questions, the jury finally got a unanimous verdict...guilty? This was improper.

It is 2013; please understand that I understand the establishment of this verdict should be taken serious. I am not a lawyer, but just a citizen still pleading innocent. I am currently carrying out my sentence as prescribed and without contortion. However, I feel and currently live the after-effects of this confused and improperly quantified jury, which are proving tragic to my career, family, and long-term goals. I have worked hard and studied harder for success. My long years of work tough accomplishments should not be derailed unfairly by a faulty jury, poorly replayed film, improper instructions, or basic miscarriage of justice. Please reconsider this verdict and find this jury disqualified or accept their initial split decision for declaration of a miss-trial.

Sincerely



Johnnie A. DeVore, Jr.

Cc: GS Court, Prosecutor, personal attorney

April 1, 2013

## EXHIBIT 2

Judge W. Walter Wilkins  
13th Judicial Circuit Solicitor  
305 E North Street # 325  
Greenville, SC 29601

Re: Request for Appeal or Re-examination of Case # GS2302124-01 (J. DeVore, Jr.)

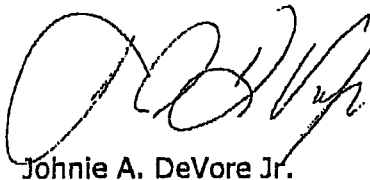
Dear Solicitor Wilkins;

Attached is a request I sent to Judge Hill seven days following my case? I intended for this attachment to be a request for appeal, review, or consideration for changing my trial results to a mistrial. Apparently my letter has been ignored and has remained unanswered.

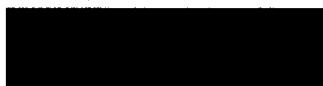
I too am a government employee, and disappointed that a matter of such importance to my life is being ignored while I as a public servant strive daily to even-handedly answer every call, letter, or email as swiftly as I can. Eminently, the current decision in my case will terminate my employment and career.

I am requesting an appeal to my case primarily not only because I am innocent but also because it was decided by a confused and improperly instructed jury. After halting deliberations a series four times with eleven confusing questions, many of which even confused Judge Hill; the confused, but split jury was hurried to a decision by the threat of returning for a second day. It was never explained that a split decision would be accepted.

I have offered a number of reasons for my requesting an appeal in the attachment sent to Judge Hill. Please read my concerns, respond and schedule the appeal or consider changing my trial results to a mistrial, etc.



Johnie A. DeVore Jr.



## EXHIBIT 3

PROCEEDINGS

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2 THE COURT: This is a motion for a new trial, the  
3 State v. Johnie Devore.

4 Yes, sir, Mr. Wilkes.

5 MR. WILKES: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 May it please the Court.

7 I represent Mr. Devore. I will pass up, if the Court  
8 would like, a transcript from the end of the trial  
9 pertinent to the part that I'm going to talk about.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. WILKES: And behind that is a rudimentary  
12 memorandum that I typed up to try to make sense of what I  
13 say since sometimes I don't make sense when I'm saying it.

14 Mr. Devore had, subsequent to his DUI conviction,  
15 filed two documents, one was addressed to Your Honor,  
16 which was technically a motion for a new trial which was  
17 appropriate under the time frame.

18 Mr. --

19 THE COURT: Now, he was represented by counsel,  
20 wasn't he, at that point?

21 MR. WILKES: He was. Mr. Sumner left on a vacation  
22 and left the country without filing the motion or notice.  
23 There may have been some miscommunication. But,  
24 fortunately, Mr. Devore, being astute and aware of the  
25 timing, filed both.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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There is no evidence pressure was exerted on any juror or that their deliberations were otherwise unduly influenced. The jury's review of the video evidence may well have resulted in the verdict, as it often does. Prior to deliberations, the court charged the jury that each juror's

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vote was his or her own vote and the verdict must be unanimous. Furthermore, the jury never specified they were "deadlocked." Finally, Defendant's counsel at trial did not request the court to respond to the jury question, did not object to the continuation of deliberations further into the evening, and did not request an *Allen* charge or other instruction. The transcript reveals no error or a basis for a new trial. There was sufficient evidence to support the jury's verdict.

Defendant's Motion for New Trial is therefore respectfully denied.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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Circuit Judge

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RETURN

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The State has moved to dismiss based on an allegation that the Appellant's *pro se* motion for new trial and notice of appeal constituted "hybrid" representation. The State's argument overlooks the fact that DeVore did not have an attorney actively representing him after the conclusion of the trial or during the time for filing post trial motions or notice of appeal. As a result, DeVore's *pro se* filings did not create or constitute "hybrid" representation.

The State's argument that the appeal should be dismissed and the issue best raised through a PCR is flawed. A post-conviction relief hearing would be unwarranted in this case as it is not necessary to resolve a factual dispute and would not aid the Court in its application of the law. *See State v. Rivera*, 402 S.C. 225, 741 S.E.2d 694 (2013). The question presented is not whether an issue could be raised in a post conviction relief hearing, but simply whether this Court has jurisdiction for the direct appeal.

DeVore was represented at trial by counsel, however, subsequent to trial counsel left the country without filing a notice of appeal or Rule 29 motion. Clearly DeVore sought to have a new trial and/or appeal from the conviction. There was no action

taken by trial counsel. Accordingly, Devore timely filed a *pro se* request for a new trial and subsequently a *pro se* request for an appeal. When Devore filed these documents, he was not being actively represented by counsel. There was therefore, no "hybrid" representation.

Under Rule 29 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure, Devore was entitled to make a motion for new trial. Devore was also constitutionally guaranteed the right to an appeal from a criminal case. There appears no case holding that a criminal defendant is prohibited from filing a *pro se* motion for new trial, or an appeal, when he is no longer being actively represented by counsel.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees criminal defendants the right to representation by counsel at every critical stage of the prosecution. Turner v. Calderon, 281 F.3d 851, 879 (9th Cir. 2002). The Sixth Amendment right to counsel extends to all critical stages of a criminal proceeding. *See, e.g., Missouri v. Frye*, 132 S.Ct. 1399, 1405 (2012); Lafler v. Cooper, 132 S.Ct. 1376, 1385 (2012); Smith v. Murray, 477 U.S. 527, 535-36 (1986). A critical stage of trial is "any stage that may significantly affect the outcome of the proceedings" Traylor v. State, 596 So.2d 957, 968 (Fla.1992).

The Sixth Amendment further guarantees every criminal defendant the "right to proceed without counsel when he voluntarily and intelligently elects to do so." State v. Barnes, 27322 (S.C. 1-15-2014) *citing* Faretta, 422 U.S. at 807. Faretta established that a defendant has an independent fundamental right guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment, to represent himself at all stages of criminal proceedings if he elects to do so. A trial court cannot force a defendant to accept counsel or refuse to dismiss a court appointed counsel if the defendant elects to represent himself. *See* Parker v. State, 1976 OK CR 293.

In addition to the Sixth Amendment, the right to represent one's self is also protected by the South Carolina Constitution. The South Carolina Constitution provides that every criminal defendant has the right to represent himself and makes no

distinction between capital and non-capital defendants. S.C. Const., art. 1, § 14; State v. Brewer, 328 S.C. 117, 492 S.E.2d 97 (1997). Additionally, the United States Supreme Court has interpreted the United States Constitution as providing a right to self-representation. See Faretta v. California, 422 U.S. 806, 821, 95 S.Ct. 2525, 45 L.Ed.2d 562 (1975) ("The Sixth Amendment, when naturally read, thus implies a right of self-representation."). State v. Starnes, 388 S.C. 590 (2010). See also: McKaskle v. Wiggins, 465 U.S. 168, 104 S.Ct. 944, 79 L.Ed.2d 122 (1984).

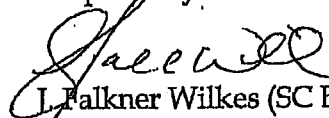
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Court of General Sessions

The Honorable D. Garrison Hill, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2013-000883

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT,

v.

JOHNIE ALLEN DEVORE, JR.,

APPELLANT.

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REPLY TO APPELLANT'S RETURN TO THE STATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS  
APPEAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

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On October 10, 2014, the State moved to dismiss Appellant's appeal for lack of jurisdiction based upon the fact that the only document submitted in the ten days following Appellant's conviction was a *pro se* letter to the trial judge, which was copied to Appellant's "personal attorney." On October 13, 2014, the State received, via electronic mail, a copy of Appellant's Return to the motion. The State submits the following in Reply.

In his Return, Appellant contends that the *pro se* documents<sup>1</sup> he submitted following trial

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<sup>1</sup> In his Return, Appellant refers to these documents as a "motion for new trial" and "notice of appeal." However, the March 21, 2013 *pro se* letter - the only document submitted within ten days of the conviction - stated it was regarding a "Request to re-examine Case # GS2302124-01." (See State's Exhibit # 1). It stated several reasons that the judge should "reconsider the verdict" and "find this jury disqualified or accept their initial split decision for declaration of a mis-trial." (See State's Exhibit # 1). This filing could not in any way be construed as a notice of appeal, despite the fact that Appellant's subsequent *pro se* letter to the solicitor referred to it as a "request for appeal, review, or consideration for changing my trial results to a mistrial." (See State's Exhibit # 2). Note also that the March 21, 2013 *pro se* letter was not filed with the appellate court. In the State's view, the *pro se* filings of Appellant in this case illustrate the problems that arise when inexperienced litigants attempt to submit documents to the court. This is,

did not constitute impermissible hybrid representation because Appellant "did not have an attorney actively representing him after the conclusion of the trial or during the time for filing post-trial motions or notice of appeal." (Return, p. 1) (emphasis added). This argument misses the mark because it is undisputed that Appellant's trial counsel had not been relieved as counsel in the ten days following Appellant's trial. At least as far as the State is aware, there is no test regarding an attorney's "level of activity" used in order to determine whether or not a defendant is entitled to submit *pro se* documents. Certainly, when a trial judge receives a *pro se* document from a criminal defendant, he should not be required to undertake an investigation into how "active" trial counsel has been; instead, he should only have to check the file to see whether or not the defendant is represented by counsel and whether or not counsel has been relieved by the court.<sup>2</sup>

Appellant argues in his Return that his case is distinguishable from the case of Miller v. State, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010), because Miller involved a civil case (a post-conviction relief case) and because "unlike in Miller, Devore was not acting in parallel with an attorney actively engaged in his representation." (Return, p. 3-4). However, the Miller decision was not limited to civil cases, nor was it limited to situations where both the attorney and the defendant file documents at similar times. To the contrary, the language of Miller is clear and unequivocal:

Since there is no right to "hybrid representation" that is partially *pro se* and partially by counsel, substantive documents, with the exception of motions to relieve counsel, filed *pro se* by a person represented by counsel are not to be accepted unless submitted by counsel. Because petitioner was represented by counsel, the *pro se* motion was not proper, should not have been accepted, and should not have been ruled upon. The motion was essentially a nullity. We therefore vacate the order ruling on the motion and dismiss petitioner's notice

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at least in part, the reason for the Supreme Court's opinion in Miller v. State, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010).

<sup>2</sup> In this case, Appellant made no request for his counsel to be relieved following trial.

of appeal as moot. We also take this opportunity to remind judges and clerks of court of our directive in Foster not to accept substantive documents, with the exception of motions to relieve counsel, filed *pro se* by a party who is represented by counsel.

Miller, 388 S.C. at 347, 697 S.E.2d at 527 (citations omitted) (emphasis added).

In his Return, Appellant also points to a defendant's right to act as his own lawyer and argues that "in the absence of counsel, Devore had an absolute right to represent himself and file a *pro se* motion for a new trial and notice of appeal." (Return, p. 3). However, a criminal defendant is only allowed to act as his own lawyer after being properly warned about the dangers of self-representation. See, e.g., State v. Barnes, 407 S.C. 27, 36, 753 S.E.2d 545, 549 (2014) ("Under Faretta, the trial judge has the responsibility to make sure that the defendant is informed of the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation, and that he makes a knowing and intelligent waiver of his right to counsel.") (citation omitted). In this case, Appellant was never "in the absence of counsel." Instead, he was at all times represented by counsel; consequently, he was never warned of the dangers of self-representation.

Appellant also contends that there was no hybrid representation in his case "as counsel had concluded his representation and left the country." (Return, p. 3). However, in criminal cases, attorneys are not entitled to unilaterally "conclude" their representation of defendants even if they have plans to leave the country. Here, for the ten days following Appellant's conviction, jurisdiction over the case remained in the circuit court, and counsel had not been relieved by the court. Therefore, only counsel could properly file a motion for reconsideration or a notice of appeal.

It seems that in Appellant's view, because he was not "actively" representing Appellant, trial counsel did nothing wrong by leaving the country on vacation without filing a notice of appeal or motion for reconsideration on Appellant's behalf. And perhaps he did not; it may be

that Appellant expressly instructed counsel not to file an appeal for one reason or another. However, to the extent counsel did, in fact, do something "wrong," he should be held accountable. The proper forum for resolution of this matter is through the processes of post-conviction relief, because this Court does not have jurisdiction over Appellant's direct appeal. See, e.g., Hill v. South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, 389 S.C. 1, 21, 698 S.E.2d 612, 623 (2010) ("The service of a notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement, and the time for service may not be extended by this Court."). In that forum, any questions related to trial counsel's representation of Appellant can be addressed along with any direct appeal issues if it is shown that trial counsel's representation deprived Appellant of his right to a direct appeal. See White v. State, 263 S.C. 110, 113, 208 S.E.2d 35, 36 (1974).

#### CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, in addition to the arguments made in the State's previous motion to dismiss, the State respectfully requests that this Court dismiss Appellant's appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

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Court of General Sessions  
Garrison D. Hill, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2013-GS-23-2124

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State of South Carolina, ..... Respondent,  
v.  
Johnie Allen DeVore, Jr., ..... Appellant.

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RETURN

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The State has moved to dismiss based on an allegation that the Appellant's *pro se* motion for new trial and notice of appeal constituted "hybrid" representation. The State's argument overlooks the fact that Devore did not have an attorney actively representing him after the conclusion of the trial or during the time for filing post trial motions or notice of appeal. As a result, Devore's *pro se* filings did not create or constitute "hybrid" representation.

The State's argument that the appeal should be dismissed and the issue best raised through a PCR is flawed. A post-conviction relief hearing would be unwarranted in this case as it is not necessary to resolve a factual dispute and would not aid the Court in its application of the law. *See State v. Rivera*, 402 S.C. 225, 741 S.E.2d 694 (2013). The question presented is not whether an issue could be raised in a post conviction relief hearing, but simply whether this Court has jurisdiction for the direct appeal.

Devore was represented at trial by counsel, however, subsequent to trial counsel left the country without filing a notice of appeal or Rule 29 motion. Clearly Devore sought to have a new trial and/or appeal from the conviction. There was no action

taken by trial counsel. Accordingly, Devore timely filed a *pro se* request for a new trial and subsequently a *pro se* request for an appeal. When Devore filed these documents, he was not being actively represented by counsel. There was therefore, no "hybrid" representation.

Under Rule 29 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure, Devore was entitled to make a motion for new trial. Devore was also constitutionally guaranteed the right to an appeal from a criminal case. There appears no case holding that a criminal defendant is prohibited from filing a *pro se* motion for new trial, or an appeal, when he is no longer being actively represented by counsel.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees criminal defendants the right to representation by counsel at every critical stage of the prosecution. Turner v. Calderon, 281 F.3d 851, 879 (9th Cir. 2002). The Sixth Amendment right to counsel extends to all critical stages of a criminal proceeding. *See, e.g., Missouri v. Frye*, 132 S.Ct. 1399, 1405 (2012); Lafler v. Cooper, 132 S.Ct. 1376, 1385 (2012); Smith v. Murray, 477 U.S. 527, 535-36 (1986). A critical stage of trial is "any stage that may significantly affect the outcome of the proceedings" Traylor v. State, 596 So.2d 957, 968 (Fla.1992).

The Sixth Amendment further guarantees every criminal defendant the "right to proceed without counsel when he voluntarily and intelligently elects to do so." State v. Barnes, 27322 (S.C. 1-15-2014) *citing* Faretta, 422 U.S. at 807. Faretta established that a defendant has an independent fundamental right guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment, to represent himself at all stages of criminal proceedings if he elects to do so. A trial court cannot force a defendant to accept counsel or refuse to dismiss a court appointed counsel if the defendant elects to represent himself. *See* Parker v. State, 1976 OK CR 293.

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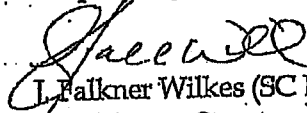
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2012-GS-23-2124

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

v. )

JOHN DEVORE )

MEMORANDUM OF DEFENDANT

**I. THE COURT ERRED IN FAILING TO ANSWER THE JURY'S QUESTION ABOUT BEING DEADLOCKED 11-1 AND ALLOWED UNDUE PRESSURE ON MINORITY JUROR.**

The failure of the court to answer the jury's question had the effect of placing undue influence on the minority juror. Although a *de novo* issue, the law relating to an *Allen* charges is instructive.

The jury in this case had deliberated for over two hours and it was after six o'clock in the evening. The court commented that the jury was getting tired. 163. There had been numerous questions from the jury. One of the questions revealed that the jury was deadlocked 11 to 1. The jury specifically asked the question of what happens when a one juror has a different verdict from the others? p. 163, l. 9-10. The court chose not to answer the jury's question. 163. It then let the foreman of the grand jury to "inquire" as to whether they wanted to continue or come back in the morning. The foreman reported that the jury wanted to continue on that evening. The jury was not instructed, questioned or polled by the Court. Presumably, either the foreman, or the majority was allowed to make the decision to continue deliberations into the night.

Providing no instruction on how long they would be kept that evening, or what could happen if hopelessly deadlocked, undue influence was allowed to enter the jury deliberations. Failing to answer the jury's question as to what happens with a hung jury, or to give the jury any

idea of how late into the evening they would have to stay, was coercive in regards to the minority juror. It allowed the majority to effectively hold the minority juror hostage indefinitely unless he or she changed his or her verdict. The failure of the court to answer the jury's question acted to coerce the jury into a verdict and focused naturally on the minority juror.

Although the unsolicited disclosure of the jury's division by a juror is not by itself grounds for a mistrial, in this case once the court became aware of the numerical split in the jury it was incumbent upon it to prevent undue influence from being injected into the deliberations.

In South Carolina state courts, an *Allen* charge cannot be directed to the minority voters on the jury panel. State v. Elmore, 279 S.C. 417, 308 S.E.2d 781 (1983). Instead, an *Allen* charge should be even-handed, directing both the majority and the minority to consider the other's views. See State v. Hughes, 336 S.C. 585, 521 S.E.2d 500 (1999). A trial judge has a duty to urge, but not coerce, a jury to reach a verdict. State v. Pauling, 322 S.C. 95, 470 S.E.2d 106 (1996). It is not coercion to charge every juror has a right to his own opinion and need not give up the opinion merely to reach a verdict. State v. Singleton, 319 S.C. 312, 460 S.E.2d 573 (1995). Green v. State, 351 S.C. 184 (2002).

South Carolina adopted the standard set by the United States Supreme Court in Lowenfield to determine whether an *Allen* charge is unconstitutionally coercive. Tucker, 346 S.C. at 492, 552 S.E.2d at 716 (citing Lowenfield, 484 U.S. at 237, 108 S.Ct. 546) Those factors are:

(1) Does the charge/ or in this case, the lack thereof, speak specifically to the minority juror(s);

- In this case the situation allowed undue pressure on the minority juror. From the record we know we have a minority juror, and that the jury was deadlocked at 11-1. The record also shows that the jury specifically had a question concerning their

inability to reach a unanimous verdict. The court's failure to answer the question about a hung jury, to give an *Allen* charge, or to determine whether continuing would be appropriate, allowed undue pressure on the minority juror. (Part of an *Allen* charge includes the instruction that a juror need not abandon his convictions).

(2) Does the charge/ or in this case, the lack thereof, indicate that the jury had to reach a decision in this case;

- By not answering the question about the potential for mistrial, or polling the jury as to continuing, the court allowed the majority to exert undue pressure on the minority juror forcing the jury to reach a verdict. The minority juror was left in a position of being stuck there indefinitely unless he or she changed his or her verdict.

(3) Was there an inquiry into the jury's numerical division, which is generally coercive;

- Although the Court did not inquire of the division, it was clear from the jury note. The court was therefore aware of the numerical division so that any action (or inaction) it took would be seen by the minority as directed at him or her.

(4) The time the jury takes to return a verdict after the Court's action. A verdict returned shortly after a supplemental charge, suggests a possibility of coercion. Although in John Devore's case counsel did not object to the Court's failure to respond to the jury question, or continuation of deliberations further into the evening, the lack of objection is only a factor to weigh in the analysis.

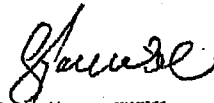
- the Short Time after the Question That Went Unanswered Increases the Likelihood That the Minority's Change in Verdict Was Influenced by the Court's Decision Not to Answer the Question.

Applying a Tucker analysis, the record in John Devore's case shows that the Court's failure to respond to the jury's question allowed undue influence into the jury deliberations. This was due in part to the circumstances of the trial. The jury was deadlocked 11-1. The numerical

split was known to the Court. The jury had already deliberated for over two hours and was noticeably tired. It was after six o'clock in the evening and the jury had not had a break for dinner. The majority was allowed to make the decision to continue to deliberate without any inquiry, questioning or polling by the Court. The majority was therefore allowed to essentially hold the minority juror in deliberations. The minority juror was not given any response to the question, nor any indication of how long into the night court would continue because of that juror's position. As a result, the lack of an *Allen* charge or other instruction, allowed for undue pressure on minority juror to change his or her verdict.

Based on the foregoing the conviction of the Defendant should be set aside and a new trial granted.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE COURT: This is the State v. Johnnie Allen Devore.

Mr. Devore is present?

MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir, Your Honor, he is.

Steve Sumner for the Defendant. He is here.

THE COURT: And, Ms. Major, you're here for the  
State?

MS. MAJOR: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

Good morning.

May it please the Court.

Again, Steve Sumner for the Defendant, John Devore.

Your Honor, my review of -- first of all, this would  
be a motion to dismiss. I have a written motion. And,  
also, I have some cases to hand up. I'm going to ask  
Ms. Devore -- forgive me, Ms. Major, if she would go ahead  
and get the road tape up to the Miranda issue. I think  
that she can do that.

Your Honor, here are the cases and the very brief  
point on my part. When I reviewed the video -- and I'll  
just defer this to the judgment of the Court -- the -- it  
does not show the Miranda warning, as required by the  
statute.

Judge, I have handed up some opinions of your

1 colleagues, Judge Hayes, who has a very succinct order  
2 from the Sixteenth Circuit, and Judge Verdin has issued  
3 two written orders on this. Again, I have those attached  
4 regarding that dismissal is the appropriate remedy as  
5 mandated by the statute.

6 And Judge, I've, also, handed up Suchenski and the  
7 Mt. Pleasant -- the Roberts opinion. If you need me to go  
8 through all of those, I can. I don't know if that's  
9 something that you would like to hear argument on, but  
10 the -- our Supreme Court has said, clearly, in Mt.  
11 Pleasant and Suchenski that failure to comply with the  
12 video requirements is defective in the State's case. And  
13 the only remedy is dismissal.

14 You will, also, see in the circuit court opinions  
15 that it doesn't matter whether or not it can be heard, it  
16 must show it. The word "show" means show. And Judge  
17 Sullivan's opinion -- Judge Hayes opinion in Sullivan --  
18 and I've handed all of these to my colleague -- it's  
19 succinct and right on point.

20 And so, at this point, I'll ask that the Solicitor go  
21 ahead and move -- this is a DUI case. We stipulate to  
22 this Court's jurisdiction. I'd like for her to move into  
23 that portion of the video and then I'll make my complete  
24 arguments at that point.

25 THE COURT: Okay, sir.

1 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 1 was marked for  
2 identification only.)

3 (WHEREUPON, a portion of State's Exhibit No. 1 was  
4 shown in open court.)

5 MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, you've seen and heard the  
6 video. The Miranda warning -- I think this falls right  
7 under Sullivan, the Sullivan opinion from Judge Hayes.  
8 It's, certainly, under Mt. Pleasant v. Roberts. There's  
9 no question that the field video does not show the Miranda  
10 warning in its entirety. It just does not. Trooper May  
11 walks him off camera. And there is a significant portion  
12 that is off camera. It doesn't show it.

13 THE COURT: Hold on. May I ask you a question?

14 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: From the audio portion, I heard the  
16 Miranda warnings.

17 MR. SUMNER: Right.

18 THE COURT: The video portion, is the trooper who's  
19 escorting the gentleman shown on the video the same one  
20 who's giving the Miranda warnings? And is the gentleman  
21 being escorted the Defendant?

22 MR. SUMNER: Apparently so, yes, sir. Apparently so.  
23 I believe that to be correct.

24 MS. MAJOR: Yes, Your Honor.

25 We can take testimony, if we need to. But that's

1 correct.

2 MR. SUMNER: I believe that would be correct. But as  
3 you look -- as the Court looks, again, at the opinions  
4 that were handed up, and, certainly, with Suchenski and  
5 Mt. Pleasant, it's just clear that strict statutory  
6 compliance is there. And I look at Mt. Pleasant as  
7 evidenced by this Court's decision in Suchenski. The  
8 legislature, clearly, intended a per se dismissal in the  
9 event that the mandatory provisions of 29-53 are not  
10 followed. It's right there in the last three or four --  
11 the last three or four paragraphs of the opinion.

12 And, again, I'm -- I know that the Court is aware of  
13 these things. And I understand that. And I would like  
14 you to consider, certainly, the circuit opinions that have  
15 construed this exact issue that's before you. And I would  
16 make a motion to dismiss on that basis as with what's been  
17 put forward.

18 Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Sumner.

20 Ms. Major.

21 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I would argue that the  
22 officer did comply with the statute. The officer who you  
23 saw on video, who was arresting the Defendant, began  
24 Miranda. You can see them walking towards each other.  
25 He's giving Miranda. I believe that the officer complied

1 with the statute. There's no question that the officer  
2 was speaking to the Defendant. It shows Miranda.

3 We can get the officer to testify, but I think it's  
4 pretty self-explanatory what's going on. I think you have  
5 to read the statute as a whole, and read it with the  
6 intent of the legislature. And the officer gave Miranda.  
7 And it was on the video, and it was shown.

8 THE COURT: Do you wish to present any testimony?

9 MS. MAJOR: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MS. MAJOR: The State calls Trooper Chadwick May to  
12 the stand.

13 THE CLERK: Sir, place your left hand on the Bible  
14 and raise your right hand.

15 WHEREUPON,

16 DIRGEN CHADWICK MAY,  
17 after first having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

18 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

19 Please state your name for the record.

20 THE WITNESS: Dirgen Chadwick May.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. MAJOR:

23 Q Trooper May, were you working on January 14th, 2012?

24 A Yes, ma'am, I was.

25 Q And did you stop the Defendant for suspicion of DUI?

1 A Yes, ma'am, I did.

2 Q And, after your investigation, did you make a  
3 determination as to whether you should place the Defendant  
4 under arrest for DUI?

5 A Yes, ma'am. I placed him under arrest.

6 Q Was that you that we saw in the video?

7 A Yes, ma'am, it was.

8 Q Was that the Defendant we saw in the video?

9 A Yes, ma'am.

10 Q Please describe to us what you did once you put the  
11 Defendant under arrest.

12 A Once I placed him under arrest, I was escorting him  
13 back to my patrol vehicle. And I was advising him of  
14 Miranda rights during that short walk back to my car.

15 Q Once you walk off camera, are you still talking to  
16 him?

17 A Yes, ma'am.

18 Q Was anybody else around?

19 A Trooper Shane Williams, I believe, was standing out  
20 to the side of my car at that time.

21 Q Okay. Were you giving Trooper Williams his Miranda  
22 rights?

23 A No, ma'am, I was not.

24 Q Was there anybody else in your vehicle?

25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q What did you do once you walk off camera?

2 A I'm just placing the Defendant in my vehicle. He  
3 sits in the front seat. I had to walk him around the door  
4 and sit him in there.

5 Q Did he indicate he understood?

6 A Yes, ma'am.

7 Q Did he understand that you were speaking to him?

8 A Yes, ma'am.

9 Q How does your camera operate as far as who points --  
10 does it point forward automatically?

11 A It points forward all the time. If I want to change  
12 the direction that the camera is pointing, I have to reach  
13 up and manually turn it around. It's on like a little  
14 ball swivel on the windshield, but it doesn't turn on its  
15 own. I have to reach up and do it.

16 When I'm placing somebody in the car, I usually have  
17 to reach in and turn it to face the Defendant -- or the  
18 person in the car.

19 Q Besides you, and Trooper Williams, and the Defendant,  
20 was anybody else near or on this scene?

21 A Not at that time, no, ma'am.

22 MS. MAJOR: Please answer any questions Mr. Sumner  
23 may have.

24 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 May it please the Court.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. SUMNER:

Q The video that we've seen is accurate; is that correct? And that is from the arrest of Mr. Devore that evening?

A Yes, sir, Mr. Sumner.

MR. SUMNER: Thank you.

I don't have any other questions.

Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you, Officer.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, briefly --

MS. MAJOR: Your --

MR. SUMNER: Go ahead. I didn't want to interrupt you if you were going to make a statement. I apologize.

MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, as the trooper testified, nobody else was around. You see Miranda. You see it given to him. Nobody else is around. These cameras don't have a 360-degree view. We're working within budget constraints here.

So I would argue that the officer complied with the statute.

MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, briefly, could I be heard?

THE COURT: Yes, sir.

MR. SUMNER: I'd like to hand this up as well. I

1 think it's a little bit further of a briefing on this  
2 issue.

3 Judge, I'd like you to look here, please, if you  
4 would. I have researched this issue pretty thoroughly. I  
5 have a lot of South Carolina law here. But, Judge, what  
6 you've heard here today is exactly what was addressed  
7 twice by Judge Verdin, once by Judge, I believe, Cothran.

8 And Judge Hayes, if you look at his opinion, which  
9 is, again, extremely short, he says the rights can,  
10 clearly, be heard on video, but you can't see them. And  
11 then he goes on to in a brief succinct opinion talk about  
12 what the word video means, and what the word show means.

13 And, I mean, it's just -- it's there. It's strict  
14 statutory compliance. I'd ask you to, please, look at  
15 Judge -- I keep saying Sullivan. You know me, I always  
16 get my words mixed up when I'm up here. Judge Hayes.  
17 Judge Hayes is a short circuit opinion that I've handed up  
18 to you. Because he talks about it. And he talks about  
19 Suchenski. And he talked about Mt. Pleasant. And it is  
20 strict statutory compliance.

21 Mt. Pleasant makes it clear after Suchenski, the  
22 Supreme Court reiterated, there is strict compliance. We  
23 have a very strict mandatory DUI law. It has to be  
24 followed. This is a criminal prosecution. And I'm,  
25 certainly, not suggesting because I happen to know both of

1 these fine gentlemen, Shane Williams, who's seated here,  
2 and, of course, Chad May -- this is not personal. I have  
3 the upmost respect for them. And they could not be any  
4 more cordial. And they are fine representatives of the  
5 highway patrol, absolutely.

6 However, the law is the law. And the statute was not  
7 followed. And the remedy is there. And our Supreme Court  
8 has said what the remedy is. It has said this is the  
9 remedy. It's not personal. This is the remedy. And when  
10 you look at -- there's no dispute between myself and the  
11 State as to what's on the video, what it shows, and what  
12 it doesn't show. And Judge Hayes, in a recitation of his  
13 facts, Judge Hill, is exactly what we see here. I mean,  
14 it's just the same thing.

15 And again, as we look not only at Suchenski, but we  
16 look at Mt. Pleasant where our Supreme Court went back to  
17 say let's make it clear. Let's make it clear. This is  
18 strict compliance. And I know you and I have had a  
19 discussion before in these cases where they say, look, we  
20 don't even require -- our legislature doesn't require that  
21 a confession to a murder case be videoed, but we require  
22 it in DUI, and we're going to follow it every single step  
23 of the way. And it may not be the most popular thing at  
24 any particular point, but the ruling is clear -- or the  
25 direction from our Supreme Court is clear.

1 I know that the circuit court opinions, Judge, that I  
2 handed up aren't binding on you. I know that. But  
3 they're clear. They are your colleagues. And I don't  
4 think there's anything else I can add. I think this is an  
5 exhibit. There's no question what it shows. There's no  
6 question what it doesn't show. And there's no question  
7 what the statute mandates.

8 THE COURT: What does it not show, in your opinion?

9 MR. SUMNER: It does not show the entire Miranda  
10 warning. I mean, it shows him starting, and then he goes  
11 off. And it does not -- and our Supreme Court has said  
12 what the Miranda warning is, our Court of Appeals has,  
13 because I was in front of Judge Few on that case. And he  
14 said it is those four warnings.

15 The terminal prong is not there. But there's no  
16 question that the entire Miranda warning -- the Miranda  
17 warning that is required by our statute that had been  
18 announced by our Court of Appeals by Hoyle is the four  
19 prongs, and it doesn't show it. And that's exactly the  
20 situation in front of Judge Hayes. That's exactly what  
21 we've got here. It's just not there. It's just not  
22 there.

23 THE COURT: Well, what do you think the purpose of  
24 the statute requiring it to be on videotape is?

25 MR. SUMNER: I don't know. I'm going to just say

1 that it is a -- I will say this. Our DUI statute is  
2 highly specific. It has been rewritten four times since  
3 1998.

4 Our Supreme Court has said that the first role of all  
5 of us -- of course, you because you're making the  
6 decision. The first role is to look at the plain language  
7 that's in the statute. The Miranda warning has got to be  
8 shown. It's right there. It's specific. And that's what  
9 Judge Hayes did, he said, look, let's just resort to what  
10 the words are. If we can effectuate it, let's go from  
11 right there. And he did that in his opinion. It's very  
12 brief. He said, look, it's got to be shown. There's no  
13 question in this case it's not shown in its entirety. The  
14 remedy is dismissal.

15 When -- I would say two things, Judge. First, when  
16 the words are clear and easy to understand, the case law  
17 is countless that that's what we do. We don't go any  
18 further than that.

19 Number two, our Supreme Court has consistently  
20 rendered in writing that when it's a criminal prosecution  
21 that any and all doubts go in favor of the Defendant. And  
22 we know that.

23 And so I think it's with that lens that we have to  
24 look through it. The words are clear. Any ambiguity --  
25 any leniency, rule of lenity, I believe, Madam Court

1 Reporter, is in favor of Mr. Devore. Written opinions  
2 from your colleagues are there with the same issue. And  
3 the video shows what it shows, and it doesn't show what it  
4 doesn't show. There's not been statutory compliance. The  
5 remedy is dismissal.

6 Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Well --

8 MS. MAJOR: I --

9 THE COURT: Go ahead.

10 MS. MAJOR: Just briefly.

11 I believe these cases are distinguishable. From what  
12 I can tell from Judge Hayes' order, we don't know what the  
13 officer -- whether he testified or not and explained the  
14 situation. And, also, from what I can tell, it appears  
15 that the Defendant was -- no portion of Miranda was on the  
16 video, as opposed to this case.

17 Also, the purpose of Miranda, I believe it's so that  
18 we know that Miranda was given and that the Defendant knew  
19 what his rights were. It's not a tool for dismissal.

20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

21 So your position, Mr. Sumner, is that you said the  
22 terminal prong -- you're talking about that he could have  
23 a lawyer appointed. Is that --

24 MR. SUMNER: No, sir.

25 The terminal prong was that you have the right to

1 terminate this interrogation at any point.

2 THE COURT: Oh, okay.

3 MR. SUMNER: That was not a part of the original  
4 Miranda court opinion. It was put in in Duckworth v.  
5 Eagan, a Michigan opinion heard by the Supreme Court.

6 There has been some discussion about whether or not  
7 after you advise someone of the four basic rights, you  
8 have to tell them you can exercise this right and  
9 terminate answering any questions at any point. That's  
10 not really what this case is about. It's the more central  
11 elements that are required.

12 Does that answer that question?

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir. It does.

14 So you concede that the other portions of the Miranda  
15 warnings are visible on the videotape?

16 MR. SUMNER: Only -- no, sir.

17 I would only say that the point that's -- what's  
18 visible is what -- I think we need to maybe look at it  
19 again.

20 THE COURT: Yes. Let's look at it again.

21 MR. SUMNER: The entire Miranda warning as required  
22 is not shown.

23 THE COURT: Let's just make sure the record is clear.  
24 Sometimes, these videos don't get in the record for  
25 whatever reason.

1 (WHEREUPON, State's exhibit No. 1 was played in open  
2 court.)

3 THE COURT: All right. So I guess we can come up  
4 with some stipulation as to what's not on there.

5 MR. SUMNER: The -- it does not show him being  
6 advised that he has a right to have an attorney appointed  
7 for him should he not be able to afford one. That's what  
8 I saw on it.

9 MS. MAJOR: I agree.

10 Mr. SUMNER: Would you agree with that?

11 THE COURT: So, at that point, the trooper is saying  
12 those words -- or words substantially to that effect. But  
13 he's putting the Defendant in the car.

14 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: And the camera can't track that because  
16 it's not -- based on some kind of action movement or  
17 whatever. So everybody agrees that the trooper did tell  
18 him that he had the right to remain silent. And if he  
19 stated something, it could be used against him. And that  
20 he could -- he did have the right to a lawyer. And that's  
21 about the time he started walking outside the camera's --

22 MR. SUMNER: I would agree with that, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Is that right?

24 MR. SUMNER: As I -- yes.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Anything further?

1 MR. SUMNER: Not from the Defendant on that point,  
2 Your Honor.

3 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I would just argue that the  
4 main purpose -- if I have it here -- of Miranda is to  
5 advise him that he has the right to remain silent, and  
6 that he has -- the essential portions of Miranda, I  
7 believe, are that he has the right to remain silent, what  
8 he says can be used against him, and what he says can be  
9 used against him in court, and then he has the right to a  
10 lawyer. I would argue it comes under that. And then if  
11 he cannot afford one -- I don't believe that -- even I  
12 would argue that he complied with Miranda, because there's  
13 been testimony that he did. But the essential portions of  
14 Miranda are shown.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I appreciate the fine  
16 arguments. And I've reviewed the case law that Mr. Sumner  
17 has been so kind to furnish me, as well as the opinions of  
18 Judges Hayes and Verdin, both of whom I highly respect.  
19 And they're, certainly, persuasive.

20 However, I find, based on the credible evidence in  
21 the record, that the Miranda warnings were given by the  
22 trooper. And the video recording of the incident site  
23 complied with Section 56-5-2953. The fact that a portion  
24 of it is not visible when, clearly, he's advising him  
25 while he's walking him to the car is not, in my opinion,

1 sufficient to take it outside of compliance of the  
2 statute. And it does not warrant dismissal.

3 I understand the rule of lenity that Mr. Sumner so  
4 correctly raised. However, I believe that the statute was  
5 complied with. Certainly, the Defendant knew -- there's  
6 no dispute that he knew what his rights were. And he was  
7 told them accurately by the officer. And I don't believe,  
8 unless I'm wrong, there's any issue regarding any  
9 statement he made or any misinterpretation by him or  
10 misunderstanding of his right to remain silent, or his  
11 Fifth Amendment rights, or his right to counsel.

12 And more Miranda case law states as a prophylactic  
13 rule, I believe the -- it's not necessarily required by  
14 the Fourth Amendment. And there's been a lot of debate  
15 about that. And I find that the warning that was given,  
16 certainly, complied with the Miranda decision, satisfied  
17 all other authorities on Miranda.

18 And simply because a small portion of it was not  
19 captured on video doesn't mean the statute wasn't complied  
20 with. I think the purpose of the statute is something I  
21 would have to look at. And I'm, certainly, not going to  
22 sit here and try to define the intent of the legislature.

23 But one of the reasonable purposes of the statute  
24 would be to ensure that the Defendant knew what his rights  
25 were. And there was an objective basis to determine he

1 had been advised of his rights. And, further, that he  
2 wasn't coerced when he was told of his rights in order to  
3 try to pry some kind of statement out of him.

4 So those would be among the purposes, I imagine, that  
5 the legislature had in mind when they passed this statute.  
6 And I think, here, there's no evidence or suggestion that  
7 any of those things that the legislature may have been  
8 concerned about occurred in this case.

9 Mr. Devore knew what his rights were. He was  
10 correctly advised of them by the trooper. And although  
11 part of it was not fully captured on video, I believe  
12 there was compliance with the statute.

13 So I respectfully deny the motion to dismiss. And I  
14 appreciate the argument. It was a substantial motion.  
15 And I appreciate your authorities in support of it.

16 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 May it please the Court.

18 The Solicitor and I had agreed to some redactions  
19 regarding the road tape and the breath tape. And I'll let  
20 her recite those.

21 There's one thing that we have not been able to agree  
22 on. And that is that I am going to ask that on both the  
23 written advisement to Mr. Devore and on the videotape that  
24 would be played with the jury that the six-month  
25 suspension, which is a totally administrative action taken

1 by the Department of Motor Vehicles, not be referenced in  
2 this case. When I spoke to the Solicitor, she told me  
3 that she did plan on getting into that. And it's not  
4 relevant to this case. It's -- I don't think.

5 And I'll agree that I shouldn't be able to get into  
6 the six-month suspension. That is not initiated by the  
7 Court of General Sessions. It has nothing to do with the  
8 Court of General Sessions. It is an administrative action  
9 by the highway department. And I would ask that any  
10 references to that from either side not be allowed into  
11 this trial because it's irrelevant in this case.

12 Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

14 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I believe that it is very  
15 relevant to this case. The -- by statute, the officer has  
16 to read the Defendant certain rights under the implied  
17 consent law. He has the -- the way the implied consent  
18 law is structured is that every person has agreed to  
19 submit to a breath, or urine, or blood test. If you --  
20 but you have the right to refuse. But if you refuse, your  
21 refusal can be used against you. And the way the statute  
22 is written --

23 MR. SUMNER: Can I just -- I agree that it can be  
24 used against him. And I agree that she can say to the  
25 jury that they can consider refusal. I'm just merely

1 talking about the six-month suspension.

2 Okay. Thank you.

3 I didn't mean to interrupt you.

4 MS. MAJOR: No. That's okay.

5 And, Your Honor, I can -- if you'll just indulge me  
6 for a moment.

7 THE COURT: Sure. Take your time.

8 (Pause.)

9 MR. SUMNER: I have the statute, if you'd like it.

10 MS. MAJOR: I have it right here. I just wanted to  
11 make sure I'm on the right part.

12 On 56-5-2950 -- that's the implied consent law. And  
13 the way it reads is that no testimony be administered,  
14 unless it's recorded. And that he's been given a written  
15 copy and verbally informed that, one, he does not have to  
16 take the test or give the samples, but his privilege to  
17 drive must be suspended for, at least, six months, if he  
18 refuses to submit to the test. And that his refusal may  
19 be used against him.

20 Your Honor, I believe that that's read in conjunction  
21 and that the jury needs to know what he was giving up when  
22 he refused to take that test, and what can be used against  
23 him. That the -- it hinders my case and makes it unclear  
24 that if I just argue it can be used against him.

25 Well, he had a choice. He had a choice to take the

1 test, like he agreed to, or he had a choice to refuse the  
2 test. But if he refused the test, under Section 1, his  
3 license would be denied for, at least, six months, and it  
4 could be used against him in court. I think it's highly  
5 relevant. I think I have the -- it's part of my case that  
6 I have to prove.

7 I have a copy of the implied consent rights. And  
8 from what my understanding was that Mr. Sumner, also,  
9 wanted any other administrative -- what's the word I'm  
10 looking for? Action taken because of his refusal. He  
11 wanted that redacted as well. Well, Your Honor that's  
12 what this looks like.

13 I believe under State v. Henderson, I do have to  
14 redact that he has the right to an independent test.  
15 Because in the statute, it, specifically, says that the  
16 State can't use his refusal to get an independent test  
17 against him. I've redacted that part. The rest of it, I  
18 have to prove that he was read all of these rights.

19 And some of these rights, although it's an  
20 administrative point of view, this is a whole statute, as  
21 Mr. Sumner said, that must be strictly complied with. So  
22 I don't feel like he can have it both ways. And I don't  
23 even see what is so prejudicial about it either.

24 THE COURT: Oh, so now you're all for strict  
25 compliance; is that right?

1 MS. MAJOR: Well, I have to prove what I have to  
2 prove. And I believe we complied with that part of the  
3 statute. I don't think that it's prejudicial in any way.

4 I think that Mr. Sumner wanted the part about if you  
5 have an alcohol concentration of 15 one-hundredths percent  
6 or more that your privilege may be suspended. Well, he  
7 didn't provide a sample. So I don't see how that  
8 prejudices him in any way.

9 MR. SUMNER: I don't see how it would be relevant.  
10 It's -- evidence has to be relevant. That would be my  
11 point on that just for consistencies sake.

12 MS. MAJOR: I believe it's relevant to the implied  
13 consent rights that he is required to read. Also, I  
14 believe it's part of my case to prove that he read him all  
15 of those rights.

16 And, Your Honor, the jury gets confused. It's going  
17 to cause more confusion to redact all this. What are they  
18 trying to hide? Why can't we see all of this? What are  
19 we not allowed to see about this? And it's relevant to  
20 evidence that I have to turn in, what is on this sheet of  
21 paper.

22 THE COURT: Thank you.

23 MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, first of all, I will agree  
24 that he was properly given and offered the SLED test. I'm  
25 glad to make that stipulation on the record. There's no

1 problem on that. The test was offered pursuant to SLED  
2 regulations.

3 This suspension, actually, was rescinded. And I  
4 don't want to get into that. I think that takes -- it's  
5 way -- it takes us way away from what we're here about.

6 And where this comes from is every time I try a DUI  
7 case, the Prosecutor says what you've seen in the old case  
8 law. Who would refuse? Somebody that wouldn't want to  
9 give a sample. I agree that's a fair comment. Our  
10 Supreme Court has said that.

11 But when you get into this administrative thing, I  
12 think what she's going to say is he wanted so bad not to  
13 do this -- this is the argument I heard in my last case  
14 that he was willing to have a six-month suspension. Well,  
15 he didn't have a six-month suspension. And I can show  
16 that in my file. But I don't want to go there. I think  
17 that gets this administrative stuff into it.

18 This is purely administrative. A six-month  
19 suspension is not something that's regulated in this  
20 Court. It's not something that has anything to do with  
21 the Court of General Sessions. It is a highway department  
22 matter. And it is not relevant to the case. It's  
23 confusing. And I'm just asking -- I don't want to get  
24 into it. But I think that if she gets into it, then I  
25 have to be allowed to get into it. And I just don't think

1 it has anything to do with the criminal charge.

2 THE COURT: Doesn't the -- well, bear with me one  
3 second.

4 (Pause.)

5 THE COURT: What kind of charge would the State be  
6 seeking regarding the -- for the jury?

7 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I have some proposed charges.  
8 And I have copied and pasted the statute, except for he  
9 has the right to have a qualified person -- or conduct the  
10 additional test. I think the jury can figure out -- I'm  
11 not going to say his license was suspended. But that's  
12 the choice that he faced under the statute. And, I mean,  
13 that he can request an administrative hearing. And if  
14 it's upheld, then he must take other certain steps. And  
15 that's a part of the statute. And that's included on the  
16 advisement of implied consent rights.

17 THE COURT: But there's no authority that requires  
18 that to be charged to the jury, is there?

19 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, State v. Henderson -- if I  
20 can have a second to review it.

21 MR. SUMNER: And, Your Honor, I just want to say I  
22 have a copy of the order dismissing that six-month  
23 suspension. So I'm able to proceed judicially. Again, I  
24 don't think it's relevant. I don't want anybody to get  
25 into it. I was not planning on getting into it.

1           THE COURT: Well, I just can't recall. Is there some  
2 type of charge that's been sanctioned by the appellate  
3 courts about any inference you can draw from the refusal?

4           MR. SUMNER: My -- the only charge I've heard on it,  
5 Judge, just going from memory is what I said earlier,  
6 which is something to the effect of you can take into  
7 consideration the fact that they did not take the test in  
8 arriving at your decision. And she can comment --

9           THE COURT: Right.

10          MR. SUMNER: I mean, she can comment and say he could  
11 have taken that test, and he didn't. And you need to  
12 consider that. I'm not saying she can't -- I think she  
13 can argue that. But what I think she's going to do is  
14 say, you know, he wanted so bad not to do this that he had  
15 a six-month suspension, which he never had. That's an  
16 administrative issue that's not -- and I don't want to  
17 have to get into it. And I wasn't planning on getting  
18 into it. I was just going to say he had the right to  
19 decline, and he did.

20          MS. MAJOR: I don't know if this is semantics, but I  
21 can say -- I think I should be able to say under the  
22 statute that the statute says that he has the right to  
23 refuse, but it can be used against him and his license  
24 will be suspended for six months. I guess I can go on and  
25 say he can challenge the suspension. But that was the

1 choice that he faced that night. And I think that the  
2 jury needs to understand the choice that he faced.

3 THE COURT: Why wouldn't the jury -- why wouldn't  
4 that be relevant that he -- regardless of what,  
5 ultimately, occurred, that he was fully aware of the risks  
6 and consequences of not taking the test? Why wouldn't  
7 that be something that is probative of his decision?

8 MR. SUMNER: Because it's a separate -- a totally  
9 separate proceeding. I mean, it's not a part of the  
10 criminal case. It is something totally separate. And he  
11 is advised it can be used against you, but he is, also,  
12 told you can have an administrative hearing to challenge  
13 that. I'm saying that is not relevant to a criminal  
14 prosecution. Because then I'm going to need to get into  
15 another hearing was held and it was, actually, dismissed,  
16 wasn't it. And that didn't even happen.

17 I mean, I think that is getting -- I think we're  
18 getting into an administrative hearing that is not a part  
19 of this case. I mean, it's just not. I don't -- you  
20 know, I mean, he is advised it can be used against him.

21 I think anything to do with the administrative aspect  
22 of it, either what you blow or what your suspension would  
23 be should not come in front of this jury. This is not  
24 what this jury is here to decide. This jury is simply  
25 here to decide the criminal charge. And I just think it

1       ought to be a bright line that we're not going to get into  
2       anything involving an administrative hearing, any issues  
3       that are covered by another tribunal, that are covered by  
4       another court.

5               MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, briefly.

6               If -- I don't want it to appear that I'm hiding  
7       anything. I think that I can say that this is the choice  
8       that he faced. I'm not going to say his license was  
9       suspended, because, clearly, it wasn't. The jury, I think  
10      they can put the pieces together that he was facing that,  
11      and then that he had the right to an administrative  
12      hearing. I don't see what the harm is in giving the jury  
13      all the information, as opposed to this.

14              I just think it's prejudicial to my case. I just  
15      don't see the -- let them decide. Let them be able to  
16      figure it out. He's going to read that to them. They're  
17      going to know what the procedure was. If I ask was his  
18      license suspended for six months, no, it wasn't. But  
19      that's the choice that he faced. And I guess I'll just  
20      have to delicately phrase that. But I think the jury  
21      should be able to see everything. And it should be an  
22      open document so that it doesn't look like we're trying to  
23      hide the ball.

24              THE COURT: So what are you going to ask the jury to  
25      be instructed regarding the refusal?

1 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I can pass up some -- just  
2 the statute. The statute in its totality, minus the right  
3 to an independent test.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. MAJOR: And, Your Honor, from my experience  
6 regarding the implied consent, we know what it means.  
7 But, sometimes, I don't know if the jury knows what it  
8 means. But we're going to hear all about the implied  
9 consent rights. And they don't get to see what the  
10 implied consent rights are.

11 THE COURT: Well, I understand the concerns about not  
12 wanting to get bogged down in the collateral matters. And  
13 that's, certainly, something I'm keenly interested in.

14 But I find the evidence of what he risked under the  
15 law and possible consequences from the refusal are  
16 relevant. It still could be excluded, as Mr. Sumner has  
17 argued. Because its probative value can be substantially  
18 outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, or confusion  
19 of issues, or misleading the jury, or by considering waste  
20 of time, or undue delay. And those are the grounds under  
21 Rule 403. But I don't believe that the probative value of  
22 this is substantially outweighed by the Rule 403 concerns.

23 So I would allow you to ask and allow evidence to  
24 come in about the language of the statute of implied  
25 consent and that his privilege could be suspended or

1 denied.

2 And, Mr. Sumner, I'll, certainly, allow you the  
3 opportunity to elicit evidence concerning what,  
4 ultimately, occurred regarding any suspension.

5 MR. SUMNER: Okay.

6 MS. MAJOR: So we're clear, it does not need to be  
7 redacted?

8 THE COURT: No. I don't think it needs to be  
9 redacted.

10 MS. MAJOR: Okay.

11 THE COURT: All right. Anything further?

12 MR. SUMNER: I think that -- I don't see a need to  
13 recite all this, but didn't you and I agree on what has  
14 been redacted from the tape and will not be referenced in  
15 any way, I guess?

16 MS. MAJOR: Yes.

17 I don't know. Maybe this is something that  
18 Mr. Sumner and I need to review. I have redacted --  
19 Mr. Sumner requested that I redact one hour and 10 minutes  
20 to one hour and 11 minutes. I don't think that all of  
21 that needs to be redacted. Basically, in that portion,  
22 the trooper says that the decision -- he believes the  
23 decision he made was the right one, and that he doesn't  
24 take lightly taking away a man's freedom. I didn't see  
25 the need to redact that.

1 MR. SUMNER: Okay. If she wants to -- if you want to  
2 play that about -- well, about I don't take it lightly to  
3 take somebody's freedom away.

4 MS. MAJOR: Right.

5 MR. SUMNER: If she wants to play that and make that  
6 a part of her case, I'm fine with that.

7 THE COURT: Anything further?

8 MR. SUMNER: Judge, I'll tell you what, as an officer  
9 of the Court, I can say this. I've had good conversations  
10 with Ms. Major throughout this week. And I think she and  
11 I have agreed upon what is going to come in and not. And  
12 we've reviewed it yesterday. And as long as that  
13 agreement has been followed, which in my mind it has been,  
14 then I think we're fine.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Very good.

16 MR. SUMNER: We're ready.

17 THE COURT: Any voir dire that y'all, specifically,  
18 have?

19 MR. SUMNER: No. Just your standard is fine with me.

20 THE COURT: Do you want me to ask anything about  
21 anything specific to this case?

22 MR. SUMNER: I would ask that you not ask if anybody  
23 has been involved in an accident involving somebody with  
24 drinking and driving. The only thing I would ask is if  
25 anybody has ever contributed to MADD, or some other

1 organization. That's the only thing I would ask.

2 MS. MAJOR: I agree.

3 THE COURT: Bring the panel on up then.

4 Thank you.

5 How long is the video, by the way?

6 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, the in-car is an hour, and  
7 the BA is 30 minutes.

8 MR. SUMNER: I am fine -- I think there's some  
9 redactions. I mean, I'm comfortable -- you know, I told  
10 her that I'm comfortable cutting some of it. But I've got  
11 to let -- you know, it's her case, so.

12 MS. MAJOR: I would like to play the whole thing.  
13 I've just found, in my experience, that the jury wonders  
14 when you cut something off. And I believe that there are  
15 some incriminating statements throughout the entire video.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

17 (Pause.)

18 (WHEREUPON, the jury panel entered the courtroom.)

19 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

20 We are going to pick a jury now in the case of the  
21 State v. Johnnie Allen Devore, Jr. And this is a criminal  
22 case. And I'm going to read to you the indictment. And  
23 before I do that, I just want to remind you of several  
24 things.

25 First of all, this indictment is not evidence of

1 anything. It is simply the formal way a case begins in  
2 General Sessions criminal court. And it is the ticket, so  
3 to speak, that lets the prosecutor come into the courtroom  
4 and start a case against a citizen, and let's a citizen  
5 know what he's charged with. But it, certainly, doesn't  
6 suggest or imply any guilt. And it is not evidence of  
7 anything.

8 So, with that in mind, Mr. Devore has pled not guilty  
9 to this indictment. And that puts the burden of proof  
10 entirely on the State. He may only be convicted if, and  
11 only if, the jury unanimously finds that the State has  
12 proven each and every element of the charge beyond a  
13 reasonable doubt.

14 And Mr. Devore is presumed innocent and he will  
15 remain presumed innocent throughout the trial and even  
16 into your deliberations. And that presumption of  
17 innocence can only be removed by proof that the State  
18 brings forward that convinces you of guilt beyond a  
19 reasonable doubt.

20 Mr. Devore doesn't have any burden of proof. He  
21 doesn't have to offer any evidence or explanation  
22 whatsoever.

23 The indictment alleges that Johnnie Allen Devore, Jr.,  
24 did in Greenville County on or about the 14th day of  
25 January, 2012, drive a motor vehicle while under the

1 influence of alcohol, or other drug, or substance, or a  
2 combination of alcohol, other drug and/or substance which  
3 caused impairment to the extent that the Defendant's  
4 faculties to drive were materially and appreciably  
5 impaired. Those are the allegations of the indictment.

6 JURY QUALIFICATIONS

7 THE COURT: Now, we want to be able to have a jury  
8 that can be fair and impartial. So, to that end, I need  
9 to ask a series of questions.

10 The first one being, is there anyone related by blood  
11 or marriage to Johnnie Allen Devore, Jr.?

12 And, sir, if you could just stand up so everybody  
13 knows who you are, Mr. Devore.

14 Does anyone have any personal, social, or business  
15 relationship with Mr. Devore?

16 Thank you, sir.

17 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

18 THE COURT: All right. There's no response.

19 The people who may testify in this case for the State  
20 include Trooper Dirgen Chadwick May and Trooper Shane  
21 Williams. Is anyone related by blood, or marriage, or kin  
22 to any of these potential witnesses? If so, please,  
23 stand.

24 You can stand up, sir, Trooper.

25 Thank you.

1 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

2 THE COURT: Does anyone have any business, personal,  
3 or social relationship with either of these potential  
4 witnesses?

5 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

6 THE COURT: Does anyone know anything about this  
7 case, other than what you've heard from me here this  
8 morning?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

10 THE COURT: Is anyone aware of any bias or prejudice  
11 they may have about any matter related to this case, or  
12 anyone related to it? If so, please, stand.

13 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

14 THE COURT: Is there anyone who contributes to any  
15 organization whose primary purpose is to promote victim's  
16 rights, or to promote more aggressive law enforcement? If  
17 so, please, stand.

18 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

19 THE COURT: Is there anyone who does not believe they  
20 can be fair and impartial in this trial to either the  
21 State or Mr. Devore? If so, please, stand.

22 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

23 THE COURT: Any further voir dire requested by --

24 MR. SUMNER: I guess we just need to introduce  
25 ourselves.

1 THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry.

2 MR. SUMNER: But no further voir dire, Your Honor,  
3 not from the Defense.

4 MS. MAJOR: Not from the State.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Major, you can introduce yourself.

6 MS. MAJOR: I'm Elizabeth Major. I'm here on behalf  
7 of the Greenville County Solicitor's Office.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Sumner.

9 MR. SUMNER: Good morning.

10 I'm Steve Sumner. I represent Mr. Devore. And I  
11 practice law here in Greenville.

12 THE COURT: Is anyone related by blood or marriage to  
13 either Ms. Major or Mr. Sumner? If so, please, stand.

14 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

15 THE COURT: Does anyone have any personal, business,  
16 or social relationship with either of these attorneys? If  
17 so, please, stand.

18 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

19 THE COURT: Has anyone ever been employed by the  
20 Solicitor's Office or had a member of their immediate  
21 family be employed by the Solicitor's Office? If so,  
22 please, stand.

23 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

24 THE COURT: Has anyone ever been employed by  
25 Mr. Sumner's office, or had a member of their immediate

1 family be employed by him? If so, please, stand.

2 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

3 THE COURT: Has anyone ever been represented by  
4 Ms. Major, or Mr. Sumner, or been involved in a dispute or  
5 transaction where the other side was represented by one of  
6 these lawyers? If so, please, stand.

7 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

8 THE COURT: All right. We will proceed now with the  
9 jury selection.

10 Thank you.

11 JURY SELECTION

12 THE CLERK: When I call your name, if you'll, please,  
13 stand in place and wait for further instruction.

14 Juror #97, José Gonzalez.

15 (WHEREUPON, José Gonzalez, a Hispanic male, stood.)

16 THE CLERK: What says the State?

17 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

18 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

19 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

20 THE CLERK: Mr. Gonzalez, please, come have a seat in  
21 the jury box.

22 Juror #152, Robert Macmeccan.

23 (WHEREUPON, Robert Macmeccan, a white male, stood.)

24 THE CLERK: What says the State?

25 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

1 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

2 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

3 THE CLERK: Sir, please, come have a seat in the jury  
4 box.

5 Juror #219, Brian Shelton.

6 (WHEREUPON, Brian Shelton, a white male, stood.)

7 THE CLERK: What says the State?

8 MS. MAJOR: Please excuse this juror.

9 THE CLERK: Sir, please, be seated. You've been  
10 excused from this case.

11 Juror #49, Judith Churchwell.

12 (WHEREUPON, Judith Churchwell, a white female,  
13 stood.)

14 THE CLERK: What says the State?

15 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

16 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

17 MR. SUMNER: Please excuse this juror.

18 THE CLERK: Please be seated. You have been excused  
19 from this case.

20 Juror #128, Stinnes Jordan.

21 (WHEREUPON, Stinnes Jordan, a white male, stood.)

22 THE CLERK: What says the State?

23 MS. MAJOR: Please excuse this juror.

24 THE CLERK: Please be seated. You've been excused  
25 from this case.

1 Juror #118, William Hunnicutt.

2 (WHEREUPON, William Hunnicutt, a white male, stood.)

3 THE CLERK: What says the State?

4 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

5 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

6 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Hunnicutt, please, have a seat in the  
8 jury box.

9 Juror #253, Tony Wallace.

10 (WHEREUPON, Tony Wallace, a white male, stood.)

11 THE CLERK: What says the State?

12 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

13 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

14 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

15 THE CLERK: Mr. Wallace, please, have a seat in the  
16 jury box.

17 Juror #31, Janice Broyles.

18 (WHEREUPON, Janice Broyles, a white female, stood.)

19 THE CLERK: What says the State?

20 MS. MAJOR: Please present the juror.

21 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

22 MR. SUMNER: Please excuse this juror.

23 THE CLERK: Please be seated, Ms. Broyles. You've  
24 been excused from this case.

25 Juror #41, Audrey Carter.

1 (WHEREUPON, Audrey Carter, a white female, stood.)

2 THE CLERK: What says the State?

3 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

4 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

5 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

6 THE CLERK: Ms. Carter, please, have a seat in the  
7 jury box.

8 Juror #245, Catherine Thomason.

9 (WHEREUPON, Catherine Thomason, a white female,  
10 stood.)

11 THE CLERK: What says the State?

12 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

13 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

14 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

15 THE CLERK: Ms. Thomason, please, have a seat in the  
16 jury box.

17 Juror #109, Carolyn Harding.

18 (WHEREUPON, Carolyn Harding, a white female, stood.)

19 THE CLERK: What says the State?

20 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

21 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

22 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

23 THE CLERK: Ms. Harding, please, have a seat in the  
24 jury box.

25 Juror #100, John Gordon.

1 (WHEREUPON, John Gordon, a white male, stood.)

2 THE CLERK: What says the State?

3 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

4 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

5 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

6 THE CLERK: Mr. Gordon, please, have a seat in the  
7 jury box.

8 Juror #59, Maureen Coyne.

9 (WHEREUPON, Maureen Coyne, a white female, stood.)

10 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

11 THE CLERK: Thank you.

12 What says the Defendant?

13 MR. SUMNER: Please present the juror.

14 THE CLERK: Ms. Coyne, please, come have a seat in  
15 the jury box.

16 Juror #63, Gregory Crum.

17 (WHEREUPON, Gregory Crum, a white male, stood.)

18 THE CLERK: What says the State?

19 MS. MAJOR: Please excuse this juror.

20 THE CLERK: Please be seated. You have been excused  
21 from this case.

22 Juror #279, John Ross.

23 (WHEREUPON, John Ross, a white male, stood.)

24 THE CLERK: What says the State?

25 MS. MAJOR: Please excuse this juror.

1 THE CLERK: Please be seated. You have been excused  
2 from this case.

3 Juror #231, Barbara Steffke.

4 (WHEREUPON, Barbara Steffke, a white female, stood.)

5 THE CLERK: What says the State?

6 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

7 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

8 MR. SUMNER: Please excuse the juror.

9 THE CLERK: Ma'am, please, be seated. You have been  
10 excused from this case.

11 Juror #45, Sharon Chancellor.

12 (WHEREUPON, Sharon Chancellor, a black female,  
13 stood.)

14 THE CLERK: What says the State?

15 MS. MAJOR: Please excuse this juror.

16 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

17 Juror #182, Teresa Pace.

18 (WHEREUPON, Teresa Pace, a white female, stood.)

19 THE CLERK: What says the State?

20 MS. MAJOR: Please present the juror.

21 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

22 MR. SUMNER: Please excuse the juror.

23 THE CLERK: Ma'am, please, be seated. You have been  
24 excused from this case.

25 Juror #90, Paul Gerbig.

1 (WHEREUPON, Paul Gerbig, a white male, stood.)

2 THE CLERK: What says the State?

3 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

4 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

5 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

6 THE CLERK: Mr. Gerbig, please, have a seat in the  
7 jury box.

8 Juror #20, Sheri Benore.

9 (WHEREUPON, Sheri Benore, a white female, stood.)

10 THE CLERK: What says the State?

11 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

12 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

13 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

14 THE CLERK: Ma'am, please, come have a seat in the  
15 jury box.

16 Juror #51, Kathleen Cleys.

17 (WHEREUPON, Kathleen Cleys, a white female, stood.)

18 THE CLERK: What says the State?

19 MS. MAJOR: Please present the juror.

20 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

21 MR. SUMNER: Please excuse the juror.

22 THE CLERK: Ma'am, please, be seated. You have been  
23 excused from this case.

24 Juror #164, Patsy McKelvey.

25 (WHEREUPON, Patsy McKelvey, a black female, stood.)

1 THE CLERK: What says the State?

2 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

3 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

4 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

5 THE CLERK: Ms. McKelvey, please, have a seat in the  
6 jury box.

7 THE COURT: We'll have one alternate.

8 MS. MAJOR: Yes, sir.

9 MR. SUMNER: That's fine.

10 THE CLERK: Juror #158, Debra Mason.

11 (WHEREUPON, Debra Mason, a white female, stood.)

12 THE CLERK: What says the State?

13 MS. MAJOR: Please present this juror.

14 THE CLERK: What says the Defendant?

15 MR. SUMNER: Please swear the juror.

16 THE CLERK: Ms. Mason, please, have a seat in the  
17 jury box.

18 THE COURT: Any matters related to the selection  
19 process or composition of the jury from the State?

20 MS. MAJOR: None from the State.

21 THE COURT: From the Defense?

22 MR. SUMNER: Likewise.

23 THE COURT: All right. I find it complied with all  
24 statutory and Constitutional mandates.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, you've been selected to be the

1 jury in the case of the State vs. Johnie A. Devore, Jr.  
2 We're going to begin the case in just a few moments. I'll  
3 just ask you to go back to the jury room at this time and  
4 not talk about the case. And we will have the opening  
5 statements here in just a few minutes.

6 Thank you.

7 (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
8 approximately 10:55 a.m.)

9 THE COURT: For those of you who were not chosen to  
10 be on the jury, you may return downstairs to the jury  
11 assembly room.

12 (WHEREUPON, the remaining jury panel members exited  
13 the courtroom.)

14 THE COURT: We'll just take about a five-minute break.

15 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

16 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 were  
17 marked for identification only.)

18 THE COURT: Anything else before we bring the jury  
19 in?

20 MS. MAJOR: No, Your Honor.

21 MR. SUMNER: One last thing. We stipulate to the  
22 jurisdiction of the Court.

23 THE COURT: All right. Bring the jury in.

24 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
25 approximately 11:08 a.m.)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I want to thank you again for your service this week. And I know the parties appreciate you being here.

And I know you're here, as I mentioned to you on Monday morning, in part, because you respect the fact that the right to a jury trial is a fundamental and important part of your justice system. You probably know that you got the summons to come down here to report for jury duty because you're either registered to vote, or you have a driver's license, or you have an identification card issued by the highway department.

But you may be curious as to why you were selected to sit on this particular case as a juror. And the reason is because both sides, both the State and Mr. Devore, believe you can be fair and impartial, and you could decide this case without any kind of bias, or prejudice, or preconceived ideas.

Now, my name is Gary Hill. I introduced myself to you Monday morning when we were doing jury qualifications. I'm one of the circuit judges here in Greenville County and Pickens County, which is the Thirteenth Circuit. I'm glad to be in my home circuit this week, as we do travel around the state periodically. And you've met the lawyers because they just introduced themselves to you. But

1       there's some other people in the courtroom who you've not  
2       met who I do want to introduce, and I'll tell you what  
3       their jobs are. And then I'm going to tell you what your  
4       job is.

5               The first person I want to introduce is Ms. Hollie  
6       Jenkins. She's the court reporter. And, as you can see,  
7       she is furiously typing, because she's taking down every  
8       word that's being said, because Circuit Court is a court  
9       of record. And then to her right is Mary Troop, who is  
10      one of the assistant clerks of court for Mr. Wickensimer.  
11      And she assists with jury selection and assisted with the  
12      qualification process on Monday, as well as trying to run  
13      things efficiently in terms of keeping up with the  
14      paperwork. Up on the bench with me is Parker Baxley,  
15      who's my law clerk. She's a lawyer. She's a graduate of  
16      the USC School of Law. And she assists me with research  
17      and other issues that arise during trials. The two  
18      bailiffs we have in this case are Mr. Blackmon, and  
19      Mr. Christ here in the back. And they're here for your  
20      assistance while you're serving on the jury.

21             Everyone I introduced to you and, certainly, the  
22      lawyers have done this and I have done this as well, we  
23      have all taken an oath to do our job. And you're going to  
24      take an oath to do your job.

25             So, at this time, I'm going to ask Ms. Troop to

1 administer the oath. And listen to it very carefully,  
2 because it tells you in a nutshell what your  
3 responsibility is. And I'll elaborate on that after she  
4 finishes.

5 THE CLERK: Please stand and raise your right hand.  
6 The proper response is "I will."

7 (WHEREUPON, the jury was sworn at approximately  
8 11:12 a.m.)

9 THE CLERK: Thank you.  
10 Please be seated.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 Now, as I mentioned on Monday, any time a trial  
13 occurs in circuit court with the jury, there are always  
14 two judges. There's the judge of the law, and that's the  
15 judge -- that's the role that I fulfill. And there's the  
16 judge of the facts, and that's the role that you, the  
17 jury, discharge. Our responsibilities are very distinct.  
18 And yours are much harder and more difficult than mine  
19 are. But I'm going to tell you what my job is as the  
20 judge of the law first. And then I'll tell you what your  
21 job is as the judge of the facts.

22 As the judge of the law, I have two main  
23 responsibilities. The first is to rule on the  
24 admissibility of evidence. I don't know much about this  
25 case, but I anticipate we may have objections to evidence.

1 And if there is an objection, I have to rule on whether it  
2 is admissible under the law. And I usually can do that  
3 right on the spot. Sometimes, we have to take a break if  
4 things get a little complicated. But, nevertheless, if I  
5 sustain the objection, that simply means that the evidence  
6 is not something you can consider in this case. If I  
7 overrule the objection, that means the evidence is  
8 something you can consider. So that's my first job as the  
9 judge of the law is to rule on the admissibility of  
10 evidence.

11 The second job I have, as the judge of the law, is  
12 that I will instruct you on what the law is that applies  
13 to the facts of this case. And I will do that at the end  
14 of the case after you've heard all the evidence and the  
15 arguments of the lawyers.

16 Now, your job as the judge of the facts, as I said,  
17 is much more difficult. And our Constitution gives you,  
18 the jury, the sole and exclusive right to determine what  
19 the facts are in a trial such as this. I can't and I  
20 won't make any comment on the facts of this case.

21 Please don't interpret anything I do during the trial  
22 as any indication as to what I think the facts are, or  
23 what your verdict should be. Because our Constitution  
24 gives you the sole and exclusive right to determine what  
25 the facts are. And I'm not going to interfere with that

1 any more than you would interfere with my right to tell  
2 you what the law is that applies to the facts.

3 So how do you determine what the facts are? You do  
4 that by weighing and evaluating the evidence you're going  
5 to hear during the course of this trial. Evidence  
6 consists of two sources. The first is the one you're  
7 probably most familiar with, and that is sworn witness  
8 testimony.

9 The second source of evidence is by way of an  
10 exhibit. An exhibit is simply a physical tangible object.  
11 It might be a map, or a photograph, or something of that  
12 nature. But you'll know it's an exhibit and you'll know  
13 it's something you can use as evidence to determine what  
14 the facts are because it will be back in the jury room  
15 with you at the end of the case. And it will have a  
16 sticker on it that says exhibit number so and so. It's  
17 very important, ladies and gentlemen, that you understand  
18 that those are the only two things you can use to  
19 determine what the facts are, sworn witness testimony and  
20 exhibits. Nothing else is evidence.

21 We have fine lawyers in this case. And they are  
22 going to make arguments on behalf of their clients. But  
23 bear in mind that they are not witnesses. So what they  
24 say is not evidence. They're trying to help you  
25 understand what the evidence is, so you should pay keen

1 attention to what they say.

2 Now, as the judge of the facts, you will have to by  
3 necessity determine the credibility of all the evidence.  
4 So that means for every witness who testifies and every  
5 exhibit that is admitted, you will have to determine the  
6 believability or credibility of that evidence.

7 And how do you do that? I can tell you in the case  
8 of a witness, you can use some guidelines, or you can  
9 disregard these guidelines. But, nevertheless, something  
10 you could use if you wish to would be considering the  
11 witness's opportunity to observe the things that they are  
12 coming into court to tell you they saw or observed.

13 Second, you may consider how the witness's testimony  
14 stacks up to the other evidence in the case, whether it's  
15 consistent or inconsistent. You can, also, take into  
16 account whether the interest has -- the witness has some  
17 interest in the outcome of this case, or if they have some  
18 bias or prejudice towards someone or some issue involved  
19 in the case. And you may consider their demeanor on the  
20 stand. You, certainly, can, also, use your common sense,  
21 because it did not evaporate when you walked into the  
22 courtroom. So those are some of the things you can use in  
23 determining the credibility of the witnesses, which will  
24 be one of your jobs as the judge of the facts.

25 Now, this is a criminal case. And there are certain

1 principles that apply to all criminal cases that I've  
2 already alluded to. But I'm going to tell you about them  
3 now and at the end of the case because they are so  
4 fundamentally important.

5 The first is the indictment I read to you doesn't  
6 constitute evidence. This indictment is not a witness.  
7 It's not an exhibit. It's simply the formal way the case  
8 begins. And, as I mentioned, it's the way a citizen is  
9 notified of what they're charged with.

10 Secondly, Mr. Devore pled not guilty to the  
11 indictment. And that puts the burden of proof squarely  
12 and solely on the State. Mr. Devore is presumed innocent.  
13 And that presumption of innocence accompanies him  
14 throughout this trial and even into your deliberations.  
15 He has no burden of proof and doesn't have to offer any  
16 evidence or explanation whatsoever.

17 Now, how many of you have sat on a criminal trial  
18 before? If you could, just raise your hand for me.

19 (WHEREUPON, one juror raised their hand.)

20 THE COURT: Some of you may know from your own  
21 experience, if you haven't been a juror before in a  
22 criminal case, a little bit about the structure of a  
23 criminal trial. But just to further demystify the  
24 surroundings for you, I'm going to tell you briefly what  
25 the structure is.

1           The State, as I've said, bears the burden of proof.  
2       So in just a few minutes, they're going to give you the  
3       opening statement, which is simply an outline, a road map  
4       of what they think the evidence will show, and what the  
5       issues are going to be in the case. And after the State  
6       finishes their opening statement, the Defense, through  
7       Mr. Sumner, will have the opportunity, but not the  
8       obligation, to give an opening statement as well.

9           Then after you've heard the opening statement or  
10       statements, we'll have the evidence portion of the trial  
11       where, again, the State, bearing the burden of proof, will  
12       go first and the Defense will have the opportunity to  
13       confront that evidence and cross-examine the witnesses.  
14       And then after you've heard the State's evidence, the  
15       Defense will have the opportunity, but, again, not the  
16       obligation, to present evidence they wish to which the  
17       State may confront.

18           After you've heard all the evidence, we'll have the  
19       closing arguments where they will tell you what they think  
20       the evidence showed and what your verdict should be. Then  
21       I will instruct you on the law that applies to the facts  
22       of the case. And then you will go back and deliberate and  
23       determine what the facts are and apply the law to those  
24       facts and, ultimately, reach a verdict.

25           Now, I don't know how long this case is going to

1 last. It may be relatively short. But, regardless of how  
2 long or short it is, it's a very important case to both  
3 the State and Mr. Devore. And I know you will give them  
4 your devout attention throughout this trial as the  
5 evidence is being presented.

6 The important thing for you to understand as well is  
7 that we spent time here this morning, and so did you,  
8 trying to find a jury that could be open minded and fair  
9 and impartial. So we want to keep you that way. So don't  
10 start talking about this case during the breaks. Don't  
11 discuss it with anyone. Don't do any kind of outside  
12 investigation, or research, or engage in any kind of  
13 social media. Because you must confine your decision, as  
14 I've said, to the evidence that you hear during this trial.

15 These trials are sometimes like jigsaw puzzles. And  
16 they have to be presented one piece at a time. And you,  
17 certainly, don't want to start trying to solve the puzzle  
18 when you don't have all the pieces in the box.

19 So don't talk about the case or discuss it until  
20 you've heard all the evidence, heard the arguments of the  
21 lawyers, and heard the law that applies to the facts.  
22 And, at that point, you may begin deliberating. And I  
23 will tell you when you can start discussing the case.

24 Now, ladies and gentlemen, you have seen the lawyers  
25 in this case. And, as I said, we have very fine lawyers

1 involved in this trial, fortunately. And they are  
2 advocates for their clients. They're going to do their  
3 best to zealously represent their client's interest. You  
4 and I are not advocates. We don't have any interest in  
5 the outcome of this case. Our job is to be fair and  
6 impartial. And your job is to determine what the facts  
7 are and determine whether the State has met its burden of  
8 proof.

9 So with that, we'll have the opening statement.

10 Ms. Major.

11 OPENING STATEMENTS

12 MS. MAJOR: Thank you.

13 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

14 My name is Elizabeth Major. And I'm here on behalf  
15 of Greenville County and the Solicitor's Office.

16 At the table is Trooper May. He's the arresting  
17 officer in this case, and my investigator is Renee Kelly.  
18 We're here today in the matter of the State v. Johnnie  
19 Devore. And Mr. Devore has been charged -- he is charged  
20 with the crime of driving under the influence.

21 As the Judge told you, I bear the burden of proving  
22 to you beyond a reasonable doubt that he is guilty of this  
23 crime. Now, all crimes have certain elements. So what  
24 are the elements of DUI? I have to prove to you that the  
25 Defendant was driving a motor vehicle in the State of

1 South Carolina while under the influence of alcohol or  
2 drugs to the extent that his ability to operate that  
3 vehicle was materially and appreciably impaired.

4 So how am I going to do that? You're going to hear  
5 from Trooper May. He is going to tell you that he was on  
6 patrol on January 14th, 2012, on 385 in Greenville County.  
7 He's going to tell you what he saw, that he observed the  
8 Defendant's vehicle driving down the road. He observed it  
9 swaying back and forth. He'll tell you that he pulled his  
10 vehicle out onto the road to follow it onto 385. And he's  
11 going to tell you what he saw.

12 He's going to tell you how he saw the Defendant's  
13 vehicle continue to sway to the left and back to the  
14 right, and back to the left and back to the right. And  
15 after a while of investigating, he, finally, determined  
16 that he needed to pull this car over and see what was  
17 going on.

18 He's going to tell you what he saw, what he smelled,  
19 and what he observed from the Defendant. And he's going  
20 to tell you that he made a decision that he thought that  
21 the Defendant was too impaired to operate that vehicle.

22 He'll tell you that he took the Defendant down to the  
23 law enforcement center into the breathalyzer data master  
24 room where he gave him the opportunity to provide a breath  
25 sample. And he told him that if he didn't, his refusal to

1 provide that sample could be used against him.

2 Now, you're, also -- you're going to hear from  
3 Trooper May. But you're, also, going to see two videos.  
4 You're going to see the in-car video. And you're going to  
5 see what Trooper May saw that night. You're going to see  
6 the video, also, from the breathalyzer room. And you're  
7 going to see Mr. Devore refuse that opportunity to provide  
8 a sample.

9 I don't think this is an extremely complicated or  
10 convoluted case. But, as the Judge said, it's important.  
11 It's important to Mr. Devore, and it's important to the  
12 State.

13 You brought your best tool in here with you, and  
14 that's your common sense. I ask that you listen carefully  
15 to all the evidence. And I ask that you keep an open  
16 mind. And, at the end of this case, I will ask that you  
17 return a verdict of guilty.

18 Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Major.

20 Mr. Sumner.

21 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

22 Thank you, Your Honor.

23 May it please the Court.

24 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

25 MR. SUMNER: Ms. Major.

1           Good morning.

2           My name is Steve Sumner. I had a chance to introduce  
3 myself to you briefly. I practice law here in Greenville.

4           It is my pleasure to be representing John Devore.  
5 John is seated to my left. I know he stood up just a few  
6 moments ago. This is one of the most important days of  
7 his life.

8           Now, this trial will be short. I will tell you that.  
9 Nobody will miss supper tonight because of this trial.  
10 But, please, don't think because it's short that it is not  
11 one of the most important days of his life. This is a  
12 criminal prosecution.

13          Now, Judge Hill touched on that a few moments ago  
14 when he asked you if you had been a juror on a criminal  
15 case before. This is not a civil case. This is not a  
16 lawsuit over money, or over a boundary dispute, or  
17 anything like that. It is much more serious than that.  
18 And because it is so serious and because there are  
19 permanent ramifications, lifelong ramifications that could  
20 affect John, because of that, there's several important  
21 ground rules. Judge Hill has touched on them. I want to  
22 follow-up on them just for a second.

23          First of all, John is presumed to be not guilty. The  
24 presumption is now and throughout this trial that he is  
25 not guilty.

1           Number two, the State bears the burden of proof  
2 solely in this case. He does not have to prove anything  
3 to you. The State bears the burden of proof. Before you  
4 could consider rendering a verdict of guilty, your verdict  
5 would have to be unanimous. It is not enough for the  
6 State to prove to six, or eight, or 10, or even 11 of you.

7           And what is the standard of proof? We know how  
8 important it is. We understand that this is a criminal  
9 case. It is the highest standard of proof of any court in  
10 South Carolina, or of any court in this country, and that  
11 is beyond a reasonable doubt.

12           Judge Hill will tell you that a reasonable doubt is  
13 the kind of doubt that would cause you to hesitate to act.  
14 And if you have any hesitation about whether or not  
15 they've proven this case against John, then your verdict  
16 should be and must be not guilty. He will tell you that.  
17 And those are the ground rules that are in place.

18           He will tell you that it is not against the law in  
19 South Carolina to merely consume alcoholic beverages and  
20 drive a vehicle. That is not proof of drunk driving. It  
21 is not proof of DUI. He will tell you that.

22           Now, you are going to get an opportunity -- and I am  
23 not going to touch on John's testimony. But you are going  
24 to hear from him. He will fully explain to you what  
25 happened that evening. The order of the trial is going to

1 be that the Solicitor and Officer May, they go first.

2 Okay. And you will see John. You will hear him.

3 The videos may take an hour to an hour and a half.  
4 You're going to see a lot. And you're going to hear from  
5 him. Then we'll take a little break. And then you're  
6 going to get to hear from John.

7 And I want to ask you this, this trial is no  
8 different than a coin. Every coin has two sides. And  
9 every case has two sides. And I know Judge Hill touched  
10 on this, he said don't talk among yourselves, and don't  
11 think about anything until you've heard from everyone.  
12 Okay.

13 John will take the witness stand. He does not have  
14 to. And he will look at you and he will tell you what  
15 happened that evening. He will fully explain everything  
16 to you. And I know you will give him your full attention.  
17 I know that you will.

18 I'm going to do everything I can to keep this trial  
19 moving crisply. I've already told you that we're not  
20 going to be here past supper tonight. I'm not going to  
21 ask any questions that I don't think need to be asked.  
22 This isn't going to be a trial that goes on and on that  
23 you might have seen on television or heard about. It's  
24 not going to happen. Okay. I'm going to keep everything  
25 moving just as quickly as I can. I respect your time. I

1       respect the fact that you're here.

2               And, at the conclusion of this case after you've  
3       heard everything from everybody involved, then I'll have a  
4       chance to come and talk with you again. And I am just  
5       going to ask you to only follow your oath, and not think  
6       about making your mind up now. Don't even think about  
7       making your mind up until you've heard everything and  
8       heard from Judge Hill. And that's all I can ask you to  
9       do.

10              Thank you very much.

11              THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Sumner.

12              MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

13              THE COURT: You may call your first witness,  
14       Ms. Major.

15              MS. MAJOR: Thank you.

16              The State calls Officer Chad May.

17              THE CLERK: Sir, place your left hand on the Bible  
18       and raise your right hand.

19       WHEREUPON,

20                              DIRGEN CHADWICK MAY,  
21       after first having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

22              THE CLERK: Please be seated.

23              Please state your name for the record.

24              THE WITNESS: Trooper D.C. May, or Dirgen Chadwick  
25       May, excuse me.

1 THE CLERK: Thank you.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. MAJOR:

4 Q Good morning, Trooper May.

5 Where are you employed?

6 A The South Carolina Highway Patrol under the South  
7 Carolina Department of Public Safety.

8 Q How long have you worked for the highway patrol?

9 A I've been at the highway patrol just shy of eight  
10 years.

11 Q How long have you been in law enforcement?

12 A Road work or law enforcement work for 10. I was with  
13 the Greenville Sheriff's Office for just short of three  
14 years before I was a trooper.

15 Q Okay. What was your role at the Sheriff's Office?

16 A I was a road deputy. I was a beat deputy. I  
17 patrolled a beat here in Greenville County.

18 Q What type of training have you received to work at  
19 the highway patrol?

20 A I've been through the highway patrol basic academy.  
21 I, also, went through the basic academy as a deputy prior  
22 to that. The highway patrol certified me in advanced DUI  
23 detection and administration of standardized field  
24 sobriety tests, to include some other certifications.

25 Q Are you certified to administer sobriety tests?

1 A Yes, ma'am, I am.

2 Q Okay. Just, if you could, briefly elaborate on your  
3 DUI detection training.

4 A Like I said, advanced DUI detection, administration  
5 of standardized field sobriety tests. And I've, also,  
6 attended a course called ARIDE, which it's a little more  
7 on drug impaired drivers, instead of alcohol impaired  
8 drivers.

9 Q How often do you have to get recertified?

10 A Yearly.

11 Q Okay. Were you working on January 14th, 2012?

12 A Yes, ma'am, I was.

13 Q And did you come into contact with the Defendant?

14 A Yes, ma'am, I did.

15 Q And just tell us about that.

16 A That night, I was on patrol on Interstate 385 here in  
17 Greenville in the city limits. I got behind an SUV  
18 traveling southbound on 385.

19 Once I got behind that vehicle, it was noticeably  
20 weaving in and out of its own lane and within the lane.  
21 It was in the center lane. It would swerve into the far  
22 left-hand lane all the way back into the right. And this  
23 happened over a period of a mile or so, or more. And it  
24 was just repeated. It was non-stop.

25 At which time, I made a determination that I needed

1 to stop that vehicle in order to figure out what was going  
2 on, and if we had an impaired driver situation or not.

3 Q Was this in Greenville County?

4 A Yes, ma'am, it was.

5 Q Okay. Were you stationary?

6 A I was, actually, coming southbound out of the city  
7 limits downtown on 385, right there on North Street coming  
8 past the Bi-Lo Center. And I believe I got behind  
9 Mr. Devore right around the Stone Avenue-291 area.

10 Q How long would you estimate that you followed  
11 Mr. Devore?

12 A Probably from SC 291 all the way to Roper Mountain  
13 Road, so a couple of miles, a couple to three miles.

14 Q What goes into your determination as to whether to  
15 stop somebody after you've observed this type of driving?

16 A Well, a lot of times you see a driver or a vehicle  
17 just bobble once. And that could be the result of  
18 somebody just messing with the radio, cell phone, dropped  
19 something, et cetera.

20 But if it becomes a pattern of this swerving in and  
21 out of a lane, braking that's unnecessary, especially on  
22 the interstate, there comes a point where that pattern  
23 leads me to believe, okay, there's something other than --  
24 this isn't just an isolated thing where somebody dropped a  
25 cell phone on the floor, or turned a channel on the radio,

1 something else is going on. If you're turning the channel  
2 on the radio, generally, that's not something that lasts  
3 for three miles.

4 Q What goes into your decision as to the location of  
5 where you stop somebody?

6 A The safety of the surrounding motorists that are  
7 going to be passing by, my safety, and the safety of the  
8 violator are very important when trying to determine a  
9 location. And we're not always able to get somebody to  
10 stop exactly where we want them.

11 But on the interstate, especially if we suspect we  
12 may have an impaired driver or something like that, it  
13 sometimes can be difficult and dangerous not only for me,  
14 but for a violator and passing motorists out there on the  
15 interstate if I'm standing on a white line on the side of  
16 the interstate trying to conduct field sobriety tests, so.

17 Q Did you stop the Defendant for speeding?

18 A No, ma'am.

19 Q What time was this?

20 A I believe it was about a little after midnight, I  
21 think, 12:15.

22 Q Okay. Did you turn on your blue lights on the  
23 interstate?

24 A I turned them on -- I think I activated them on the  
25 off ramp to Roper Mountain Road so we could get off the

1 interstate.

2 Q Where did the Defendant stop?

3 A We pulled into the parking lot of the Crown Plaza  
4 Hotel there at Roper Mountain and Congaree Road.

5 Q So this was off the interstate?

6 A Yes, ma'am, it was.

7 Q Was this a safe location?

8 A A lot safer than the side of the interstate, yes,  
9 ma'am.

10 Q Were any other cars around?

11 A Just cars that were parked sporadically through the  
12 parking lot. But there was no high speed passing traffic,  
13 or anything like that.

14 Q What happened when you stopped the Defendants's  
15 vehicle?

16 A Once he pulled into a parking place, I exited my  
17 vehicle. And as I started to approach his vehicle, the  
18 driver's door immediately came open. And it opened about  
19 that far, which is normally not normal at nighttime or  
20 daytime, it doesn't matter. At which time, I drew my  
21 weapon.

22 We've had some troopers and officers around the state  
23 and the country that have been seriously hurt or injured  
24 when that door comes open. Not that Mr. Devore was trying  
25 to do that, but I didn't know who was in the car.

1           Once I made contact with Mr. Devore, I determined  
2           that, obviously, we didn't have that type of situation.  
3           And I re-holstered my firearm.

4           Q     From what you could tell, did he know that you had  
5           drawn your weapon?

6           A     I don't think he ever realized I had done it, no.

7           Q     How soon thereafter did you realize this wasn't a  
8           dangerous situation?

9           A     Probably within 15 to 30 seconds.

10          Q     Okay. What happened after that?

11          A     I spoke to Mr. Devore. I asked him where he was  
12          going, where he was coming from, some general destination  
13          questions. I asked him for the appropriate documents  
14          regarding his vehicle, his driver's license. When I asked  
15          him for those items, he kind of fumbled around in the  
16          vehicle trying to find his driver's license, registration,  
17          and insurance card.

18          Q     Where did he say he was coming from?

19          A     The TD Convention Center between 291 and Keith  
20          Drive -- or Airport Road.

21          Q     And where did he say he was going?

22          A     I believe he said he was going home.

23          Q     Okay. What did you notice about him when you  
24          approached?

25          A     As I talked to him there at the car, I detected a

1 strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his  
2 breath, his person. His eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

3 In the conversation I had with him, I determined it  
4 was probably wise for me to go ahead and get him out and  
5 do a little further investigation to determine whether he  
6 was impaired or not. When I asked him to step out of the  
7 car, he opened the door up, stepped out of the car. And  
8 he, actually, stumbled back into the side of the car once  
9 I got him out.

10 Q Did he catch his fall, or did you have to break his  
11 fall, or --

12 A No. He just kind of stuck a hand out and kind of  
13 caught himself up against the side of the car as he  
14 stepped out. He was unsteady on his feet. His balance  
15 was back.

16 Q Did you continue to smell the odor of alcohol?

17 A Yes, ma'am.

18 Q Did it look like he had spilled anything on himself?

19 A No, ma'am. He was dry.

20 Q Okay. Did you ask the Defendant if he had been  
21 drinking?

22 A Yes, ma'am.

23 Q What did he say?

24 A He said that he probably consumed a glass of wine, in  
25 those words, probably drank a glass of wine.

1 Q Did he say just one glass?

2 A At that point, yes, ma'am.

3 Q Was it -- did any other troopers arrive on the scene?

4 A Yes, ma'am. Trooper Cannon was -- we worked on the  
5 same unit together. And most of time, we all kind of  
6 travel a little close together. It was four of us total  
7 on that unit at the time. And he just happened to be  
8 close. And he knew that I was pulled over in that parking  
9 lot. And he stopped by just to do a routine check. I  
10 didn't really call for any backup. He just stopped to  
11 check on me.

12 Q And how long was he there?

13 A I'd say Trooper Cannon was there no more than  
14 probably three or four minutes, maybe a little longer,  
15 give or take a minute or so.

16 Q Is that typical for other troopers to arrive on the  
17 scene?

18 A Yes, ma'am. If I see another trooper on the side of  
19 the road with a car stopped, or a wreck, or whatever  
20 they're doing, we'll always kind of pull up -- at the very  
21 least, we pull up, kind of give a thumbs up to make sure  
22 they're okay.

23 Depending on what's going on, we may get out of the  
24 car and stand around with them for a little while, and  
25 make sure they're okay before we leave.

1 Q Did another trooper arrive on the scene?

2 A Yes, ma'am. Trooper Williams showed up just after  
3 Cannon -- Cannon had left, and Williams and him kind of  
4 switched roles there.

5 Q And did -- Trooper Williams, was he there for the  
6 same purpose that Trooper Cannon was?

7 A Yes, ma'am.

8 Q What did you do next once the Defendant was out of  
9 the vehicle?

10 A Once he was out of the car, I asked the Defendant to  
11 submit to some field sobriety testing.

12 Q Did he?

13 A We did get one test completed, which was the  
14 horizontal gaze nystagmus, or HGN test.

15 Q And what --

16 A It's an eye test.

17 Q Explain to us what that is.

18 A HGN, or horizontal gaze nystagmus, is the involuntary  
19 jerking of your eyes that's caused by some substance,  
20 usually, a central nervous system depressant or alcohol.  
21 It's not something that your body controls. Your mind  
22 can't control it.

23 So if you have consumed alcohol, your eyes will  
24 normally jerk due to that consumption.

25 Q When you say "jerk," what do you mean?

1       A     I compare it to if I took a marble and had a piece of  
2       sandpaper laying up here on this bench and rolled that  
3       marble across that sand paper. It kind of bounces across  
4       that sandpaper. Your eye kind of does that same bouncing  
5       motion. And that's what we're looking for on the HGN  
6       test.

7       Q     What are the different steps that you perform on this  
8       HGN test?

9       A     The first thing I do is make sure that they can focus  
10      on the end of the stimulus. Usually, I use my finger.  
11      Sometimes, I use the tip of my ink pen. It just depends  
12      on which one I can get to. If I've got a heavy jacket on  
13      or something like that, a lot of times I'll just use my  
14      finger, because I can't get my pen. But the first thing I  
15      do is make sure they can focus on the tip of that.

16            The next thing I do is make sure that they can,  
17      actually, track it when I move back and forth. If they  
18      have one eye that tracks and one that doesn't, then I'm  
19      not going to carry on that test. Because they, obviously,  
20      can't complete the test as somebody could that had both  
21      eyes tracking that object, or my finger.

22      Q     Okay.

23      A     And once I've established that he can track it,  
24      there's some other clues that I'm looking for that  
25      indicate the presence of alcohol in a driver's system. As

1 I'm moving back and forth, the eyes will kind of do that  
2 motion like I was describing with a marble bouncing across  
3 sandpaper. It's kind of a jerking motion. And we call  
4 that lack of smooth pursuit. Mr. Devore displayed lack of  
5 smooth pursuit as I was doing that test.

6 The next thing we moved to after we've established  
7 that is we'll go to maximum deviation. And that's,  
8 basically, where I just hold my finger out here. You keep  
9 your head still, and you just focus on the tip of my  
10 finger with your eyes. Once you focus on the tip of that  
11 finger out here, if there's alcohol present in your  
12 system, like I say, some drugs can cause it, the eye will  
13 tick. It will kind of bounce.

14 And then I do the same thing on the other side. I do  
15 the same thing again on this side, and the same thing  
16 again on this side. So a total of two times per eye.

17 And then from there, I move on to looking for this  
18 same jerking motion at prior to 40 -- I look at the onset  
19 of it prior to 45 degrees. So I'm not going to come all  
20 the way out here. As I'm moving my finger to about  
21 halfway to this point, if that nystagmus onset is prior to  
22 that 45 degrees, that's a good indicator that there's a  
23 level of alcohol in someone's system that would be  
24 indicative of impairment and it wouldn't be safe to  
25 operate a vehicle.

1 Q So how many different clues will you look for in that  
2 test?

3 A Six.

4 Q Okay. Three per eye?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 And then once we've concluded the horizontal portion  
7 of the test, we'll usually move on to a vertical portion  
8 of the test, which we don't normally count that clue in  
9 that six. But that vertical nystagmus is usually  
10 indicative of somebody who's using drugs or has consumed a  
11 large amount of alcohol.

12 Q Okay. Did Mr. Devore display the six horizontal  
13 clues?

14 A Yes, ma'am.

15 Q Did he display vertical nystagmus?

16 A Yes, ma'am, he did.

17 Q Did you ask Mr. Devore if he had consumed any drugs?

18 A I believe I asked him about some medication.

19 Q What did he say?

20 A I think he said he takes blood pressure medication.

21 Q Would blood pressure medication cause nystagmus?

22 A Not to my knowledge, no.

23 Q What type of drugs would cause nystagmus?

24 A Usually, central nervous system depressants,  
25 antidepressant, Xanax, some of those different medications

1 can.

2 Q The higher the level of impairment or the more  
3 alcohol you consume, how does that affect the jerking?

4 A It gets worse. It gets more predominant most of the  
5 time. We're all different. We all have different body  
6 chemistry. Your eyes are different than mine. And so, I  
7 mean, we look at it on a sort of case-by-case basis.

8 But there's a common thing of that jerking. There's  
9 a large majority of us out there that we don't have a  
10 natural nystagmus just sitting here. If I did it to you  
11 right now, I would say just about all of you wouldn't  
12 display a nystagmus. That's just my opinion.

13 Q Did -- was Mr. Devore able to equally track the  
14 stimulus?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 Q Okay. Once you completed that test, what did you do?

17 A I offered to let Mr. Devore attempt some other tests.  
18 There's three standardized field sobriety tests. The  
19 horizontal gaze nystagmus, the one-legged stand test, and  
20 the walk and turn test. And I, generally, do them in that  
21 order, HGN, one-legged stand, and walk and turn.

22 Q Can you briefly describe, first, the one-legged  
23 stand?

24 A The one-legged stand is, basically, keeping both of  
25 your legs straight. You lift one of your feet about six

1 inches off the ground, pointing your toe out, looking at  
2 your toe with your hands by your side, counting 1,001,  
3 1,002, 1,003, and so on until asked to stop. We're  
4 looking for you to do it for 30 seconds.

5 Q What are you looking for in the one-legged stand?

6 A That the suspect holds his foot in the air during  
7 those 30 seconds. He doesn't drop it, doesn't sway,  
8 doesn't hop, doesn't use his arms for balance.

9 Q And what's the third sobriety test?

10 A The walk and turn.

11 Q If you could, just briefly describe that.

12 A It's, basically, the defendant -- or the person we  
13 suspect is driving under the influence will start with  
14 left foot to their right and take nine heel-to-toe steps,  
15 touching their heels to toes. I'm just using my hands as  
16 an example. They'll take nine heel-to-toe stand steps.

17 And once they get to nine, do a series of small steps  
18 in a circle and just return back to the opposite direction  
19 they came from. Basically, a 180 and do nine more steps.  
20 They count their steps out loud and touch their heels to  
21 their toes. Don't step off line. Don't use your arms for  
22 balance. Don't stop during the middle of the test.

23 Q And what are these tests designed to show?

24 A They're divided attention tests. Driving is  
25 definitely a multi-tasking job. You've got a gas pedal, a

1 brake pedal, a steering wheel, a mirror, other cars around  
2 you. You've got all these things you must think about and  
3 do. And these divided attention tests help us determine  
4 whether or not you've reached the point of no return as  
5 far as alcohol consumption or drug consumption, whatever  
6 the case may be.

7 Q So are you looking for more than just the physical  
8 ability to walk heel to toe?

9 A Yes, ma'am. We're looking for more than just walking  
10 across this room in a normal fashion. We're looking that  
11 you can do more than one thing at a time.

12 Q Did you offer these tests to Mr. Devore?

13 A Yes, ma'am, I did.

14 Q Which one did you offer?

15 A Both.

16 Q Did he take those?

17 A Mr. Devore didn't opt to complete any more field  
18 sobriety tests after the HGN test.

19 Q Is someone allowed to say, I don't want to complete  
20 these tests?

21 A Certainly.

22 Q Okay. Did you tell the Defendant that he had the  
23 right not to take these tests?

24 A I believe in so many words, yes, ma'am, I did.

25 Q Okay. What happened with you and the Defendant? If

1       you could, just describe the interaction.

2       A     In our conversation and interaction with one another  
3       after he completed the HGN test and, more or less, refused  
4       to do the other tests, I did ask him to say his ABC's.  
5       One of the reasons he said that he couldn't take the other  
6       tests was because of an old ankle injury, or a leg injury.

7             So I asked him to say his ABC's. He did say his  
8       ABC's. But based on the interaction that I had with him,  
9       based on the evidence that I had in front of me, the  
10      driving, the odor of alcohol, the stumbling around when he  
11      got out of the car, the HGN test -- overall, based on the  
12      facts I had in front of me, I made a decision to arrest  
13      Mr. Devore that night for driving under the influence.

14      Q     Would you say you got irritated with the Defendant?

15      A     A little, yeah. We kept dancing around the field  
16      sobriety testing. You know, I've interacted with  
17      thousands of people as a trooper out here on the highway  
18      day-to-day. And these tests are not like playing  
19      basketball, or football, or doing some hard strenuous  
20      labor or work. They're, actually, fairly simple for sober  
21      folks.

22             And so we -- every time we'd talk about the test, we  
23      would dance -- Mr. Devore would dance around the issue at  
24      hand. And that was do you or do you not want to complete  
25      the test. And it was never yes or no. It was, well, I

1 can't do this, or I can't do that. And, yes, ma'am, I did  
2 get a little frustrated with him.

3 Q Have you stopped somebody before for suspicion of  
4 DUI?

5 A Absolutely.

6 Q And do you arrest everybody that you stop?

7 A No, ma'am. As a matter of fact, I probably arrest  
8 less than -- I've conducted more field sobriety tests and  
9 let people go than people that I've done field sobriety  
10 tests on and arrested.

11 Does that make sense?

12 MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, I would have to object, and  
13 ask that it be stricken.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 MR. SUMNER: And --

16 THE COURT: I sustain the objection.

17 MR. SUMNER: And I'm going to have to have a matter  
18 outside the presence of the jury for just a second, Your  
19 Honor.

20 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, just go back to the  
21 jury room. And don't talk about the case. I've arranged  
22 to have some menus brought in.

23 I guess they're here?

24 THE BAILIFF: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: So you can order lunch while we're

1 discussing this matter. And continue to keep an open  
2 mind.

3 Thank you.

4 (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
5 approximately 11:48 a.m.)

6 THE COURT: Yes, sir, Mr. Sumner.

7 MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, I'm going to have to move  
8 for a mistrial at this point. There's no way to unring  
9 that bell, the question of bringing in other people that  
10 he was giving field sobriety tests to, and I've let other  
11 people go and I've not arrested them. There is no -- it's  
12 an improper bolstering of credibility. It's away from  
13 this case. And I think that -- there's just no way to  
14 unring the bell on that. I mean, there just isn't a way  
15 to do it. It's just not proper.

16 This isn't directed towards Ms. Major, of course, or  
17 Trooper May. But that is getting beyond the scope. He  
18 talked about thousands of other people that he's  
19 encountered. And there's no way to cure that. I'm sorry.  
20 I have to move for a mistrial at this point.

21 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I think that it's in his  
22 training and experience, that he's worked on the roads for  
23 10 years. And through his training and experience, I  
24 think that he can testify as to his determination as to  
25 what in his mind constitutes somebody being too impaired

1 to drive. I think that that goes to his experience.

2 THE COURT: All right. Well, the objection is  
3 sustained. It is improper bolstering at this stage of his  
4 credibility on direct examination.

5 I decline to grant a mistrial. I don't think it's  
6 something that would undermine the fundamental fairness of  
7 the trial, or such a piece of inadmissible evidence that  
8 it can't be cured with a curative instruction, which I'll  
9 be glad to give, if you want me to, Mr. Sumner. It's up  
10 to you, sir.

11 MR. SUMNER: Yes, I guess.

12 I say that thousands of other people. It's only  
13 about this case. Yeah, I would like it. I don't know --  
14 again, I respect the Court's ruling. I don't know how you  
15 can undo it at this point. But, yeah, go ahead and give  
16 it a shot, you know. All right.

17 THE COURT: How long -- you said the video is about  
18 an hour and a half?

19 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, that in-car video is an hour,  
20 and the BA room is half an hour.

21 THE COURT: I'm just trying to figure out about their  
22 lunch that we're bringing in.

23 How close are we to getting to the in-car?

24 MS. MAJOR: Fairly close. Another five minutes.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MS. MAJOR: I'm happy to play the video after the --  
2 after they break for lunch. Whatever is in your --

3 MR. SUMNER: Why don't we let -- I'm just going to  
4 suggest, why don't we let him finish. I'm sure I won't  
5 have any other objections. And then we can just take a  
6 lunch break and start with the video after lunch.

7 Would that be acceptable?

8 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to have the lunch brought  
9 in. And if we order it now, I think --

10 MS. MAJOR: We can play the video.

11 THE COURT: We can play the first video, and then  
12 we'll break.

13 All right. Let's take about five minutes while we  
14 have the opportunity before we have the movie.

15 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

16 THE COURT: Anything else before we bring the jury  
17 back in?

18 MS. MAJOR: Nothing from the State.

19 MR. SUMNER: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Bring the jury in.

21 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
22 approximately 12:04 p.m.)

23 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I told  
24 you at the outset that part of my job was to rule on the  
25 admissibility of evidence. And I told you what evidence

1 consisted of. And right before we broke, there was an  
2 objection to some evidence. And I sustained that  
3 objection. And that meant that the evidence was improper.

4 So to the extent there was any testimony about other  
5 arrests by this witness, or the officer's previous number  
6 of arrests, or testimony about field tests in regard to  
7 other individuals, that was improper evidence. It should  
8 not have been brought out, and it cannot be considered by  
9 you. I'm striking it from the record in this case.

10 So it's no longer part of the evidence in the case.  
11 And it would not be in keeping with your oath for you to  
12 consider it, comment upon it, or take it into account  
13 whatsoever in determining the facts of this case. So,  
14 please, disregard that testimony. And you're instructed  
15 to put it out of your mind and not give it any  
16 consideration whatsoever.

17 With that, you may resume your examination,  
18 Ms. Major.

19 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. MAJOR:

21 Q Trooper May, I think when we left off, you had said  
22 that you had placed the Defendant under arrest?

23 A Yes, ma'am.

24 Q Okay. Did you read him his Miranda rights?

25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q And what are the Miranda rights, just overall?

2 A He has the right to remain silent. Anything he says  
3 or does on the roadside, or any time during our contact  
4 will be used against him in court. He has the right to  
5 have an attorney. If he can't afford one, one will be  
6 appointed to him free of charge.

7 Q After you placed the Defendant under arrest, did he  
8 offer to do the tests?

9 A Once he had a pair of handcuffs on him, yes, ma'am.

10 Q And did you allow him to?

11 A I had offered up to that point, just roughly,  
12 probably up to somewhere between 15 and 20 times, almost  
13 begging him to do the tests. And it was one reason after  
14 another why he couldn't do them, can't do them, you know.

15 Q Did the Defendant ever admit to drinking more than  
16 the one glass of wine that he said?

17 A Once we were in the vehicle, it went from I probably  
18 drank a glass of wine to, I drank a couple of beers to, a  
19 glass of Crown Royal at the house before I went to the TD  
20 Convention Center. So that definitely changed and wasn't  
21 consistent with what he had originally told me.

22 Q Deputy May, I'm showing you what's been marked as  
23 State's Exhibit No. 1. Do you recognize that?

24 A Yes, ma'am. That's a copy of my in-car video.

25 Q How do you know that's what it is?

1 A I have reviewed it. And my initials are right here  
2 where I signed it, also.

3 Q Does it fairly and accurately depict what happened  
4 that night?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, the State moves  
7 State's Exhibit No. 1 into evidence, and requests  
8 permission to publish it to the jury.

9 MR. SUMNER: Without objection.

10 THE COURT: All right. It's in evidence.

11 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 1 was admitted into  
12 evidence.)

13 (Pause.)

14 MS. MAJOR: I apologize, Your Honor.

15 Your Honor, if he can step down. I think he may be  
16 in the way of the --

17 THE COURT: Yes, sure.

18 MS. MAJOR: Thank you.

19 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 1 was played in open  
20 court.)

21 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, if we wanted to  
22 break.

23 THE COURT: I just wanted to make sure --

24 Is the lunch here?

25 THE BAILIFF: I'll go see. I'll check real quick.

1 (Pause.)

2 THE BAILIFF: No. It's not here.

3 THE COURT: If you've got some more questions, just  
4 go ahead. The lunch is not quite here yet.

5 MS. MAJOR: Sure.

6 BY MS. MAJOR:

7 Q Trooper, after you completed the tests, where were  
8 you driving the Defendant?

9 A To the Greenville Detention Center.

10 Q What did you do once you got there?

11 A Once we got to the detention center, we go into the  
12 breathalyzer or data master room. It's not called the  
13 breathalyzer room. It's commonly called that by some. We  
14 go in there and offer him the data master test.

15 Q And are you certified to administer the data master  
16 test?

17 A Yes, ma'am, I am.

18 Q By whom are you certified?

19 A The State of South Carolina.

20 Q What does the data master machine show?

21 A It measures blood alcohol concentration by means of  
22 taking a breath sample.

23 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, the State would  
24 move that the Defendant [sic] be recognized as an expert  
25 in the administering of the data master test.

1 MR. SUMNER: He's certified. No question.

2 THE COURT: All right. He's qualified.

3 Go ahead.

4 BY MS. MAJOR:

5 Q Once you got into the room, what did you do?

6 A Once I get into the room, the first thing I'm  
7 required by law to do is advise the Defendant -- or  
8 suspect that he's being videotaped and audio recorded  
9 while we're in that room, all of his actions,  
10 verbalizations, all that's on tape. After that, I move to  
11 advise that same defendant of his implied consent rights.

12 Q And, if you could, just briefly, generally, describe  
13 what implied consent rights are.

14 A Implied consent is, basically, when you possess a  
15 driver's license in the State of South Carolina, you're  
16 giving implied consent that if you're lawfully asked to  
17 submit to a blood alcohol test by a law enforcement  
18 officer in this state that you will. And that if you do  
19 not, there's some consequences for not blowing in the  
20 machine.

21 Q Okay. Do you recognize what's been marked as State's  
22 Exhibit No. 3?

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q What is that?

25 A This is the Implied Consent Advisement that I'm

1 required to give a suspect in the data master room.

2 Q Is that what you read to the Defendant?

3 A Yes, ma'am. This is it.

4 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, we move to have  
5 the Implied Consent Advisement form admitted into  
6 evidence.

7 MR. SUMNER: Just subject to my previous --

8 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

9 Subject to your earlier objections, it's in evidence.

10 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 3 was admitted into  
11 evidence.)

12 BY MS. MAJOR:

13 Q Did the Defendant indicate that he understood his  
14 implied consent rights?

15 A Yes, ma'am. We reviewed them in the room and he  
16 indicated to me that he understood what I told him.

17 Q Okay. What happens if the Defendant does not take  
18 the test -- does he have the right to refuse the test?

19 A Yes, ma'am. He has the right to refuse it.

20 Q And what did you advise him if he so refused?

21 A If you refuse a data master test, a blood test, or  
22 urine test in this state as a result of an arrest for DUI,  
23 your license will be suspended for six months for the  
24 refusal. And the refusal can, also, be used against you  
25 in court.

1 MR. SUMNER: No objection to the next exhibit.

2 BY MS. MAJOR:

3 Q Do you recognize what's been marked as State's  
4 Exhibit No. 5?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q And what is that?

7 A This is what I call the data master ticket, or slip.  
8 That's what we used to call them on the old data master  
9 machine.

10 It's got the Defendant's information on it, my  
11 information, the ticket number. And it's got a series of  
12 internal tests that the machine does to itself right here  
13 to make sure that it's within these parameters before  
14 allowing a defendant to submit to a test. But it just  
15 indicates here that he refused the test.

16 Q Have any additions or alterations been made to that  
17 document?

18 A No, ma'am. That's just like it was that night.

19 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, we move the  
20 South Carolina breath analysis report into evidence.

21 THE COURT: All right. It's in evidence --

22 MR. SUMNER: No objection.

23 THE COURT: It's in evidence.

24 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 5 was admitted into  
25 evidence.)

1 BY MS. MAJOR:

2 Q After the Defendant refused the test, did you  
3 initiate a suspension?

4 A Yes, ma'am.

5 Q Okay. And do you recognize this document?

6 A Yes, ma'am. It's a South Carolina Department of  
7 Motor Vehicle's notice of suspension.

8 Q Okay. And have any additions or alterations been  
9 made to that document?

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q So did you suspend the Defendant's license that  
12 night?

13 A I submitted this form, yes, ma'am.

14 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, we move State's  
15 Exhibit No. 4 into evidence.

16 MR. SUMNER: Just subject to the previous objection.

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir. It's in evidence.

18 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 4 was admitted into  
19 evidence.)

20 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, I would move  
21 the video into evidence.

22 I don't know if you want to wait.

23 THE COURT: Yes. We'll go ahead and break for lunch.

24 I don't know why it's not here. It should be here  
25 momentarily.

1           So just go back to the jury room. Don't talk about  
2           the case. Continue to keep an open mind. And enjoy your  
3           lunch. And we'll resume probably right around 2:00.

4           Thank you.

5           (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
6           approximately 1:12 p.m.)

7           THE COURT: We'll start back at 2:00.

8           Thank you all.

9           (WHEREUPON, a lunch break was taken.)

10          THE COURT: The lunch got delayed, so now everybody  
11          is ready to go.

12          Anything for the record before we resume?

13          MS. MAJOR: Nothing from the State.

14          MR. SUMNER: Nothing, Your Honor.

15          THE COURT: All right. Trooper, you can come back up  
16          to the witness stand.

17          (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
18          approximately 2:16 p.m.)

19          THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Major.

20          MS. MAJOR: Thank you, Your Honor.

21                               CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

22          BY MS. MAJOR:

23          Q     Trooper May, just so we're all on the same page. You  
24          were testifying that you had taken the Defendant to the  
25          law enforcement center?

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q And did you read him his implied consent rights?

3 A Once we were in the breathalyzer room, yes, ma'am.

4 Q And what was his decision whether to take the test or  
5 not?

6 A Ultimately, he refused to submit to a data master  
7 test.

8 Q And did you initiate a notice of suspension?

9 A Yes, ma'am.

10 Q And was this whole process captured on video?

11 A Yes, ma'am, as required by law.

12 Q I'm showing you what's been marked as State's Exhibit  
13 No. 2. What is that?

14 A This is a copy of the data master room video  
15 recording.

16 Q Okay. And how do you know that that's what that is?

17 A I reviewed it. And those are my initials right  
18 there.

19 Q Have any alterations been made to it?

20 A No, ma'am.

21 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, at this time, the State  
22 requests that State's Exhibit No. 2 be admitted into  
23 evidence, and requests permission to publish it to the  
24 jury.

25 MR. SUMNER: Subject to the pre-trial matter we took

1 up, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: It's in evidence subject to that, yes, sir.

3 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 2 was admitted into  
4 evidence.)

5 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, would you like me to step  
6 down?

7 THE COURT: I guess so, yes.

8 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 2 was played in open  
9 court.)

10 BY MS. MAJOR:

11 Q Trooper May, we heard and we saw you just sitting in  
12 there with the Defendant. What were you doing during that  
13 time?

14 A There's an observation period that we must observe  
15 that's 20 minutes.

16 Q And what was that beeping?

17 A The beeping noise?

18 Q Yes.

19 A Once that 20 minutes is up, the machine will start  
20 beeping. And that's when it's giving the Defendant an  
21 opportunity to submit a breath sample in that machine.

22 Q Did the Defendant have a right to change his mind  
23 until the machine timed out?

24 A Yes, ma'am. Once it times out, it's over. But  
25 during the time the machine is beeping, the Defendant can

1 still submit a sample during that time period.

2 Q How cold was it that night?

3 A It was cold. Probably 25, 30 degrees.

4 Q Okay.

5 A It was cold.

6 Q And what day of the week did this incident happen?

7 A The exact time would have been Sunday morning --  
8 well, Saturday morning, but Friday night going into  
9 Saturday morning.

10 MS. MAJOR: Please answer any questions Mr. Sumner  
11 may have.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

13 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

14 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 Just a few questions.

16 We're going to take one second. The jury can stay  
17 right there. We're going to move back the first video, if  
18 we need to do that. I'm comfortable if the jury will just  
19 give us 30 or 45 seconds.

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

21 MR. SUMNER: And I'm not sure that we'll need to go  
22 to any of it, but we might. And I'm not real good here.

23 Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Major.

24 That's helping me a little bit. She's a little bit  
25 younger than I am.

1 (Pause.)

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. SUMNER:

4 Q As I mentioned just a second ago, Officer May, just a  
5 few questions in followup. We'll start with the breath  
6 procedure. That's the last tape that the jury saw. John  
7 was already under arrest for DUI at this point; is that  
8 correct?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. And you advised him, as you told the jury,  
11 both in writing and verbally several times that it was his  
12 absolute right to decline the test; is that right?

13 A Yes, sir. That's correct.

14 Q Now, would you agree with me that the standard to  
15 arrest someone is probable cause or suspicion; is that  
16 right?

17 A Probable cause, yes, sir.

18 Q Probable cause. Now, I want to follow-up just for a  
19 second with the last question that my colleague asked.  
20 And that is you've already said it was 25 degrees,  
21 roughly, I mean, it was cold?

22 A It was cold, yes, sir.

23 Q No question about that. And you -- Officer Williams  
24 was there, but he had no real role in the case; is that  
25 right?

1 A That's right.

2 Q He was there kind of bouncing around a little bit?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Now, would you say that John appeared to be sluggish  
5 to you? Would that -- is that a fair statement?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Now, I want to talk a little bit about everything  
8 that went into your decision to arrest John that evening.  
9 You testified to the jury that he had, in your opinion,  
10 bloodshot eyes. Was that something that was important in  
11 your decision-making process?

12 A It was one of many observations I made, yes, sir.

13 Q Did it play a role in your decision?

14 A There was several observations that I made that  
15 played a role in my decision to arrest him. It wasn't  
16 just solely the fact that his eyes were bloodshot.

17 Q And if I asked that clumsily, I apologize. Did it  
18 have a role in your decision?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q I'm going to hand you this photograph. I want to ask  
21 you to step down here for just a second, if you would,  
22 please.

23 A (Witness complied.)

24 Q Do you recognize this photograph?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Is it a true and accurate representation of John that  
2 evening?

3 A I'm not sure what time the picture was taken, but  
4 that is the clothing he was wearing, yes, sir. That was  
5 after the breathalyzer.

6 Q Right, right. This would have been a jail shot, or  
7 booking photo. Would that be correct?

8 A Yes, sir. It could have been any time after I  
9 submitted him to the detention facility. I don't have  
10 anything to do with taking that picture.

11 Q I know that you don't. Do you feel comfortable  
12 saying that's what it is, or would you rather not?

13 A No, that's him. That's him, absolutely.

14 MR. SUMNER: I would move this into evidence, Your  
15 Honor, Defendant's Exhibit No. 1.

16 THE COURT: Any objection?

17 MS. MAJOR: No objection, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. It's in evidence.

19 MR. SUMNER: Thank you.

20 (WHEREUPON, Defendant's Exhibit No. 1 was marked for  
21 identification and admitted into evidence.)

22 BY MR. SUMNER:

23 Q Now, in addition to that, you've said there were some  
24 other observations that went into your decision to place  
25 him under arrest. You said you felt like he was sluggish.

1 You talked about bloodshot eyes. You, also, talked about  
2 this test right here; is that right?

3 A The HGN test, yes, sir.

4 Q Right, right. Where you -- and we saw that on the  
5 tape. It's where you move your finger back and forth.  
6 And that detects a presence of alcohol; is that right?

7 A Yes, sir, or other substances.

8 Q Right, which are not a part of this case at all?

9 A Right.

10 Q There's no question about that, is there?

11 A Huh-uh.

12 Q Okay. Now, this test, we noticed that his back was  
13 turned to the camera, and that's fine. But it is a  
14 subjective test, meaning that you make a determination of  
15 whether or not someone's eyes are jerking? That's your  
16 judgment to make?

17 A Yes, sir. It's my observation and my judgment to  
18 make, yes, sir.

19 Q And we saw that test being given. Now, the next  
20 thing that you asked him to do was to say his ABC's; is  
21 that right?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q And he did that correctly?

24 A Yes, sir, he did.

25 Q And then there was some discussion. It was kind of

1 muffled in the video. The audio portion is a little bit  
2 muffled, but there's a five or six-minute discussion  
3 regarding some other tests -- or another test?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And then, ultimately, you placed him under arrest?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Okay. Now, did all of the things that I just went  
8 through play a role in your decision?

9 A Yes, sir, to include other things, also.

10 Q Such as?

11 A The odor of an alcoholic beverage upon his breath and  
12 his person, his stumbling when he exited his vehicle, and  
13 the driving that led up to me stopping him in turn led up  
14 to all that.

15 Q Fair enough. I don't want to shortchange you on that  
16 answer at all. Let's go through those for a second. We  
17 saw the driving on the tape. No question about that. The  
18 odor of alcohol.

19 Now, you would agree with me that an odor of alcohol  
20 is not proof of a DUI? It's not proof of drunk driving at  
21 all, is it?

22 A That alone, absolutely not.

23 Q Absolutely not. And, actually, if any of us -- if I  
24 took a big gulp of beer or wine right now and begin to  
25 lean over and speak, I could have a very strong odor of

1 alcohol about me. Would you agree?

2 A I would agree.

3 Q And it wouldn't mean that I'm under the influence.  
4 It would just mean simply that I've consumed an alcoholic  
5 beverage?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q You've, also, talked about in your answer -- and,  
8 again, I don't want to shortchange you, that -- the way he  
9 got out of the car, was that important to you?

10 A It was, yes, sir.

11 Q Okay. I want to ask you this. We saw on the tape --  
12 and I'm coming to a close right now. We saw on the tape  
13 that there was, actually, another officer there, Josh  
14 Cannon. Officer Cannon was there initially; correct?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q I know he didn't play a role in this case. I'm not  
17 intimating that. But we see on the video that after  
18 you've spoken, initially, with John, we see the blond.  
19 And Officer Cannon has snow blond -- not snow blond, but  
20 very Norweigian blond hair. We see him walk a little bit  
21 around the car, and then get back in his car?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q And this was before John stepped out of the car; is  
24 that right?

25 A Yes, sir. I believe it was.

1 Q It was. And this was before you administered the  
2 first test; is that right?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And you gave -- you knocked on the windshield of  
5 John's car and you gave a signal?

6 A On the roof of the car.

7 Q On the roof of the car. Forgive me. On the roof,  
8 you gave a signal, and you flashed something. What was  
9 that you flashed?

10 A That was a five five.

11 Q What does five five mean?

12 A A 10 code for an impaired driver in highway patrol  
13 was 1055. And I was alerting Trooper Cannon that  
14 Mr. Devore was potentially an impaired driver, so that he  
15 would know what he was going to be standing there with at  
16 the time I asked him to exit the vehicle.

17 Q So the video shows your signal to Officer Cannon?

18 A Very clearly, yes, sir.

19 Q Very clearly before any of the things -- before he  
20 got out of the car, before any of the other things you  
21 mentioned, you're flashing to Officer Cannon that this is  
22 an impaired driver?

23 A Only twice.

24 Q Forgive me. I don't mean to do that. Twice here.  
25 And you knocked to get his attention. And I'm just going

1 to do it twice.

2 Let me see if I have any other questions. Again,  
3 give me just one second.

4 A Yes, sir.

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. SUMNER: I don't.

7 Thank you.

8 THE COURT: Redirect.

9 MS. MAJOR: Yes, Your Honor, briefly.

10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. MAJOR:

12 Q Trooper May, when you were trained in DUI detection,  
13 were you trained to observe clues with solely looking at  
14 somebody's driving?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 Q And what kind of clues about somebody's driving would  
17 lead you to believe that you may have an impaired driver?

18 A As we saw on the video that we watched, that swaying  
19 back and forth. A lot of times an impaired driver,  
20 whether it be drugs or alcohol, they tend to drift. And  
21 then once they realize they drift, they pull back, but  
22 they overcorrect causing them to go back in that opposite  
23 lane.

24 In this case, he's in the middle lane. He steers  
25 left, probably not realizing it's happening. And once he

1 realizes it, he's steering back right. And then he  
2 overcorrects going back into that far right lane.

3 Q Okay. When you had done your signal about 55, had  
4 you made contact with the Defendant?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q And had you smelled the odor of alcohol?

7 A (Witness nodded.)

8 Q Are some situations that you deal with more dangerous  
9 than others?

10 A Absolutely.

11 Q Typically, in your experience, have -- would this be  
12 more characteristic of a routine stop for suspicion of  
13 DUI?

14 A Yes, ma'am. It was fairly routine.

15 Q Okay. Would you need backup for that?

16 A That's a -- that's one of those answers that you  
17 don't know when something bad is going to happen and when  
18 it's not. It's always good to have another officer with  
19 you, especially at night late like that.

20 Q Do you like to -- why would you have told Trooper  
21 Cannon that I think I have a drunk driver here?

22 A Well -- and not to say that this would have happened  
23 with Mr. Devore. But in the past -- and Trooper Cannon  
24 and I have worked together for a long time.

25 You have an impaired driver, you get them out of the

1 vehicle. You begin talking to them and an arrest decision  
2 gets made. And then all of a sudden things break bad.  
3 It's good for him to go ahead and have a heads up that  
4 that potential is there. Like I say, not to imply that  
5 Mr. Devore would have done that.

6 Q Right.

7 A But, as my partner, he needs to know what we're  
8 dealing with before I get a gentleman out of a vehicle at  
9 almost 1:00 in the morning.

10 Q And had you made a decision to arrest Mr. Devore upon  
11 having a suspicion that he was driving under the  
12 influence?

13 A Not at that particular time, no, ma'am.

14 Q But were you suspicious?

15 A Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. MAJOR: I don't have any further questions.

17 MR. SUMNER: Very briefly.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir, Mr. Sumner.

19 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. SUMNER:

21 Q I don't want to beat a dead horse. John didn't give  
22 you any problems. There's no question about that; is that  
23 right?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q And let's just get that out of the way.

1 A That's correct.

2 Q And you would agree with me that there can be more  
3 than one cause of someone drifting within a lane, or  
4 outside of a lane?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Okay. Lots of things -- or some things that have  
7 nothing to do with drunk driving. There could be a  
8 distraction, a lot of different things?

9 A Yes, sir, dropping a cell phone, playing with a  
10 radio. But, as I stated earlier, there was a clear  
11 pattern on the video.

12 MR. SUMNER: I don't have any other questions.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. MAJOR: Nothing further.

15 THE COURT: Thank you, Trooper May.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: You may call your next witness.

18 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, the State rests.

19 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, we're  
20 going to take a brief recess while we take up a legal  
21 matter out here. And we'll resume in a few minutes.  
22 Don't talk about the case. And continue to keep an open  
23 mind.

24 (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
25 approximately 3:06 p.m.)

MOTIONS

1  
2 THE COURT: Any motions at this stage from the  
3 Defense?

4 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir, Mr. Sumner.

6 MR. SUMNER: Thank you.

7 As we move late in the afternoon on Thursday, I would  
8 make a motion for a directed verdict at this time. I'm  
9 glad to give the Court argument, if you would find it  
10 persuasive or helpful. But I'm sure it's not the first  
11 time that you've heard that motion.

12 Secondly, just in case that's denied, just in case, I  
13 would renew my motion again for a mistrial. I understand  
14 a curative instruction was given. I did put my reasons on  
15 the record that I felt like the bell could not be unrung.  
16 I appreciate the Court instructing the jury, but I did  
17 want to renew that primarily for the record at this point.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 MR. SUMNER: And those are the two motions I would  
20 have.

21 Thank you.

22 THE COURT: All right. Well, I find that I can't,  
23 obviously, weigh the evidence at this stage. But, based  
24 on Trooper May's testimony and the video, I think there is  
25 sufficient evidence to submit it to the jury viewing it in

1 the light most favorable to the State, which, of course,  
2 I'm required to do.

3 So I respectfully deny your motion for directed  
4 verdict. And I, also, note your objections to the failure  
5 to grant a mistrial. And for reasons previously stated, I  
6 decline to grant a mistrial.

7 Anything further?

8 MS. MAJOR: Nothing, Your Honor.

9 I think your law clerk had approached us about jury  
10 instructions.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 MS. MAJOR: And I wanted to add if we could just get  
13 a short instruction about the video and redactions, or  
14 something to clear up that it wasn't a malfunction, but  
15 that certain portions had been omitted because of  
16 relevance.

17 MR. SUMNER: I agree. That's not something that we  
18 addressed, Judge. I would just ask that you -- I would  
19 agree that there needs to be something from the bench,  
20 however, in your discretion where they're not to consider  
21 it if the sound was low and/or off. I don't want to draw  
22 too much attention to it.

23 MS. MAJOR: No. But I want to make sure it's clear  
24 that it's not a malfunction.

25 THE COURT: I think that's wise. And I'll be glad to

1 do it.

2 And I've got the charge, if y'all want to look at it.

3 MR. SUMNER: That would be great.

4 Do you have more than one copy, Your Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes. We can get another one.

6 MR. SUMNER: If you don't mind. I just want to  
7 glance at it briefly. I don't want to say anything  
8 incorrect when the jury is riveted.

9 We can share it.

10 MS. MAJOR: I've got copies of everything else.

11 THE COURT: Well, I'll tell you what, while y'all are  
12 looking at that, let me --

13 Mr. Devore, just raise your right hand.

14 WHEREUPON,

15 JOHNIE ALLEN DEVORE, JR.,  
16 after first having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

17 THE COURT: Have a seat, sir.

18 I'm just going to ask you some questions about your  
19 right to testify, and make sure you understand what your  
20 rights are in that regard, which I'm sure Mr. Sumner has  
21 already gone over with you.

22 First of all, you understand that you could testify,  
23 take the stand. And if you did that, you'd get to tell  
24 your side of the story. But you'd, also, be subject to  
25 being cross-examined, just as Mr. Sumner has

1 cross-examined the State's witnesses. And you could be  
2 asked anything by the Prosecutor that might be relevant in  
3 the case, or might bear on your credibility.

4 And is there any kind of impeachment?

5 MS. MAJOR: There's not, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: So there wouldn't be any prior record  
7 that would come in that the jury would find out about that  
8 they otherwise would not find out about if you chose to  
9 remain silent. But you, also, have the right, sir, not to  
10 testify, and to remain silent.

11 And, as I've told the jury already, you don't have  
12 any burden of proof. And if you chose to remain silent, I  
13 would tell the jury you have the absolute right guaranteed  
14 by the Constitution to remain silent, just as everyone  
15 does in a criminal case. And they couldn't use that in  
16 any way against you, or even discuss the fact that you  
17 didn't take the stand during their deliberations.

18 So those are the consequences of testifying or not  
19 testifying. It's a strategic decision you make, sir.  
20 It's a personal decision. It's your right and nobody  
21 else's. I'm sure you've talked to Mr. Sumner about it.  
22 If you need more time to talk to him about it, I'll give  
23 you more time to discuss it with him.

24 But have you understood all of my questions?

25 DEFENDANT DEVORE: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Do you have any questions of me about  
2 your right to testify?

3 DEFENDANT DEVORE: I don't have any questions, sir.  
4 Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Does Mr. Devore plan to testify?

6 MR. SUMNER: He does. Yes, sir, he does.

7 THE COURT: I know you said so in opening. I just  
8 wanted to make sure.

9 MR. SUMNER: He does.

10 And that would be our only witness. And I'm  
11 comfortable after his testimony and cross-examination  
12 moving right on, if the Court -- if my colleague is.

13 MS. MAJOR: I am. If you could take a restroom break  
14 right now.

15 THE COURT: Yes. We'll take about five minutes and  
16 let everybody get comfortable and come right back.

17 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken.)

18 THE COURT: Anything else before we bring the jury  
19 in?

20 MR. SUMNER: Nothing from the Defense, Your Honor.

21 MS. MAJOR: Nothing from the State.

22 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.  
23 You can bring them in.

24 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
25 approximately 3:25 p.m.)

1 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, the  
2 State has completed their presentation of evidence. And  
3 it is now the opportunity, as I've already said, not the  
4 obligation, of the Defense to present any evidence they  
5 wish to.

6 So, at this time, Mr. Sumner.

7 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 May it please the Court.

9 Ms. Major.

10 We'd call John Devore to the stand.

11 Step right up and be sworn, John.

12 THE CLERK: Sir, if you'll, please, place your left  
13 hand on the Bible and raise your right hand.

14 WHEREUPON,

15 JOHNIE ALLEN DEVORE, JR.,  
16 after first having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

17 THE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Please be seated.

19 Please state your name for the record.

20 THE WITNESS: My name is Johnie A. Devore, Jr.

21 THE CLERK: Thank you.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. SUMNER:

24 Q You are John Devore?

25 A Yes, I am.

1 Q I'm going to get a little background from you. And  
2 then we'll talk about why we're here today. Okay.

3 A Okay. I'm John Devore. I'm 49 years old. For the  
4 past 26 years, I've worked as a civil engineer. For the  
5 last 14 of 26, I've worked as a sign superintendent in  
6 engineering -- well, staff engineer of Greenville County.  
7 And that's where I'm employed right now.

8 Q Okay. Now, you -- tell us. You're a supervisor now;  
9 is that right?

10 A Yes. I'm a supervisor over the sign shop. And I,  
11 also, do -- manage sidewalk construction, guardrail  
12 maintenance, road striping. And I have five guys that  
13 make and install all signs on Greenville County roads.

14 Q But you worked your way up through construction; is  
15 that correct?

16 A Yes. I have a degree in construction. And I've got  
17 a Masters in Public Administration. I've been working in  
18 construction. I started in Florida where I went to  
19 school, but I'm from here. I've been working in  
20 Greenville since 1991. I work for a private firm, it's  
21 called AECOM right now, but I'm with Greenville County  
22 right now. I think I worked with AECOM for about eight  
23 years, nine years. I've been with Greenville County for  
24 14 years. I've had some stops in between, but I've been  
25 with Greenville County for 14 years.

1 Q A little bit of this was covered through the State's  
2 presentation, but you are married with one child, with a  
3 daughter; is that correct?

4 A Yes. I've been married for 15 years. I live in  
5 Spartanburg County -- well, I live in Greer, but the  
6 Spartanburg County portion of Greer. I have a daughter  
7 that's 12 years old. She goes to school here in  
8 Greenville County.

9 Q Not to get too personal, John, but how tall are you?

10 A I'm 5'7".

11 Q And how much do you weigh?

12 A 205.

13 Q How much should you weigh, do you feel like?

14 A About 170, 175.

15 Q Okay. I'm going to get you to do something a little  
16 bit -- I want you to step down for a second. And I want  
17 the jury to see you walk back and forth for a few  
18 minutes -- or a few seconds. Just walk over this way to  
19 this fine bailiff right over this way, if you would.

20 A (Witness complied.)

21 Q And then walk back, if you would, please, and have a  
22 seat for us.

23 A (Witness complied.)

24 Q I guess there's no good way for me to ask this. I'm  
25 just going to ask it. Do you -- would you like to weigh

1 30 pounds lighter?

2 A Of course, I would. I fight every day to, I try to,  
3 but it's tough. At 50, it's tough. I'm 49, so my  
4 metabolism has slowed down a lot in the last five years.

5 Q Have you always been bow-legged, or is that --

6 A All my life. My knees don't touch.

7 Q John, I'm going to ask you to turn your attention to  
8 why we're here today.

9 A Okay.

10 Q And we're going to talk about that evening a little  
11 bit and that day. I'm going to ask you, are you guilty of  
12 drunk driving, or driving under the influence?

13 A No. I am not guilty of drunk driving, or I wasn't  
14 driving under the influence.

15 Q Was it excessive alcohol consumption that caused you  
16 to have difficulty driving that was seen on the video?

17 A No. It definitely was not. It was more fatigue. If  
18 you want me to describe it, I can tell you.

19 Q We're going to go through it right now.

20 A Okay.

21 Q Tell the jury, if you would, did you go to work that  
22 day? Now, Officer May already testified it was a Friday.  
23 Did you work that day?

24 A Yes. I worked that Friday. I have to be at work at  
25 7:00. I live 40 minutes from the office. I live in

1 Spartanburg County. My office is in Travelers Rest. It's  
2 a 40-minute commute. We work 10-hour days.

3 But, essentially, when I get in that truck and cross  
4 into Greenville County, I'm at work. We do signs. I pay  
5 attention to all the signs. I handle all the -- anything  
6 that's on the right of way of the road besides the asphalt  
7 is my responsibility. So as long as I'm in my truck and  
8 I'm in Greenville County, essentially, I'm working.

9 Q Did you work a full day?

10 A Yes. I worked approximately 11 and a half hours that  
11 day.

12 Q After work, did you go home?

13 A I went home. I had a meal with my wife and daughter.  
14 And soon after getting home, probably about an hour and  
15 half, that's when I left to head out to -- I had some  
16 stops to make, one of which, eventually, was at the TD  
17 Convention Center. We were having a Martin Luther King  
18 celebration, or they were starting that day.

19 Q And you -- I guess it was around -- now, let me back  
20 up. Did you eat supper that evening?

21 A Yes. I ate supper when I got home. I had eaten  
22 lunch earlier that day and, of course, I had eaten  
23 breakfast that morning.

24 Q Was it around midnight when you left the TD  
25 Convention Center?

1 A I think it was more like 11:15. I think I got  
2 stopped about 11:30.

3 Q And there's no question that's you're -- that's you  
4 on the videotape, and that's you that had the interaction  
5 that evening with Officer May?

6 A Yes, sir, without a doubt.

7 Q Okay. Now, would you agree with his testimony that  
8 it was roughly 25, 30 degrees.

9 A I think it might have been colder than 25. It was  
10 one of the coldest nights of the year. But, at a minimum,  
11 the highest it could have been was 25. That was one of  
12 the coldest nights of the year 2011, and 2012.

13 Q Did you -- when you got out, how long had you been at  
14 the TD Convention Center approximately?

15 A I'd been probably there about three hours, give or  
16 take, probably more, three and a half hours.

17 Q When you got in your vehicle, was it cold?

18 A It was cold. I got in the vehicle, of course, I  
19 turned the heat on.

20 Q And then you proceeded to be driving home; is that  
21 right?

22 A Yes. I, actually, drove up past -- I have a rental  
23 house. I drove past there, which is why I got on a little  
24 bit further back from 291.

25 Q Now, did your car warm up?

1 A Eventually, yes, it did. By the time I --

2 Q I'm talking about the cab. I'm not talking about the  
3 engine. I'm talking about the inside cab of the car.

4 A Yes, yes. Before I got on 385, my car was warm.

5 Q Tell the jury what you can remember happening as  
6 you're going down 385.

7 A Well, I was going down 385. I was, actually, pretty  
8 tired. I was, actually, going down 385. I pretty much  
9 thought everything was okay. And I'm driving. And all of  
10 a sudden, I saw blue lights.

11 So I started pulling over. And, you know, I was  
12 close to an exit. So I went over a little bit just to let  
13 him know I was pulling over. I turned my signal on as  
14 soon as I saw the lights. And then I said, well, let me  
15 go to a place that's lit. And I thought that -- the hotel  
16 was there, the Crown Plaza.

17 So I went to the Crown Plaza there. I went there for  
18 safety purposes. You know, getting pulled over at night,  
19 you're supposed to find a place. And the other thing with  
20 the, you know -- I work -- I do traffic work. And I  
21 understand about being on the side of the road. So any  
22 time I get pulled over or have gotten pulled, I try to  
23 pull over in a safe place for both me and the officer. So  
24 that's what I did.

25 He came -- when he pulled over, it was a little bit

1 of time before he got to the car, which is why I opened  
2 the door. Because I looked around to see, you know, when  
3 he was coming to the car. And that's when I saw him, and  
4 I closed the door back. Then, of course, he came to the  
5 car. We had a little conversation. He asked me to get  
6 out. I got out of the car. We went --

7 Q Let me stop you there for just one second.

8 A Okay.

9 Q You've seen yourself on the video getting out of your  
10 vehicle. Was that any different than you normally get out  
11 of your car?

12 A No. I did not stumble getting out of the car. I do  
13 touch the side of the car. I am only 5'7". I was in an  
14 SUV. It is a 4 by 4. It's a little higher than normal.  
15 So my feet don't touch the ground when I reach out of the  
16 car.

17 Q Now, you did speak with Officer May?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Okay. Now, we saw you on the video. He asked you to  
20 come over, and you did this; is that correct?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Did you do everything that he asked you to do on that  
23 test?

24 A I did everything he asked me to do. I thought I did  
25 it satisfactorily. Apparently, I didn't. In the process,

1 my questions were, you know, if I pass these tests, can I  
2 go home? I asked that question I don't know how many  
3 times. There were multiple times I asked it, but I never  
4 really got an answer.

5 He said he offered me the heel to toe test. That was  
6 not offered. Had I been offered the heel to toe test, I  
7 would have done it. I did not do the test where you stand  
8 on one foot because if you asked me to do that now, I  
9 probably can't do it. I'm about 30 pounds overweight.  
10 I'm bow-legged, almost 50 years old.

11 The main thing, though, was I was shivering. I had  
12 been shivering that whole time we were on that videotape.  
13 When I was standing there, it looks like I was standing  
14 still. I was shivering the whole time. And I cannot  
15 stand on one foot while I'm shivering. I don't know if  
16 anybody really can. Officer May did do it. You know,  
17 but, like I said, I'm bow-legged.

18 The other thing, I had cowboy boots on. I don't wear  
19 cowboy boots but about twice a year. The heels are kind  
20 of high. And I had cowboy boots on that night. I did  
21 express that to him.

22 A lot of that you can't hear on the video because  
23 it's muffled. When I played the video, it wasn't muffled.  
24 What you guys are hearing is muffled. What I hear on my  
25 thing is a little bit more like what you hear in the

1       breathalyzer room.

2       Q     All right. Now, he asked you to say your ABC's?

3       A     Yes, he did.

4       Q     And you did that?

5       A     I did that. And I did it completely. I didn't miss  
6       anything.

7       Q     And you had asked him, at this point, I guess a time,  
8       or more than one time, do I -- am I going to get let go if  
9       I pass these tests?

10      A     Yes, sir.

11      Q     And, to your recollection, John, did Officer May  
12      answer that question?

13      A     I never got that question answered. That's why I  
14      kept asking. It just seemed as if -- once I did the two  
15      tests and did the ABC's, I was like, well, you know,  
16      what's going on? It's kind of like you've already made  
17      your mind up to arrest me. Is it going to make any  
18      difference if I take another test?

19            But, like I said, I would have taken the heel to toe  
20      test, but that was not offered.

21      Q     Now, he had asked you in the earliest conversation  
22      about alcohol consumption; is that right?

23      A     Yes, he did, yes, sir.

24      Q     And you told him that you had probably had a glass of  
25      wine?

1       A     Yes. That's what I told him. I told him I had a  
2       glass of wine when I got to the TD Convention Center.

3       Q     Later, you changed that?

4       A     Yes, unfortunately, I did. I'm embarrassed about  
5       that. I'm very sorry. I should have been more  
6       forthcoming with the officer. But I guess I was in  
7       protection mode.

8       Q     Okay. And you, ultimately, corrected -- you never  
9       denied you had consumed alcohol?

10      A     No, I did not.

11      Q     You just lightened it up?

12      A     Right. I did not deny that I had consumed alcohol.

13      Q     Now, ultimately, he -- we saw on the video that he  
14      raised his foot, and you declined that. And you were  
15      placed under arrest; is that correct?

16      A     Yes, sir. After he put the handcuffs on me, I was  
17      like, well, I'll take it, I'll take it, I'll take it. You  
18      know, the exchange had gone on pretty long. And I'm  
19      assuming he may have gotten cold by then, too, or  
20      frustrated.

21            But I was a little surprised when he went ahead and  
22      put me in handcuffs. The conversation had gone on pretty  
23      long. I kind of thought that after being in the  
24      conversation as long as we had that he would realize that,  
25      you know, I wasn't impaired. But that didn't happen.

1 Q All right. And then we see you in the breathalyzer  
2 room. That was the second tape; is that correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q He advised you -- Officer May advised you multiple  
5 times in writing and verbally that you had a right to  
6 decline the test, or take the test; is that right?

7 A Yes, sir, he did.

8 Q And, again, obviously, not to beat a dead horse,  
9 you're already under arrest at this point?

10 A Right. That is one of the reasons I didn't. I was  
11 already under arrest. I was not given the opportunity to  
12 take the other test besides the raising of your foot. I  
13 thought I had passed the other two tests, the eye test. I  
14 thought I had passed the alphabet test.

15 I was under arrest. And I'm kind of like, well, you  
16 know, what's the use? My car has already been towed. I  
17 didn't see the point. I don't necessarily understand the  
18 machine. Honestly, quite frankly, I don't necessarily  
19 trust the machine. There was nothing that went on that  
20 was in my favor up to that point. So I didn't see the  
21 need to do that.

22 Q John, as we -- and you were then arrested and you  
23 were placed in jail; is that correct?

24 A Right. And I -- my main thing is I was arrested. My  
25 fatigue was mistaken for intoxication. I had been up at

1       that point -- by the time I was arrested, I had been up 20  
2       hours. I get up at 5:00. By the time I was arrested,  
3       it's 1:00 in the morning. I had not been asleep at all.  
4       And this is after working four 11 and a half hour days in  
5       a row. This was the fourth day.

6       Q     As I come to a close -- oh, there's one more thing.  
7       Step down here just a second. This is a picture that's  
8       already been -- step around, John, if you would.

9       A     (Witness complied.)

10      Q     This is a picture that has already been admitted into  
11      evidence. I'm going to get you to step right over here so  
12      everybody can take a look. This is a picture of you from  
13      that evening; is that correct?

14      A     Yes.

15      Q     Okay. And is there anything that you would like to  
16      tell the jury? I know we've heard some testimony about  
17      your eyes. And the jury will get a chance to see this.  
18      But do you --

19      A     Well, they were saying my eyes were bloodshot.  
20      That's the normal color of my eyes. That's the color of  
21      my eyes right now.

22      Q     And that's an accurate picture?

23      A     That's an accurate picture. I don't know. I just --  
24      my eyes weren't red. You heard my speech. My speech was  
25      not slurred. You couldn't hear it on the road tape. But

1 if you were able to hear it more clearly, you would see  
2 that my speech was not slurred during that period of time.  
3 When I was standing on the side of the road, I didn't  
4 move.

5 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, I would just ask that he  
6 return --

7 MR. SUMNER: Oh, yeah. That's fine

8 BY MR. SUMNER:

9 Q John, go ahead and have a seat.

10 A (Witness complied.)

11 Q And, please, continue with your answer. You had said  
12 the first video is kind of muffled, no question about  
13 that?

14 A Right. The first video is kind of muffled. And  
15 that's just because of transfer from digital to analog.  
16 But when I played it on my TV and my computer, it wasn't  
17 quite as muffled.

18 But, basically, what I was saying is my speech was  
19 not slurred. My eyes were not red. We didn't have any  
20 problems communicating. I was very alert during that  
21 period of time. And this is even after having -- like I  
22 said, I was up for 20 hours. And this is after four 11  
23 and a half hour work days. This is the fourth day I had  
24 been up for 20 hours.

25 Q John, did excessive alcohol consumption cause you to

1 have fatigue, or what we've seen on video?

2 A No, it did not. I am not guilty of DUI, nor drunk  
3 driving.

4 MR. SUMNER: I don't have any other questions.  
5 Please answer any questions Ms. Major might have.

6 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

7 CROSS-EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. MAJOR:

9 Q Mr. Devore, we saw the video.

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q And was that you driving on the video?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q And is that your vehicle?

14 A Yes, ma'am, it is.

15 Q And are you familiar with how it operates?

16 A Yes, ma'am.

17 Q Okay. And we watched the video. And would you agree  
18 that you were weaving?

19 A Yes, ma'am. It looks like I was weaving somewhat. I  
20 never did cross the line.

21 Q But you were weaving inside your lane and could not  
22 maintain your lane; correct?

23 A I stayed in my lane. I did not cross the line. I  
24 can say, yes, I did weave from side to side some. But we  
25 must consider there are seven curves. In the period of

1 time that he started following me until the period of time  
2 I got pulled over, we went around seven curves. There's  
3 seven curves on 385. That doesn't show in the video.

4 Q Okay. I think that he followed you on the video, and  
5 we can see going in and out. But you said that you had  
6 been at the TD Convention Center; right?

7 A Yes, ma'am.

8 Q And were they serving alcohol at this function?

9 A Yes, ma'am.

10 Q And you admitted to drinking that alcohol; right?

11 A Yes, ma'am, over a period of three and a half hours.

12 Q And you first said that you just had one glass of  
13 wine; correct?

14 A Yes. And I apologize for saying that. I was  
15 incorrect.

16 Q And how much did you, eventually, admit to drinking?

17 A I told him I had two beers and a Crown and Coke.

18 Q And you first said just one glass of wine?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q And then it increased?

21 A It changed to two beers and a Crown and Coke, which  
22 is what I had. I apologized for saying that. I'm  
23 embarrassed for starting out that way. But I did tell the  
24 truth.

25 Q But, yet, you did change your story?

1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q You say that your 5'7". And I'm 5'6". And you had  
3 trouble getting out of your car?

4 A No. I'm sorry. Ma'am, I did not have trouble  
5 getting out of the car.

6 Q You admitted to -- and when I say stumble, I don't  
7 mean that you were going down, but you needed to use your  
8 car as balance; correct?

9 A If we look at the video, it does not show me using my  
10 car as balance. It shows me touching the car. But what I  
11 did say --

12 Q Were you -- did you -- when you did that, when you  
13 touched the car, weren't your feet on the ground --

14 A I touched the car because he was between me and the  
15 car --

16 Q Right. And when you turned --

17 THE COURT: Wait. Wait. Let him finish answering  
18 the question.

19 BY MS. MAJOR:

20 Q Go ahead. I'm sorry.

21 A When I got out of the car, Sergeant May was standing  
22 to my right. My car was to my left. There was about 30  
23 inches of space there. I just put my hand on my car, but  
24 it was not for balance.

25 Q Okay. You say that you had been tired. And is that

1       what caused the weaving?

2       A     Yes. That was fatigue.

3       Q     Okay. You were taken to the data master room after  
4       you were arrested?

5       A     Yes, ma'am.

6       Q     And you were given the opportunity to provide a  
7       breath sample?

8       A     Yes, I was.

9       Q     And you were told that if you didn't provide that  
10      breath sample that that could be used against you?

11      A     Yes, I was told that.

12      Q     And you refused; correct?

13      A     Yes, I did.

14      Q     You, also, asked the officer if he can just take you  
15      home, didn't you?

16      A     Well, at that point, I was just about under arrest.  
17      And, like I said, my fatigue was being mistook for  
18      intoxication. I mean, what am I going to do? I mean, I  
19      asked. He could only say no.

20      Q     How long had you been at that function? What time  
21      did you say that you went there?

22      A     I went there around 7:00.

23      Q     Okay. And what time were you pulled over?

24      A     It was around -- right at 11:15 or 11:30.

25      Q     Are you sure it wasn't 12:15?

1       A     Yes. I'm pretty sure. Because when he and I talked  
2       about what time it was, I told him it was about 12:30. He  
3       said it was a quarter till 1:00. So I was 15 minutes off.  
4       At that time, we had been on the side of the road for an  
5       hour.

6       Q     Okay. You said that you had on cowboy shoes?

7       A     Cowboy boots, yes, ma'am.

8       Q     Cowboy boots. Was that going to impair your ability  
9       to stand on one leg?

10      A     That, among other things. The cowboy boots, the heel  
11      is higher than I, typically, wear. You only have about  
12      one and a half square inches touching the ground on the  
13      back heel. The front end is curved up. So you only have  
14      a small part of it under the ball of your foot that  
15      touches the ground. I wear flats everyday and/or tennis  
16      shoes.

17      Q     Were these new shoes?

18      A     They aren't new. I've owned them for probably eight  
19      or 10 years. But I only wear them once or twice a year.

20      Q     And you heard Officer May's testimony; correct?

21      A     Yes, I did.

22      Q     And you know that the eye test, that's something that  
23      you can't control; correct?

24           MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, I don't know if it's good to  
25      pit the testimony of one witness against another. I just

1 want to say that from a cautionary point of view.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I heard him say that. I asked  
4 him about that when we were on the side of road. But I  
5 don't know that he even -- the point was even considered  
6 that we're standing out there in 20 degrees, and I'm  
7 shivering for 20 minutes.

8 BY MS. MAJOR:

9 Q But he was out there, too, as well; right?

10 A Do you want me to answer that? You really want -- I  
11 mean --

12 Q Y'all were both out there outside in the cold  
13 weather; correct?

14 A Let me say it like this, I don't go skiing, most of  
15 us don't. I get cold.

16 Q But y'all were --

17 A Do I need to go any further with that?

18 Q No, you don't.

19 But y'all were both out there; correct?

20 A Yes.

21 MS. MAJOR: I have no further questions.

22 MR. SUMNER: I don't --

23 John, you can step down.

24 I don't have anything further on redirect.

25 THE COURT: You can step down, Mr. Devore.

1 MR. SUMNER: And, Your Honor, that would conclude the  
2 Defense's case.

3 THE COURT: Does the State have any reply?

4 MS. MAJOR: Nothing, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached the  
6 point where we're going to go into the closing arguments.

7 And, yes, ma'am, Ms. Major.

8 MS. MAJOR: I waive opening.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Sumner.

10 MR. SUMNER: You waive opening on the law; is that  
11 correct?

12 MS. MAJOR: Yes.

13 CLOSING ARGUMENTS

14 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 May it please the Court.

16 Ms. Major.

17 Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to keep my comments  
18 brief just for a few minutes. I know that we're getting  
19 late in the day. It is about time for you all to  
20 deliberate and make a decision. Just a couple of points.

21 First of all -- and I know I've touched on these just  
22 a little bit. If I've said anything that you found  
23 offensive when I was asking questions of Officer May, you  
24 can hold it against me. But, please, don't hold it  
25 against John. Please don't do that.

1           This is -- even though this case has been pretty  
2 short, it is -- it's a critical case. A criminal  
3 conviction has lifelong ramifications --

4           MS. MAJOR: Objection, Your Honor. I believe that's  
5 an improper argument.

6           MR. SUMNER: I'll move forward, Your Honor.

7           THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

8           MR. SUMNER: But, as Judge Hill stated earlier, that  
9 is what we have here is a criminal prosecution. The  
10 ground rules are, therefore, reached and it's because  
11 what's at stake.

12           His Honor will tell you that if you have any  
13 hesitation about whether or not excessive alcohol was the  
14 sole factor in what you saw on the videotape, then your  
15 verdict should be and must be not guilty. He is not --  
16 John is not charged with driving fatigued or tired. And  
17 we all know in our common experience what happens. And  
18 I'm going to talk about that in just a second. When --  
19 we've all seen folks that are driving when they're tired.  
20 And that's not what -- he is not charged with that. He is  
21 charged with drunk driving. That's the criminal charge  
22 that's being brought today.

23           And I want to take just a second to talk about it. I  
24 want to just make a few points. I asked about the  
25 weather. And what's the weather got to do with anything?

1 Well, we all know when it's 25 degrees -- and I think  
2 everybody is in agreement on that, that it was very cold.  
3 That your car is super cold.

4 John had worked all day, 11, 12 hours, 10 and a half,  
5 whatever exactly it was. He goes home, eats super with  
6 his wife and daughter, comes back and is at the TD Center.  
7 And there's no question, four, three and a half hours at  
8 an event. No question that he consumed alcohol. No  
9 question that, under the testimony you've heard, he ate  
10 super and was on a full stomach. But when you get outside  
11 and it's that cold, you crank up the heat. There's no  
12 question that you do that. We've all done it.

13 But what happens when you're tired? You start to  
14 fight it. And I think we've all done that. When you've  
15 been driving late at night, somebody puts the window down.  
16 I mean, you start to really get fatigued. And that  
17 matches up -- that is a very reasonable explanation for  
18 what we saw.

19 John is moving in his lane. He's moving here and  
20 there. It's not erratic. It's not all over the place.  
21 Just like John said, you know, 385 is a lot more curvy  
22 when we look at it than we think initially. And it makes  
23 total sense that -- it is a reasonable explanation for  
24 what happened is that he's in there. And he said he went  
25 by, I think, a rental home and then went -- or a rental

1 property. And then he went back out on the road. It is  
2 very natural to believe and to feel that it is possible  
3 that John was just heavily fatigued. That's not proof of  
4 drunk driving, or proof of DUI. It is a very reasonable  
5 explanation.

6 Judge Hill will tell you that if there is a  
7 reasonable explanation, if you've got an explanation that  
8 you feel is reasonable that is not a criminal conviction  
9 that your verdict should be and must be not guilty.  
10 Because all benefits of the doubt go to John. This isn't  
11 personal at all against anybody at this table. That's not  
12 what I'm talking about. But Judge Hill will tell you  
13 that.

14 Now, I made the point a little bit ago about this.  
15 And I didn't mean to flash my hand too many times. But  
16 it's undisputed, we saw it on the video, that Officer  
17 May -- and it's all professional and nothing else. And we  
18 don't have anything this high. But we saw it, he taps on  
19 there to the blond officer and he says this right here.  
20 Okay.

21 Now, what does that mean? It, certainly, means that  
22 before John has gotten out of the vehicle that Officer May  
23 knows where he may be headed. And that is not anything  
24 against Officer May. It's just something we've all done  
25 in our common experience, when we expect to see something,

1 when we're looking to see something, often times, we do  
2 see it.

3 And, just as John said, I think -- and it was -- he  
4 just said I think my fatigue and, you know, the state I  
5 was in was mistaken for intoxication. It was mistaken for  
6 being drunk and driving. And that's not what happened.  
7 Is it very -- would it be a possible mistake? Absolutely.  
8 Does that mean that there's anything negative that I'm  
9 saying about Officer May? No, not at all. It's just  
10 there is no question that that is what is on the video.  
11 Without any question whatsoever, he taps on the top of the  
12 car, 55. What is that? That's code for drunk driver.

13 Now, why is that important? That's before John has  
14 gotten out of the car. That's before John has done any of  
15 the tests. I'll talk about that in a second. That's  
16 before any of that happens. 55, right here. That would  
17 concern me. As a juror, that would concern me.

18 John gets out -- and you all will have to judge it  
19 for yourself. It didn't appear to me that he was leaning  
20 hard against the car. John explained that fully. He gets  
21 out of the vehicle. Of course, I asked him -- I happen to  
22 be John's age. I happen to be 49. And after a long day,  
23 we're stiff. We're not like we were at 19 or 29. We're a  
24 little bit stiffer. And it's not that unusual for any of  
25 us to move just a little -- for me to move just a little

1 bit slower. John gets out.

2 Now, what did I notice about this test? And I wrote  
3 these things down as we saw it up there. John understood  
4 the test. He kept his head still. He stood straight.  
5 Remember that? I mean, he was ramrod straight, hands  
6 right by his side. He didn't sway, none of that for, at  
7 least, 90 seconds.

8 Now, what do we know about the test? Officer May --  
9 it just determines whether or not somebody has got alcohol  
10 in their system. Well, John -- we know that. That's  
11 not -- there's -- that's not a mystery. I mean, there's  
12 no question about that. We know that -- through Officer  
13 May's testimony that the odor of alcohol is not proof at  
14 all. Judge Hill will tell you that.

15 So, at this point, we've got John standing like this,  
16 doing what -- now, we saw that on the video. We've got  
17 Officer May. We have another officer there. They've got  
18 jackets on. They're kind of doing this kind of thing like  
19 that that you see people do when they're cold. John does  
20 it. The next thing John is asked to do is to say his  
21 ABC's. He nails that. He passed that test.

22 John testified, yeah, we know the video was muffled.  
23 I mean, there's no question that we couldn't hear  
24 everything that was said by everybody. But John said -- I  
25 asked him -- and there was a lot of conversation between

1 he and Officer May.

2 And he asked him, am I going to go home if I pass  
3 this test? And there's no question. I think we can all  
4 agree that a lot of conversation occurs between them out  
5 there for seven or eight minutes before John is arrested,  
6 seven or eight, at least. I mean, they're talking back  
7 and forth. There's no question there's a lot of  
8 conversation going on.

9 John is then arrested. And he's taken down. And  
10 Officer May told him -- there's no question, first of all,  
11 John told you, at this point, my car is towed. I'm in  
12 cuffs. I'm -- you know, I'm under arrest for DUI.  
13 There's really nothing that -- there's nothing else for me  
14 to do at this point. Taking this test isn't going to  
15 change anything. We know that's not going to change  
16 anything. He's already under arrest. And so, at that  
17 point, John said, I felt a little bit of frustration as  
18 well.

19 Officer May told him verbally, and told him in  
20 writing. Judge Hill will tell you, it's absolutely his  
21 right to take the test or decline the test. A six-month  
22 suspension was initiated that evening because of the  
23 choice that John made. You don't have to hold it against  
24 him at all. You do have the right to know he was offered  
25 the test just like he was offered the other tests on the

1 side of road. He did two, and he declined the others  
2 lawfully. And he declined the breath test lawfully.

3 There's no -- again, as I come to a close, I got John  
4 down here for a couple of reasons. First of all, you  
5 know, I know he's sitting right over there. And he's my  
6 client. And it's my pleasure to represent him. And I  
7 appreciate him giving me the opportunity.

8 John could lose a little bit of weigh. There's no  
9 question about that. What does that mean? What does that  
10 matter? You know, you get a little more stiff. I mean,  
11 I'm not going to ask anybody to raise their hand if the  
12 doctor said you ought to lose some weight, it would help  
13 your joints. We all know that. Certainly, in my case, it  
14 would. John is 30 pounds, plus or minus, heavier than he  
15 should be.

16 He walked -- the reason I wanted you to see him  
17 walking is because he walked just like he walked today.  
18 John is very bow-legged. There's no question about that.  
19 So it can be a little bit mistaken that he's kind of maybe  
20 kind of that weeble wobble. I guess that shows how old I  
21 am. There used to be a commercial about weeble toys that  
22 do this. John rocks a little bit when he walks. But he  
23 does that naturally because he's bow-legged.

24 I got him to put himself beside this picture. And I  
25 want you to consider this when you go back. Because I

1       happen to totally agree with John, his eyes look just like  
2       they look today. They're a little -- you know, they  
3       just -- they do. And you'll have a chance to look at this  
4       in the jury room.

5               But I think, at this point, I just want to say that I  
6       asked Officer May again, what is the standard to place  
7       somebody under arrest? He's got to make that decision  
8       that evening. What is the standard? Probable cause,  
9       suspension. The standard to prove him guilty in a court  
10      of law is much higher than that. This is not an attack at  
11      all on Officer May whatsoever. And I hope that it's not  
12      perceived as that by anybody in the jury box whatsoever.  
13      It's not.

14             But when you step back from it and you say, wait a  
15      minute. John took the stand and he didn't have to. He  
16      wanted to tell you what happened. He told you he made a  
17      mistake. And he said, listen, I should have been candid  
18      about how much alcohol I consumed in a three- or four-hour  
19      period. He told you that. And he said he was embarrassed  
20      about that. And I know that he is.

21             But there's, also, no question from Officer May's  
22      testimony, from John, that there was never a threat toward  
23      Officer May, or anything like that. I understand why he  
24      did what he did, but nothing came from that. John  
25      respected his authority.

1           His Honor will tell you that mere proof of  
2           consumption of alcohol is nowhere near proof of drunk  
3           driving. It's not. Was excessive -- has the State proven  
4           excessive alcohol consumption solely and completely,  
5           that's what caused it, or have you been offered a  
6           reasonable alternative?

7           Everything that's come out has been for a reason.  
8           And I told you at the beginning, I said, I'm not going to  
9           ask any questions or do anything that doesn't have any  
10          purpose on it. That's why I asked about the weather. And  
11          we saw that Officer May and the other officer had the big  
12          heavy coats on. We saw that. There's no question they  
13          were kind of jumping around. When you've been up too  
14          long, and you're driving, and you're tired, these are the  
15          kind of things that happen. And I think that there has,  
16          certainly, been an alternative explanation that justifies  
17          completely a verdict of not guilty.

18          His Honor will tell you that the -- what the burden  
19          is on the State. And he will tell you that if you have a  
20          sincere and honest hesitation, if you have any hesitation  
21          at all, he will tell you that if you have a hesitation,  
22          then your verdict should be and must be not guilty.  
23          That's because of everything that's at stake in a criminal  
24          prosecution.

25          And I hope, as I finish up, I'm going to be -- you're

1 going to see me over there. I don't get to get up again.  
2 That's just the rules of the Court. I don't get to get up  
3 again. I'm going to want to. I'm going to say what about  
4 this, and what about that? I can't do anything. But what  
5 I can do is this. If you have a hesitation, if you have a  
6 concern about whether or not a criminal conviction should  
7 be there, then you tell the other jurors why your vote is  
8 not guilty. You tell them, I will stay here until the  
9 cows come home. I am not going to do this. It's not  
10 personal. It's the fact that I heard another reasonable  
11 explanation.

12 John took the stand. He told us what happened. It's  
13 reasonable what happened. And they've not proven that  
14 he's guilty of drunk driving. He's not on trial for being  
15 sleepy and for maybe not driving when he was too sleepy.  
16 That's not what he's on trial for.

17 So, please, make sure and tell your fellow jurors why  
18 your vote is not guilty as to this criminal charge.

19 Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Sumner.

21 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Major.

23 MS. MAJOR: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your  
24 time and for listening. I didn't think this was going to  
25 be an extremely long, or complicated, or convoluted case.

1 And I hope that we have given you everything that you need  
2 to make a fair decision.

3 This case is about following the rules of the road.  
4 And we all have to follow the rules of the road, or else  
5 our roads would just be chaos. And driving is about  
6 multitasking. There's lots of things to pay attention to,  
7 lots of things that you have to be able to do to safely  
8 operate a motor vehicle. And if you've had too much to  
9 drink, you can't do those things.

10 On January 14, 2012, the Defendant did not heed the  
11 warnings. He chose to drink and drive to the extent that  
12 his ability to operate that motor vehicle was materially  
13 and appreciably impaired. As I told you at the beginning,  
14 the elements of DUI are that the Defendant was driving a  
15 motor vehicle in South Carolina under the influence of  
16 alcohol to the extent that his ability to drive was  
17 materially and appreciably impaired.

18 What does that mean? Materially means that it made a  
19 difference. And appreciably means that you can notice it.  
20 And impaired means something less than 100 percent. So  
21 it's a difference that you can notice.

22 So I'd like to go over all the evidence that we have  
23 here. The most important evidence that you saw came at  
24 the very beginning of that videotape. You can see the  
25 Defendant not being able to maintain his lane. He goes

1 over to the right and then to the left, and then to the  
2 right and then to the left. And, yeah, there were some  
3 curves, but this happened on the straight-away as well.  
4 You can see him slamming on brakes. And Trooper May gets  
5 behind him and records this.

6 And you heard Trooper May tell you what goes into his  
7 decision about when to, finally, decide to pull somebody  
8 over. And he wants it to be a safe environment for the  
9 person he's pulling over, as well as himself. And I think  
10 that he did that in this case. And they did pull into a  
11 parking lot. This driving is a pattern.

12 And Trooper May got behind him and investigated this.  
13 He didn't make a rash decision. He didn't see one little  
14 swerve and think, oh, there, I'm going to go get him. It  
15 was a continuous pattern. It was not a fluke. It  
16 continued.

17 You saw in the video the Defendant get out of his  
18 car. And I encourage you to watch -- these videos are in  
19 evidence. So you are free to watch them as long and as  
20 often as you want. The Defendant gets out of his car.  
21 And he doesn't completely fall down, but he has trouble  
22 maintaining his balance. He uses his hands. And his feet  
23 are on the ground when that happens. Trooper May notices  
24 this.

25 Let me back up first. Trooper May has had experience

1 on the road. You cannot ask an officer -- and this goes  
2 to our common sense. If we know something is true, we are  
3 not going to just disregard what we know. The officer had  
4 his suspicions when he saw the vehicle and approached  
5 Mr. Devore and smelled him. And he tells his trooper I  
6 think I have a 55. I've got a guy who, I think, may be  
7 under the influence of alcohol. We want the other  
8 troopers to know what's going on so that they're not  
9 totally blind.

10 Officer May doesn't arrest him right then. He  
11 continues the investigation. He tells you that he smells  
12 that odor of alcohol, that the Defendant reeked of that  
13 odor of alcohol.

14 He then administers the horizontal gaze nystagmus  
15 test. And he told you it's something that you can't  
16 control. It doesn't matter whether you're an Olympic  
17 athlete or 80 years old. You can't -- it's something that  
18 you can't control. And it's caused by alcohol. And not  
19 only did he have the horizontal nystagmus, he, also, had  
20 the vertical nystagmus. You heard what the Defendant  
21 said. And I know that it's a little muffled, and I'm  
22 sorry for that. We don't have the highest technology, I  
23 guess, in these videos.

24 The Defendant admits to drinking. The Defendant  
25 admitted that he had been at this function at the TD

1 Convention Center from 8:00 that morning [sic] is what he  
2 said on the video, but then he testified he had been there  
3 at 7:00. So he had been there several hours, a place  
4 where they were serving alcohol. He first said that he  
5 had one glass of wine. He asked the officers for my  
6 safety and your safety, can I get somebody to pick me up?  
7 He asked the trooper to take him home. He apologizes and  
8 asked for compassion. And he seems confused at the end of  
9 the video.

10 And, in the video, you can -- I invite you to go  
11 watch it again. And you can see there's a shadow over the  
12 Defendant's head. I mean, you can see the Defendant's  
13 face. He appears lethargic and confused.

14 And I'd like to touch on this fatigue issue. He had  
15 just left the convention center or, according to him, his  
16 rental property that night. According to him that night,  
17 the convention center. He had not been driving all night.  
18 It had not been warm in his car all night. He had just  
19 left there. And he never tells the officer I know I was  
20 weaving. I was dozing off. No, he doesn't know why he's  
21 being pulled over. He doesn't remember weaving.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, he is then given the  
23 opportunity to go and provide a breath sample. And  
24 fatigue does not cause your BA -- your blood alcohol level  
25 to rise. Alcohol causes that. The Defendant is given the

1 opportunity to take that test. He's told that it will be  
2 used against him, and that he faces a license suspension.  
3 And he doesn't take it. That's the choice that he made.  
4 And the choice that he made was not to take it. He says  
5 to the officer, you know, I'm not taking that test.

6 I know that the videos seem long. And I know that  
7 some of the testimony and some of the videos that you may  
8 have seen may not have seemed important to you. But  
9 there's 12 of you. And there may be one piece of evidence  
10 that resonates with one of you while another person finds  
11 it's less significant. But I wanted to give you the full  
12 picture, and everything that we have, and everything that  
13 happened on that video, and everything that happened that  
14 night.

15 You heard Officer May testify about the field  
16 sobriety tests, and about how they're divided attention  
17 tests. But, ladies and gentlemen, the ultimate --  
18 obviously, a field sobriety test is being able to safely  
19 operate your vehicle. And you can tell from that video  
20 that he cannot do that.

21 As Mr. Sumner said, it's not against the law to drink  
22 and drive, and it's absolutely not. The smell of alcohol  
23 alone is not a basis for arrest. The officer took all of  
24 the things that he had observed, smelled, seen, and made a  
25 decision that the Defendant was too impaired to operate

1 that vehicle. It, also, doesn't mean that you have to be  
2 stumbling down drunk. You can still be too impaired even  
3 if you are able to stand up.

4 The Judge is going to charge you on the law, and  
5 charge you on what proof beyond a reasonable doubt is.  
6 And I submit to you that we have proven this case beyond a  
7 reasonable doubt. And I ask you to return a verdict of  
8 guilty.

9 THE COURT: All right. Let me just see the lawyers  
10 up here real quick for one second.

11 (WHEREUPON, a bench conference was held.)

12 CHARGE ON THE LAW

13 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your  
14 patience. You've heard all the evidence you're going to  
15 hear in the case. And you've heard the lawyers closing  
16 arguments. And it is now my duty to instruct you on the  
17 law that applies to the facts of this case. It is your  
18 duty to determine the facts from all the evidence in the  
19 case.

20 And to those facts, you must apply the law as I give  
21 it to you. And you should not be concerned with what the  
22 law should be, but with what it is. You must not be  
23 influenced by any personal likes or dislikes, or undue  
24 sympathy, or biases, or prejudices. And that means you  
25 must decide the case solely on the evidence before you and

1 according to the law. And you will recall you took an  
2 oath to do just that this morning when we began this case.

3 In following my instructions, you must follow all of  
4 them and not single out some and ignore others, because  
5 they're all equally important. And, please, do not read  
6 into these instructions or into anything I may have said  
7 or done during the course of this trial as any indication  
8 to what I think the facts are, or what your verdict should  
9 be. Because, as I told you at the beginning, through our  
10 system of justice and Constitution, you are the sole and  
11 exclusive judge of the facts.

12 You decide what the facts are by evaluating and  
13 weighing the evidence you heard. There's no way for you  
14 to weigh evidence in the literal sense. I'm, certainly,  
15 not going to give you a set of scales to take back into  
16 the jury room with you to conduct experiments. That  
17 wouldn't be practical. You simply weigh and evaluate the  
18 evidence by using your good common sense, your life  
19 experiences, and your capacity for reason and sound  
20 judgment.

21 Now, I told you, also, that evidence consists of two  
22 things, sworn witness testimony and exhibits. And nothing  
23 else is evidence. I told you the arguments and statements  
24 by the lawyers are not evidence, because they are not  
25 witnesses. And any testimony that's been excluded or

1 stricken is not evidence, and is not anything you can  
2 consider in any way in determining the facts of this case.

3 Now, ladies and gentlemen, we did have an exhibit in  
4 this case that consisted of a video -- actually, two  
5 videos. And the parties agree that there are certain  
6 portions of those exhibits that are either inaudible or  
7 muffled. And to the extent that they are inaudible or  
8 muffled, they don't constitute evidence in this case, and  
9 they shouldn't be considered by you in any way. So don't  
10 draw any conclusions from the fact that there may be  
11 silent portions of the videos or hard to hear portions of  
12 the videos. That part of the video is simply not evidence  
13 and cannot be considered by you as evidence.

14 Now, ladies and gentlemen, there are, also, two  
15 sources of evidence. And what I'm talking about now is  
16 direct evidence and circumstantial evidence. Direct  
17 evidence is the testimony of someone who claims to have  
18 direct and actual knowledge of a fact, such as an eye  
19 witness.

20 Circumstantial evidence is indirect evidence. Put  
21 another way, circumstantial evidence is proof of a chain  
22 of facts from which you can find another fact exists, even  
23 though it has not been proven to you directly. The law  
24 makes no distinction between the weight or value to be  
25 given to either direct or circumstantial evidence. You're

1 entitled to consider both kinds. And there's not a  
2 greater degree of certainty required of one over the  
3 other.

4 Now, ladies and gentlemen, I told you, also, at the  
5 beginning that as the judges of the facts, you would have  
6 to by necessity determine or gauge the credibility of all  
7 the evidence. And I gave you some guidelines for doing  
8 that. I'm not going to go back over that, because I know  
9 you heard me the first time.

10 But I will tell you that in determining  
11 believability, you may consider everything a witness says,  
12 or you may disbelieve everything a witness says. You may  
13 believe parts of a witness's testimony and disbelieve  
14 other parts. You may believe one witness over several or  
15 several over one. But it is your job to determine the  
16 facts of this case. And it is your job to do that in a  
17 sound and reasoned manner and not arbitrarily.

18 You, also, have heard testimony from people who have  
19 been described as experts in certain fields. Expert  
20 witnesses have their testimony judged as any other witness  
21 as far as credibility. It is up to you to determine the  
22 credibility of all the witnesses, even those who have been  
23 qualified as experts.

24 Now, you will recall that I told you in criminal  
25 cases, there's certain principles that apply. The first

1 principle I told you about, and I'm going to tell you  
2 about it again now, is the fact that Mr. Devore was  
3 indicted doesn't constitute evidence of any kind. It  
4 doesn't even create a suspicion of guilt. So the  
5 indictment is not something you can consider in  
6 determining the facts of the case.

7 Mr. Devore pled not guilty. That put the burden of  
8 proof solely and squarely on the State. And he can only  
9 be convicted if all 12 of you agree the State has proven  
10 each and every element of the case beyond a reasonable  
11 doubt.

12 And Mr. Devore is presumed innocent. And this  
13 presumption of innocence, ladies and gentlemen, is not  
14 some legal technicality. It is a fundamental right that  
15 every person enjoys in this country. And it can only be  
16 removed if the State convinces you with proof beyond a  
17 reasonable doubt as to every element of a crime.

18 Now, what is a reasonable doubt? A reasonable doubt  
19 is the kind of doubt that would cause a reasonable,  
20 sincere, honest, and conscientious person to hesitate to  
21 act in an important matter in their own affairs. Proof  
22 beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly  
23 convinced of the Defendant's guilt. The law does not  
24 require proof that overcomes every possible doubt.

25 If, based on your view of the evidence, you are

1       firmly convinced that the Defendant is guilty of the crime  
2       charged, you must find him guilty. On the other hand, if  
3       you think there's a real possibility that he is not  
4       guilty, you must give him the benefit of the doubt and  
5       find him not guilty. A reasonable doubt may arise from  
6       the evidence or from a lack of evidence.

7               And I further tell you that a defendant is entitled  
8       to every reasonable doubt that may arise in the case. And  
9       what that means is simply this, if as to any issue of fact  
10      that is essential to a finding of guilt you have some  
11      reasonable doubt as to how that issue should be resolved,  
12      it's your duty to resolve that doubt in favor of  
13      Mr. Devore.

14             Now, the elements of this crime of driving under the  
15      influence are as follows. In order for the State to  
16      convict him of this charge, the State must prove beyond a  
17      reasonable doubt that Mr. Devore was driving a motor  
18      vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcohol  
19      and/or drugs, or other substances to the extent that his  
20      faculties to drive were materially and appreciably  
21      impaired.

22             Driving a motor vehicle means the vehicle was in  
23      motion. And the State must prove beyond a reasonable  
24      doubt that the Defendant was sufficiently under the  
25      influence to impair his ability to drive with reasonable

1 care with due regard for others and himself, or as a  
2 reasonably prudent person would drive. It is not  
3 necessary to show the Defendant was in a helpless  
4 condition, passed out, or even intoxicated.

5 On the other hand, the fact that the Defendant at  
6 sometime prior to this incident drank an alcoholic  
7 beverage does not prove the Defendant was driving under  
8 the influence.

9 A defendant has the right to refuse to take a blood  
10 alcohol concentration test. Now, under our statutes, a  
11 person who drives a motor vehicle is considered to have  
12 given consent to chemical tests of his breath, blood, or  
13 urine for the purpose of determining the presence of  
14 alcohol, or drugs, or a combination of alcohol or drugs if  
15 arrested for an offense arising out of acts alleged to  
16 have been committed while the person was driving a motor  
17 vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or drugs, or  
18 a combination.

19 A breath test must be administered at the direction  
20 of a law enforcement officer who has arrested a person for  
21 driving a motor vehicle in this state while under the  
22 influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol  
23 and drugs. No test may be administered or samples  
24 obtained unless upon activation of the video recording  
25 equipment and prior to the commencement of the testing

1 procedure, the person has been given a written copy of and  
2 verbally informed that, one, he does not have to take the  
3 test or give the sample, but his privilege to drive must  
4 be suspended or denied for, at least, six months if he  
5 refuses to submit to the test and his refusal may be used  
6 against him in court.

7 Two, his privilege to drive must be suspended for, at  
8 least, one month if he takes the test or gives the samples  
9 and has an alcohol concentration of 15 one-hundredths of  
10 one percent or more. Three, he has the right to request  
11 an administrative hearing within 30 days of the issuance  
12 of the notice of suspension. And, four, if he does not  
13 request an administrative hearing or if the suspension is  
14 upheld at the administrative hearing, he must enroll in an  
15 alcohol and drug safety action program.

16 Now, those are the principles of substantive law that  
17 apply to this case. I'm going to give you just a few  
18 closing instructions on the deliberations. And I want to  
19 tell you, first of all, you don't serve as jurors in this  
20 case or any case to be partisans or advocates for one side  
21 or the other. You were chosen in this case because both  
22 sides believe you can be fair and impartial, and you can  
23 decide this case without any kind of preconceived ideas or  
24 any kind of bias or prejudice.

25 So your job is to weigh and evaluate the evidence

1 you've heard and, ultimately, during your deliberations  
2 determine what the facts of the case are, and then take  
3 the law that I just gave you and apply it to those facts,  
4 and you will reach a verdict.

5 If you looked up the word jury in the dictionary, you  
6 would see it has been defined as a company of people sworn  
7 to render an answer. And that's what you've been sworn to  
8 do. And each of you has a vote. And your vote is exactly  
9 that, it's your vote and no one else's. If your  
10 discussion in the jury room persuades you that you should  
11 change your mind or your position if you are of different  
12 minds about this evidence, then don't be afraid to do so.  
13 But don't surrender an honestly and conscientiously held  
14 belief simply to get this case over with or to reach a  
15 unanimous verdict. Because this case is extremely  
16 important to both the State and Mr. Devore.

17 Now, the verdict form is very straightforward. It  
18 simply asks as to the charge, Do you find Mr. Devore not  
19 guilty or guilty? That is the verdict form. And the  
20 verdict must be unanimous.

21 I have not selected a foreperson at this time. But  
22 what I'm going to do in just a minute is ask y'all to go  
23 back and confer and tell me who your foreperson is. And  
24 once that foreperson has been selected, I'll send back the  
25 verdict form and the exhibits, and you can begin

1       deliberating about the case. And the foreperson is only  
2       authorized to sign this form when the verdict is  
3       unanimous.

4               Now, the record is closed. You're not going to hear  
5       anymore witnesses. There's not going to be anymore  
6       exhibits. So you'll have to rely on your memory of the  
7       testimony and the exhibits you have with you back in the  
8       jury room.

9               And I'm going to have to take a few minutes to talk  
10      to the lawyers about some more things. And when you get  
11      the decision made on who the foreperson is, just write it  
12      down and give it to the bailiff. And they'll send it in  
13      to me. And then we'll send back the exhibits and the  
14      verdict form, and y'all can start talking about the case.

15              Thank you very much for your patience and  
16      understanding.

17              Thank you.

18              (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
19      approximately 4:26 p.m.)

20              THE COURT: Any objection or exception to the charge  
21      from the State?

22              MS. MAJOR: None from the State.

23              THE COURT: From the Defense?

24              MR. SUMNER: Likewise.

25              THE COURT: Okay. Do you all want to just make sure

1 we've got everything there?

2 And once we get word on who the Foreperson is...

3 (Pause.)

4 MR. SUMNER: Yes, sir. Everything is in order.

5 THE COURT: Will you ask the alternate to come out  
6 here, please?

7 THE BAILIFF: Yes.

8 (WHEREUPON, Juror #158, Debra Mason, entered the  
9 courtroom.)

10 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. The law doesn't allow you to  
11 go in the jury room during the deliberations.

12 JUROR #158, DEBRA MASON: Oh, that's fine.

13 THE COURT: So you're free to go. You're dismissed.

14 JUROR #158, DEBRA MASON: Okay.

15 THE COURT: She doesn't need to call back or  
16 anything?

17 THE CLERK: No, you're done.

18 THE COURT: I know -- you don't have to talk to the  
19 lawyers, but they might be interested in talking with you.  
20 But that's up to you, ma'am.

21 JUROR #158, DEBRA MASON: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you for your service.

23 JUROR #158, DEBRA MASON: Thank you.

24 (WHEREUPON, Juror #158, Debra Mason, exited the  
25 courtroom.)

1 THE BAILIFF: This is the Foreperson. They just gave  
2 us the tag.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Macmeccan is the Foreperson.  
4 All right. We'll be at ease until we hear something.  
5 Thank you very much.

6 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were recessed at  
7 approximately 4:30 p.m.)

8 THE COURT: We have a question.  
9 Bring the jury on in.

10 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
11 approximately 5:13 p.m.)

12 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I got your note. I  
13 understand you just want to see a portion of this video.

14 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Yes.

15 THE COURT: So, Mr. Foreman, when you reach the point  
16 that you've seen enough, just raise your hand and let us  
17 know. And we'll stop it and let you go back.

18 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Okay.

19 (WHEREUPON, State's Exhibit No. 1 was played in open  
20 court.)

21 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: That's it.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

23 (WHEREUPON, the jury was excused from open court at  
24 approximately 5:27 p.m.)

25 THE COURT: We'll be at ease.

1 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were recessed at  
2 approximately 5:27 p.m.)

3 QUESTIONS FROM THE JURY

4 THE COURT: The jury has a question.

5 This is their question, "If he had passed the  
6 breathalyzer at some level in the detention center, would  
7 he have been released to go home? Would his arrest have  
8 been lifted, cleared? What would have happened?"

9 Do you all want to see it?

10 MS. MAJOR: Well, no. I think I get the gist of what  
11 they're asking.

12 MR. SUMNER: Can I speak first?

13 MS. MAJOR: Yeah. Go ahead.

14 MR. SUMNER: I think they've just got to decide the  
15 question on the -- they just have to render a verdict  
16 based on the evidence that's come in. I think you've  
17 already charged them that he has the right to refuse.  
18 You've already charged them he can be suspended. He was  
19 suspended. I don't know how to answer that question,  
20 actually. I mean, maybe I'm wrong, I guess.

21 MS. MAJOR: I understand their question, but don't  
22 think that it is -- that you would be able to answer it.  
23 I don't know if maybe recharging the law on the implied  
24 consent rights and that he has the right to refuse, but it  
25 can be used against him and his license is suspended.

1 THE COURT: Well, I don't know what -- I mean,  
2 nothing I charge them will answer these questions; right?

3 MS. MAJOR: No.

4 MR. SUMNER: I would just reiterate, Your Honor, that  
5 a charge that -- basically, that they just have to decide  
6 the case based on the evidence that was presented and the  
7 charge that's been given. That's what I would request.

8 THE COURT: Okay. So I'm just saying, "The rules do  
9 not allow me to answer these questions. You must base  
10 your verdict on the evidence presented and the law you've  
11 been given."

12 (WHEREUPON, Court's Exhibit No. 1 was marked for  
13 identification and admitted into evidence.)

14 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were recessed at  
15 approximately 5:36 p.m.)

16 THE COURT: We have another question. "What is the  
17 definition of DUI?"

18 MS. MAJOR: I would ask that you just read your  
19 charge again to them, the entire DUI charge.

20 MR. SUMNER: Yeah. I think that it would be covered  
21 by they don't have to prove falling down, but they've got  
22 to prove more than consumption.

23 THE COURT: What if we just give it to them back  
24 there?

25 MR. SUMNER: I'm fine with that.

1 MS. MAJOR: I'm fine with that, if they promise not  
2 to ask another question.

3 THE COURT: Do y'all want to come look at it?

4 MS. MAJOR: Yes.

5 MR. SUMNER: It's the same one we reviewed in your  
6 chambers, isn't it?

7 MS. MAJOR: Let's just make sure we've got it.

8 I guess if -- the right to refuse, I would want that  
9 to come in as well.

10 MR. SUMNER: Well, why don't we just run a copy and  
11 just eliminate the right to refuse. Yes, that would be  
12 fine.

13 THE COURT: Because they're not asking about refusal.

14 MR. SUMNER: Well, they will in a minute.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were recessed at  
17 approximately 5:45 p.m.)

18 (WHEREUPON, Court's Exhibit Nos. 2 and 3 were marked  
19 for identification and admitted into evidence.)

20 THE COURT: We've got two notes from the jury. The  
21 first note says -- it has what appears to be three  
22 questions. The first is, "Would like to see video to  
23 include, Defendant leaving car and approach police car."

24 The second question, "Can we turn up the volume?"

25 And the third question, it says, "Can we see?"

1 MR. SUMNER: Can we what?

2 THE COURT: See.

3 MS. MAJOR: See?

4 THE COURT: S-E-E. Which one response might be  
5 apparently not.

6 MR. SUMNER: Isn't that what they saw 30 minutes ago  
7 was the driving, and the interaction, and the getting out  
8 of the car?

9 THE COURT: And the second note is, "What happens if  
10 one juror has a different verdict than the others?"

11 I think what I'm going to do since it's 6:15, they've  
12 been deliberating, what, two hours? Unless there's a  
13 strenuous objection persuasive to me, I'm going to give  
14 them the opportunity to just come back in the morning. I  
15 think they're getting tired.

16 MR. SUMNER: Whatever you -- do you want to give them  
17 the option?

18 THE COURT: I'll give them the option. They may want  
19 to stay. I don't know.

20 MR. SUMNER: Do you want to give them the option?

21 THE COURT: But I don't -- these notes are just kind  
22 of strange. And this first note I read, the three  
23 questions, those were kind of along with the first note  
24 they sent in. Remember?

25 MS. MAJORS: I was wondering if it's -- is it a

1 different note?

2 THE COURT: Yeah. It's a different note. We've got  
3 all of them in the record.

4 So I'll just -- I can bring the Foreman out here and  
5 ask him. And he can go back and check with them.

6 How about that?

7 MR. SUMNER: That's fine with me.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 (Pause.)

10 (WHEREUPON, Juror #152, Robert Macmeccan, entered the  
11 courtroom.)

12 THE COURT: Mr. Macmeccan.

13 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: How are you?

15 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Wonderful.

16 THE COURT: What I wanted to ask you, sir, if you  
17 would just check with the jury. Y'all have been  
18 deliberating a couple hours now. And it's 6:15. And I'll  
19 give y'all the option if you want to come back in the  
20 morning and complete your deliberations. Sometimes, being  
21 fresh helps, or you can stay and continue. It's up to  
22 y'all. But if you want to just go back and check with  
23 them and just let me know.

24 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Okay. Will we be able  
25 to see the video one more time if we stay and continue?

1 THE COURT: Yes, sure.

2 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Thank you.

3 (WHEREUPON, Juror #152, Robert Macmeccan, exited the  
4 courtroom.)

5 MS. MAJOR: Your Honor, it may have been that they  
6 just wanted to see the video again.

7 THE COURT: Well, I don't know.

8 MR. SUMNER: It will probably be answered when he  
9 comes back. And if he says they want to keep on and watch  
10 it again, then -

11 THE COURT: I might even say if they -- we can play  
12 it again and then let them go home.

13 (Pause.)

14 THE BAILIFF: Your Honor, they said they want to stay  
15 and continue.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Do they want to come out and watch  
17 the video?

18 THE BAILIFF: I can go ask them.

19 MS. MAJOR: And if they do, we would need the video.

20 MR. SUMNER: Maybe they just want to keep going  
21 without it. I mean, you can only watch Gladiator so many  
22 times.

23 THE COURT: The other alternative is to give them the  
24 computer. We could do that.

25 MS. MAJOR: If you'd like me to get one from the

1 Solicitor's Office, I will. We can check and make sure  
2 there's nothing on it.

3 THE COURT: It's up to y'all.

4 MR. SUMNER: I don't have any problem with that. I'm  
5 going to let you make that decision, Judge.

6 MS. MAJOR: Yeah. I would like to test it out and  
7 see what the audio is without the speakers.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Is that what y'all want to do,  
9 give them the computer?

10 Well, I'll tell you what, just ask the Foreman to  
11 come back in. He may not want to do that.

12 MR. SUMNER: We're comfortable with that, Judge.

13 (WHEREUPON, Juror #152, Robert Macmeccan, entered the  
14 courtroom.)

15 THE COURT: Mr. Macmeccan, I think we could offer  
16 y'all the alternative to take a computer back in there and  
17 play it.

18 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: That would be  
19 preferable.

20 THE COURT: Do you think that would be helpful?

21 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: That would be most  
22 helpful.

23 Does somebody need to show us to play it?

24 MS. MAJOR: Maybe if we could get a second to test it  
25 out without using this and then send it back. It should

1 be pretty self-explanatory.

2 THE COURT: Do you know anything about technology?

3 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: A little bit.

4 THE COURT: I kind of thought you did.

5 MS. MAJOR: It's pretty simple.

6 MR. SUMNER: I'm comfortable with the Foreman  
7 watching her do it and then take it back.

8 MS. MAJOR: I'd like to test out the volume without  
9 the speakers just to make sure that they can hear it.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Judge, would you like  
12 me to come around?

13 THE COURT: Yeah. You're free to do that.

14 MR. SUMNER: Sure. I'm fine.

15 (Pause.)

16 THE FOREPERSON: Thank you.

17 (WHEREUPON, Juror #152, Robert Macmeccan, exited the  
18 courtroom.)

19 THE COURT: Now, you know, they asked the other  
20 question about what happens if one juror has a different  
21 verdict than the others. I don't know what y'all want me  
22 to do with that.

23 Do you want to wait and see what they do?

24 MR. SUMNER: Why don't we give them 15 or 20 minutes.  
25 Do you want to do that? I mean, this may solve it.

1 THE COURT: All right. We'll make these Court's  
2 Exhibits.

3 (WHEREUPON, Court's Exhibit Nos. 4 and 5 were marked  
4 for identification and admitted into evidence.)

5 THE COURT: I understand we have a verdict.  
6 You can bring the jury in.

7 (WHEREUPON, the jury came into open court at  
8 approximately 6:43 p.m.)

9 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Foreman, has the jury  
10 reached a unanimous verdict?

11 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: I'm sorry, sir.

12 THE COURT: Has the jury reached a unanimous verdict?

13 JUROR #152, ROBERT MACMECCAN: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: If you'd hand it to the Foreman [sic],  
15 we'll receive it and publish it.

16 All right. Yes, ma'am.

17 VERDICT

18 THE CLERK: Your, Honor, in the case of  
19 2012-GS-23-2124, the State of South Carolina v. Johnie  
20 Allen Devore, as to the charge of driving under the  
21 influence, we, the jury, unanimously find the Defendant,  
22 Johnie Allen Devore, guilty. This is signed by  
23 Mr. Macmeccan, our Foreperson.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, if you agree this is the  
25 verdict you reached in your deliberation room, would you,

1 please, raise your right hand?

2 (WHEREUPON, all jury members raised their right  
3 hands.)

4 THE CLERK: Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Any matters before the jury is discharged  
6 from the State?

7 MS. MAJOR: None from the State.

8 MR. SUMNER: None from the Defense.

9 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, thank  
10 you very much for your service this week.

11 This will conclude your jury service. You do now  
12 have a three-year exemption from jury duty in circuit  
13 court.

14 And we thank you for your time and patience this  
15 week.

16 I hope you have a good evening and the rest of the  
17 week.

18 Thank you.

19 (WHEREUPON, the jury exited the courtroom at  
20 approximately 6:45 p.m.)

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir, Mr. Sumner.

22 MR. SUMNER: Your Honor, I don't really know what I  
23 can add over this incident other than John has had a  
24 wonderful career. His only prior record is what's got him  
25 in court today in terms of driving. And I think he's an

1       excellent candidate for a very short term of probation. I  
2       don't think he's a danger to society.

3               We really tried to work this case out. There was a  
4       plea offer made that I shared back in chambers that other  
5       than the administrative action, I think that we would have  
6       resolved it.

7               So, you know, he's got a tough situation now at work.  
8       You know, I don't know if there's anything else I can add.  
9       If there's anything else you'd like to know about  
10      Mr. Devore, I'm happy to answer the questions as best I  
11      can.

12              THE COURT: No, sir.

13              I think you did an excellent job. And the Solicitor  
14      did an excellent job as well. It was a well-tried case.  
15      And both sides raised pertinent issues.

16              So is there anything Mr. Devore would like to say,  
17      sir?

18              DEFENDANT DEVORE: The only thing I can say is I'm  
19      not guilty. I was not drunk. I don't know how they came  
20      to that. But I don't know what I'm going to do with my  
21      career right now. It's just -- without a license, I can't  
22      work at my current job. I did all I could. I was honest.  
23      I just -- this is a decision that's made on my career that  
24      I just don't think it's a just decision. I think it's  
25      something that went way too far as far as the implication

1 of what I did versus where I'm at now.

2 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Devore, I understand what  
3 you're saying. I hear you. As you know, the Court  
4 doesn't have anything to do with that.

5 In terms of the penalty, if there's some consequences  
6 to your employment, that's just not something that I can  
7 do anything about, or Mr. Sumner can do anything about as  
8 your lawyer on this charge, or that Ms. Major can do  
9 anything about. So that's not to say that I don't  
10 empathize with you, sir. And I did listen carefully to  
11 your testimony. And I appreciate the things you said.

12 Did he spend anything other than that one night in  
13 jail?

14 MR. SUMNER: No, sir, not to my knowledge. No, just  
15 that night.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Does the State have anything they  
17 wish to present?

18 MS. MAJOR: No, Your Honor.

19 His prior DUI conviction is from 2002. There was a  
20 reckless driving charge from 2005, which had been reduced  
21 from a DUI. He, I think, from the '90s had a driving  
22 under suspension. And there's another arrest on his  
23 record that there's no disposition from, I believe, that  
24 was 1986 -- I'm sorry, 1982.

25 THE COURT: Is there anything the trooper would like

1 to say? Trooper May?

2 MS. MAJOR: Trooper May, anything you would like to  
3 say?

4 TROOPER MAY: No, sir.

5 The Defendant, Your Honor, didn't give me any  
6 trouble. He was kind and polite to me, other than the  
7 interaction that was pertinent to me arresting him. I  
8 don't have anything to say that's negative about his  
9 character.

10 MR. SUMNER: Thank you.

11 TROOPER MAY: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Sumner.

13 MR. SUMNER: No, sir.

14 I was just talking to myself. No, sir. There's  
15 nothing I could really add. I appreciate you taking time  
16 to hear what everybody has had to say, Judge, regarding  
17 sentencing. And I know that John, his emotions are really  
18 high right now, as I think you have already recognized.  
19 And I would just ask for compassion at this point. He's  
20 got a lot of things he's going to have to deal with. And,  
21 you know, again, we would -- but for the administrative  
22 ramifications, we would have resolved this matter.

23 THE COURT: And, again, I don't know anything about  
24 the consequences to his employment.

25 MR. SUMNER: I know that's beyond your control.

1           THE COURT: I would just note that I've -- and I  
2           don't know what the county's policies are. Obviously,  
3           Mr. Devore does. But I don't know if there's anything  
4           under like EAP or something that could possibly come into  
5           play.

6           But, nevertheless, I appreciate everybody's  
7           presentations today. And I appreciate the testimony that  
8           I heard from both the Trooper and the Defendant,  
9           Mr. Devore. And I know probation is in here, or they were  
10          in here.

11          Mr. Collier?

12          THE COURTROOM OFFICER: He's been notified.

13          THE COURT: He was here. Well, I had a question for  
14          him so I'll get that answered.

15          I know the last time I ran into this, there was some  
16          question about suspending the five days. And I think I  
17          put house arrest and it came back several times.

18          MR. SUMNER: Yeah. I don't know why. There was some  
19          confusion that it was different with -- I don't know  
20          why --

21          Judge, I told them at the jail on that last one a few  
22          months ago, I said, I've never had an issue with this, but  
23          we -- maybe we could consider it if you're inclined to do  
24          house arrest, let's see if an issue develops. But I've  
25          never had that issue until that case we had.

1           THE COURT: Well, the last time we had to change it  
2 to HIP, or something.

3           MR. SUMNER: I never knew what the -- I never knew  
4 what the issue was on it. I thought your order was very  
5 plain. And we had done it a thousand times. I don't  
6 really know what was different on that case.

7                               SENTENCING

8           THE COURT: All right. The sentence is on case  
9 #2012-GS-23-2124, that you be committed to the county  
10 detention center for 90 days, pay a fine of \$3,000,  
11 suspended to five days and a fine of \$2,100, and probation  
12 for six months. That you attend the MADD victim impact  
13 panel meeting while you're on probation, and the substance  
14 abuse counseling.

15           And I understand this wasn't an aggravated situation  
16 and, fortunately, no one got hurt, including yourself.  
17 But, you know, there is a prior record here, sir. And you  
18 may want to avail yourself of the resources that are out  
19 there.

20           But I do wish you luck with your career.

21           MR. SUMNER: Is it -- is he able to serve it on the  
22 home incarceration program, Your Honor?

23           THE COURT: Yes. I put house arrest/HIP.

24           Well, Mr. Collier is here now.

25           Is that going to be suitable for the -- the last time

1 I did this, I ran into a problem. I put house arrest and  
2 they said I had to put HIP.

3 PROBATION AGENT COLLIER: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: I do have to put HIP?

5 PROBATION AGENT COLLIER: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Y'all can't do house arrest?

7 PROBATION AGENT COLLIER: Are you giving him active  
8 jail time?

9 THE COURT: No. He's just getting five days.

10 PROBATION AGENT COLLIER: Well, that's in the active  
11 part of the sentence, though.

12 THE COURT: Oh, okay.

13 PROBATION AGENT COLLIER: That would have to be HIP.

14 THE COURT: He's already got one day credit.

15 MR. SUMNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Good luck, Mr. Devore.

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I N D E X

(There were no witnesses called.)

E X H I B I T S

(There were no exhibits introduced.)

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE COURT: This is a motion for a new trial, the  
3 State v. Johnie Devore.

4 Yes, sir, Mr. Wilkes.

5 MR. WILKES: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 May it please the Court.

7 I represent Mr. Devore. I will pass up, if the Court  
8 would like, a transcript from the end of the trial  
9 pertinent to the part that I'm going to talk about.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. WILKES: And behind that is a rudimentary  
12 memorandum that I typed up to try to make sense of what I  
13 say since sometimes I don't make sense when I'm saying it.

14 Mr. Devore had, subsequent to his DUI conviction,  
15 filed two documents, one was addressed to Your Honor,  
16 which was technically a motion for a new trial which was  
17 appropriate under the time frame.

18 Mr. --

19 THE COURT: Now, he was represented by counsel,  
20 wasn't he, at that point?

21 MR. WILKES: He was. Mr. Sumner left on a vacation  
22 and left the country without filing the motion or notice.  
23 There may have been some miscommunication. But,  
24 fortunately, Mr. Devore, being astute and aware of the  
25 timing, filed both.

1           The first document, however, that he did file was  
2           construed as a Rule 59 motion. And that has been before  
3           the Court of Appeals. Judge Few ordered that the appeal  
4           be stayed and that the Rule 59 motion be heard.

5           So we're here today to present the single argument, I  
6           think, on the Rule 59 motion. And I can try to make it as  
7           succinct as possible.

8           THE COURT: Okay, sir.

9           MR. WILKES: I provided the Court with a transcript.

10          At the end of the trial, one of the things that  
11          Mr. Devore believed was that the way that the case was  
12          handled as far as the jury at the very end of the trial  
13          may have caused undue influence or pressure on one of the  
14          minority jurors, the voters -- the minority voter. There  
15          was several questions during the trial and notes from the  
16          jury. One of which disclosed that they were, essentially,  
17          deadlocked at 11 to one numerically.

18          At that point, the jury, specifically, asked a  
19          question. They asked, What happens if one juror has a  
20          verdict and it's different from the 11 other jurors? And  
21          it's our contention, at that point, the way the note reads  
22          about it being a verdict would have -- can only really be  
23          construed as them being deadlocked using the term verdict.  
24          At that point, though, there was no further instructions  
25          from the Court.

1           The important thing is that the jury had asked the  
2 question, not only disclosed the numerical split, but  
3 asked the question, What happens now if we can't come to a  
4 decision? And what our contention is is that the Court  
5 did not give an Allen charge, nor did it give any further  
6 instruction. Under the circumstances, we analogize that  
7 to a defective Allen charge or a coercive Allen charge.  
8 Because, at that point, the jury had deliberated for two  
9 hours.

10           After that -- sometime after that -- this is late in  
11 the evening. I think it was 6:00, 6:15, if I remember the  
12 record correctly, when the notes started coming out. And,  
13 at that late hour, the question was being asked what  
14 happens now at 11 to one?

15           Now, no response was given at all. And that was a  
16 conscious choice. There was -- the Court discussed it and  
17 just said, Let's see what happens. And I think that that  
18 was -- that no objection was raised by trial counsel. I  
19 don't think that's critical to the analysis.

20           The impact upon the jury, we contend, is that it  
21 placed that minority voter in a position of having no idea  
22 of what would happen next, having no idea of when they  
23 would ever get to go home, whether they'd be eating  
24 dinner, or just what would happen after that.

25           THE COURT: How do we know he's a minority?

1           MR. WILKES: We -- well, we know that they were split  
2 11 to one.

3           THE COURT: Well, how do we know he didn't -- he or  
4 she, the one, didn't sway the other 11 towards their view  
5 in the end?

6           MR. WILKES: Possible, but unlikely.

7           But either way, did the pressure -- it wouldn't  
8 matter either way if it's an undue amount of pressure if  
9 the minority group or one portion of that jury has some  
10 undue influence of not knowing what's going to happen, not  
11 knowing the answer to the question that they've asked, and  
12 just feeling like they're trapped in there.

13           It then allows the folks with the most will --  
14 instead of the most persuasive reasoning as to their view  
15 of the case, it then allows the people on whichever side  
16 with the most will power to sway the other side out and  
17 say, we ain't going home tonight. We're not eating.  
18 We're not doing anything ever until you change your vote,  
19 because we're not changing. And that's the dilemma that  
20 we face is that it allows it to go from the most reasoned  
21 views prevailing to more potentially those with the better  
22 will that don't have to get home that have kids to take  
23 care of, or something like that. And that's the problem  
24 that we have with it.

25           And we analogized it to an Allen charge. The absence

1 of an Allen charge or instruction could create some sort  
2 of undue influence just as much as a bad Allen charge  
3 could. And, in this case, we believe that had -- it  
4 should -- some instruction should have been given to the  
5 jury. And, importantly, because we really don't know  
6 which way the split was going, but what we do know is that  
7 it was the foreman that went back and came back out and  
8 said that they want to continue.

9 But the Court didn't inquire of the jury, didn't poll  
10 the jury, and didn't ask the jury if anyone had a problem  
11 staying later and continuing at that point, or answering  
12 those questions. And that's where the potential for the  
13 pressure comes in.

14 And, of course, we can't say what happens in a jury  
15 room. But we can see that there's the potential for that  
16 influence going in for somebody to be sitting there not  
17 knowing when they'll go home and not knowing, you know, is  
18 there dinner? Is -- are we going home? Will we stay  
19 until midnight? I can't do that. And then you -- we have  
20 a situation where those with the greatest will win,  
21 instead of those with the greatest reason. And that's our  
22 position.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

24 Yes, ma'am, Ms. Major.

25 MS. MAJOR: Thank you, Your Honor.

1           Mr. Wilkes and I were discussing this. And my first  
2 argument is that this issue is not preserved. I think he  
3 has a different position on preservation as far as Allen  
4 charges go. But I'm looking at the transcript here and  
5 there were several notes that came back to the Court.

6           And, finally, I think two notes -- I think these  
7 notes came at the same time. And one said, What happens  
8 if one juror has a different verdict than the other? And  
9 then you say in discussions with me and Mr. Sumner, you  
10 say, you know, Let's think about asking them whether they  
11 want to go home or not. And Steve says -- Mr. Sumner  
12 says, That's fine with me, all right. And then we bring  
13 the Foreperson in.

14           And, in my opinion, it's pretty -- up to him. You  
15 can either continue deliberating or you can go home. And  
16 he goes back to the jury room and then comes back in. And  
17 I don't think that we can -- well, first, my argument is  
18 that Steve didn't -- Mr. Sumner -- I'm sorry -- did not  
19 object to that. So this issue isn't preserved.

20           Second, you gave the Foreperson the option whether to  
21 keep on deliberating or come back. And, pretty quickly,  
22 the Foreperson returns and says that we want to keep  
23 going. And I believe, at that point, he took the computer  
24 back.

25           And I don't think that we can presume that any

1 improper message was delivered, that the Foreperson  
2 delivered any improper message to the jurors saying we  
3 have to keep deliberating. The Judge said -- has said we  
4 can't go home until we deliberate. I think we have to  
5 presume that everything was proper back there, and that  
6 the juror told him what you told the Foreperson, and they  
7 had the option.

8 Again, Mr. Sumner didn't have a problem with it. I  
9 didn't have a problem with it. And I think it's up to --  
10 that interaction was within your discretion. And it was  
11 not an abuse of discretion at all. And we can't presume  
12 anything improper went back -- that the Foreperson  
13 delivered any improper message or misconstrued what you  
14 said. And that's my argument.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 MR. WILKES: Judge, may --

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir, Mr. Wilkes.

18 MR. WILKES: Your Honor, I will say this on the  
19 timing of it. If you will recall, and probably won't  
20 because it's been a long time now. But there's real poor  
21 quality on the video. And my client had a problem with  
22 the quality of the video because it was transferred up  
23 there to the pull-down screen. And it was real hard to  
24 see. It was unclear. And there was a lot of difficulty  
25 with audio. And that came out at trial. That was

1 discussed a fair amount about the poor quality.

2 The video, actually, went back at the very end of  
3 deliberations. But the timing of it is pretty clear that  
4 they weren't able to review the entire video. And my  
5 client has had a problem with that ever since. And he's  
6 contended that, you know, the evidence, had it been,  
7 clearly, presented with the video evidence, that it would  
8 not have resulted the way it did.

9 As you can see, the jury was out for two hours. They  
10 had numerous questions. They wanted to know a bunch of  
11 strange things. They were having a hard time with the  
12 case. We -- this isn't something that we have -- and  
13 timing wise -- timing is, actually, important. Because if  
14 the time is short after an action from the Court, the  
15 Allen charge case law, at least, indicates that that is an  
16 indicator that it -- the Court action may have  
17 influenced -- is more likely to have influenced the jury  
18 to act, as opposed to it being a very long time of  
19 deliberation afterwards. So that would mitigate in our  
20 favor, I think.

21 But the question on preservation, I think, is  
22 important. As to a motion for a new trial, his objection  
23 I don't think is critical. Preservation of error becomes  
24 critical for the direct appeal, but not for the motion for  
25 a new trial. This Court can grant a new trial on our

1 motion or on its own motion for any reason, regardless of  
2 objections or preservation issues at any time. So I don't  
3 think, at this stage, preservation is an issue.

4 THE COURT: All right, sir. I thank you for your  
5 arguments. And I think you make novel and unique  
6 arguments about the failure to give an Allen charge on the  
7 basis of the circumstances here.

8 First of all, as far as Mr. Devore's post-trial  
9 motions, I can just go by my memory, which was I did  
10 receive them. I was confused because he, for all I know,  
11 was still represented by Mr. Sumner. And I believe I  
12 forwarded them to the Solicitor's Office when I got them.

13 But, as you can imagine, it's difficult for me to  
14 respond when he's represented by counsel. And I believe I  
15 forwarded them to his counsel, too, but I'm not confident  
16 of that. I don't think that ought to prejudice Mr. Devore  
17 in any way because he did file these timely. But that's  
18 not necessarily for me to decide. But that's my view of  
19 it.

20 He made his position known. And it just put me in  
21 the awkward position of not knowing how to respond since  
22 he was represented by counsel who had not communicated  
23 with the Court that these were, in fact, motions to be  
24 resolved or ruled upon.

25 As to the merits of the argument, just looking at the

1 transcript -- and I do remember the case as being one that  
2 was close. And I know that there was a communication with  
3 the Foreperson, as the transcript reflects. And I  
4 understand the point about, perhaps, the Foreperson, if  
5 he's part of the majority view and assuming the majority  
6 view, ultimately, prevailed, could be in a position to  
7 pressure the minority if the Court is just communicating  
8 with the Foreperson. However, the Court really doesn't  
9 have any other way to communicate other than sending a  
10 note back to the Foreperson, which I suppose he could  
11 sabotage as well.

12 So while I may not agree with the somewhat cynical  
13 view that the Foreperson is going to interfere with the  
14 juries deliberations, I understand why you might argue  
15 that theoretically. However, I don't know of any reason  
16 why, based on the record as it stands, that should be  
17 something that should be looked at in this case. I mean,  
18 often times, if a juror, after a verdict, feels like he  
19 was pressured or intimidated, you know, they'll contact  
20 the Court. And that did not happen in this case.

21 And, also, I make a point during my instructions to  
22 tell them that their vote is their vote and nobody else's.  
23 And I don't know what arguments were made. I don't have  
24 any memory of whether Mr. Sumner or Ms. Major argued about  
25 the right to each juror having a vote. But I, certainly,

1 tell them their verdict must be unanimous. And I do  
2 believe that it is important that they know that if they  
3 don't agree, a mistrial would ensue.

4 However, based on the record here, they never said  
5 they were deadlocked. They just said what happens if one  
6 juror has a different verdict than the others. And I  
7 understand I might be parsing the words. But, usually,  
8 they'll say they're deadlocked, or we can't reach a  
9 verdict. But, here, they didn't say that.

10 And as to not giving them the option of each juror  
11 getting a vote, so to speak, on whether they want to come  
12 back in the morning or stay, Mr. Sumner didn't ask for  
13 that. Nobody asked for that. And Mr. Sumner, in fact, on  
14 Page 167 of the transcript I've been supplied says, Why  
15 don't we give them 15 or 20 minutes? Do you want to do  
16 that? I mean, this may solve it. He's referring to the  
17 fact that once the jury saw the video again, they may have  
18 a unanimous verdict, which is, in fact, what happened and  
19 which is not unusual. So Mr. Sumner, certainly, didn't  
20 want me to give an Allen charge.

21 And the other thing in the back of my mind was that  
22 once you give an Allen charge, as you know, the case is  
23 entirely in the juries hands. And by that I mean that if  
24 they come back after an Allen charge, the statute says  
25 they cannot be forced to continue to deliberate and can

1       only be asked diplomatically if further instruction on the  
2       law would be helpful.

3               So once you give the Allen charge, you are somewhat  
4       limiting the options you have with the jury as far as  
5       trying to get them to fulfill their obligation to reach a  
6       verdict. So I would be hesitant to do it at that stage  
7       given the ambiguous nature of their question and the lack  
8       of request by either side for me to do it.

9               I think you're right, Mr. Wilkes, that sometimes and  
10       particularly the language that's used, Allen charges can  
11       be coercive to the minority. And not giving one -- I've  
12       never seen a decision that says not giving one can be  
13       coercive to the minority. But I think you make an  
14       interesting point about that.

15              ) And I just don't think, on the record here, I can  
16       find that there was any type of error or basis for a new  
17       trial. Again, I said the case was close. There was  
18       sufficient evidence for the verdict. And I don't find a  
19       new trial should be granted on that basis.

20              But you make excellent arguments. And I wish you  
21       luck with them.

22              And thank you for your presentation.

23       \*\*\*\*\*END OF TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD\*\*\*\*\*  
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State 3

# ADVISEMENT OF IMPLIED CONSENT RIGHTS

Johnnie Allen Devone Jr.  
Subject's Name (Print)



Date of Birth

SC

Driver's License Number

State Licensed

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ADVISEMENT

- (A) Will test be video recorded? If answer is Yes, start here → - Inform subject of video recording.  
If answer is No, start here → - Inform subject of type samples requested (i.e. breath, blood, urine).
- (B) Provide subject with a written copy of the following advisement and read the advisement to the subject:
- You are under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Section 56-5-2930, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.
  - The arresting officer has directed that samples be taken for alcohol and/or drug testing.
  - The samples will be taken and tested according to Section 56-5-2950 and SLED policies.
  - You do not have to take the tests or give the samples, but if you refuse to submit to the tests, your privilege to drive in South Carolina must be suspended or denied for at least six (6) months and your refusal may be used against you in court.
  - If you take the tests or give the samples and have an alcohol concentration of eight one-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) or more, you may instead be charged with Driving with an Unlawful Alcohol Concentration (DUAC), Section 56-5-2933.
  - If you have an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent (0.15%) or more, your privilege to drive in South Carolina must be suspended for at least one (1) month.
- [REDACTED]
- You have the right to request an administrative hearing within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice of suspension.
  - If you do not request an administrative hearing or if your suspension is upheld at the administrative hearing, you must enroll in an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program.
- If applicable, perform the following procedures:
- (C) Check subject's mouth and remove any foreign material. (Not required if a refusal has occurred.)  
(D) Enter biographical data into DataMaster DMT. (Required for all tests, including refusals.)  
(E) Observe subject for a minimum of twenty (20) minutes before collecting breath sample. (Not required if a refusal has occurred.)

## ADVERTENCIA PORMANEJAR BAJOS LOS EFECTOS DE ALCOHOL O DROGAS (DUI)

- (A) ¿Se grabará en video el análisis? Si la respuesta es Si, empieza aquí → - Informe al sujeto que va a ser grabado en video.  
Si la respuesta es No, empieza aquí → - Informe al sujeto de lo que se requiere (ejemplo: soplar, sangre, urina.)
- (B) De al sujeto una copia escrita de la siguiente advertencia y lea la advertencia al sujeto:
- Usted queda detenido por Manejar Bajo los Efectos de Alcohol o Drogas (DUI), Sección 56-5-2930, del Código de Leyes de Carolina del Sur de 1976, según su enmienda.
  - El agente que efectuó la detención dispuso que se sacaran muestras de alcohol y/o drogas para ser analizada(s).
  - Se obtendrán y se analizarán las muestras según la Sección 56-5-2950 y las normas de SLED.
  - Usted no está obligado a hacerse los análisis ni a sacarse las muestras, pero si se niega a someterse a estos análisis, se le tendrá que suspender o negar el derecho de manejar en Carolina del Sur por lo menos durante seis (6) meses y el hecho de que usted se niega, podrá usarse en su contra en un tribunal.
  - Si usted se somete a los análisis o se saca las muestras y tiene una concentración de alcohol de ocho centésimos del uno por ciento (0,08%) o más, entonces se lo podría acusar de Manejar con una Concentración Ilegal de Alcohol (DUAC), según la Sección 56-5-2933.
  - Si usted tiene una concentración de alcohol de quince centésimos del uno por ciento (0,15%) o más, se le deberá suspender el derecho de manejar en Carolina del Sur por lo menos durante un (1) mes.
- [REDACTED]
- Usted tiene el derecho de solicitar una audiencia administrativa dentro de los treinta (30) días de la fecha en que se emitió la notificación de la suspensión.
  - Si usted no solicita una audiencia administrativa o si se le confirma la suspensión en la audiencia administrativa, usted tiene que matricularse en un Programa de Medidas Contra el Abuso del Consumo del Alcohol y las Drogas.

Si aplica, efectue los siguientes procedimientos:

- (C) Inspecciona la boca del sujeto y quite material extraño de la boca. (Ignora si se niega el sujeto.)  
(D) Anade datos biograficos en el DataMaster DMT. (Esto es requerido para todos los exámenes aunque se niege el sujeto.)  
(E) Observe al sujeto un minimo de (20) minutos antes de obtener un ejemplar de su respiro. (Ignora si se niega.)

Subject's Signature  
Firma del Sujeto (Recibió una copia)

Officer's Signature  
Firma del Agente

date/time  
fecha/hora



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## Notice of Suspension

MV-65  
Rev. 1/06

State 4

Defendant's Name Talene Allen Devane Jr Address 20 Cunningham Point Ct Greer

BP/DL Number SC State 29651 Zip Code SC Date of Birth

Vehicle License Plate Number 4156EA Vehicle Type: Commercial ☐ Yes ☒ No Hazardous Material ☐ Yes ☒ No

YOUR PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE FOLLOWING:  
(CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)

| UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21)<br>AND NOT UNDER ARREST FOR DUI                 | ANY AGE UNDER ARREST FOR DUI                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registering an alcohol concentration of .02 or greater* | <input type="checkbox"/> Registering an alcohol concentration of .15 or greater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refusing to submit to a breath, blood or urine test*    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refusing to submit to a breath, blood or urine test |

\*A person who is taken for testing under 56-1-286 cannot be prosecuted under 20-7-8920, 20-7-8925, 56-5-2930 or 56-5-2933. Everyone who receives this Notice of Suspension can have a hearing to challenge the suspension. A hearing will be scheduled if, within thirty days of the date on this notice of suspension the South Carolina Administrative Law Court RECEIVES your written request for a hearing. There is a \$150.00 filing fee for a hearing. (Personal checks not accepted.) See the back of this form for more information on how to ask for a hearing.

If a hearing is scheduled, you may be able to get a temporary alcohol restricted license. The temporary alcohol restricted license costs \$100.00 and allows you to drive without restrictions until the hearing results are mailed to you. See the back of this form for instructions on how to get a temporary alcohol restricted license.

If you do not get a temporary alcohol restricted license, your suspension continues. You cannot drive until you either get a route-restricted license or your suspension period ends and you: 1) enroll in ADSAP [if you do not complete ADSAP, your driver's license will again be suspended]; 2) pay a \$100.00 reinstatement fee; and 3) have a license issued to you.

If you do get a temporary alcohol restricted license and the hearing officer rules against you after your hearing, your suspension will go back into effect. If you were suspended after having been arrested for DUI, you may be eligible for a route-restricted license to allow you to drive for the remainder of the suspension. There are instructions on the back of this form to explain how to get a route-restricted license. If you do not get a route-restricted license or if you are under the age of twenty-one and were not arrested for DUI, you cannot drive until your suspension period ends and you: 1) enroll in ADSAP [if you do not complete ADSAP, your driver's license will again be suspended]; 2) pay a \$100.00 reinstatement fee; and 3) have a license issued to you.

If you do get a temporary alcohol restricted license and the hearing officer rules in your favor, the suspension will be cancelled. Your driving privileges will be reinstated. However, you must go to a DMV office and have a regular license issued to you.

If you were suspended after having been arrested for DUI, you may be entitled to have a route-restricted license during your suspension period. You do not have to request a hearing to be eligible for a route-restricted license. The route-restricted license costs \$100.00 and allows you to drive only to and from work, college, ADSAP classes, and a court-ordered drug program, plus during the course of your employment or college. However, you must enroll in ADSAP before a route-restricted license will be issued. See the back of this form for instructions on how to get a route-restricted license.

I understand that I cannot drive until a license has been issued to me.

Signature of Defendant

Defendant's license or permit surrendered (yes or no) yes (If yes, license must be attached to yellow copy of this form)

|                                    |                                                 |                                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Date <u>1/14/12</u>                | Signature of Arresting Officer <u>DC Mays</u>   | Printed Name of Arresting Officer <u>DC Mays</u>   |
| Agency Name <u>SCHP Greenville</u> | Agency Code <u>HP0500</u>                       | Agency Telephone Number <u>251-1000</u>            |
| Date <u>1/14/12</u>                | Signature of DataMaster Operator <u>DC Mays</u> | Printed Name of DataMaster Operator <u>DC Mays</u> |
| Agency Name <u>SCHP Greenville</u> | Agency Code <u>HP0300</u>                       | Agency Telephone Number <u>251-1000</u>            |

Pink Copy-Defendant

Yellow Copy-DMV/Driver Records

Green Copy-Officer

White Copy-Officer's Agency

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DEFENDANT'S  
EXHIBIT  
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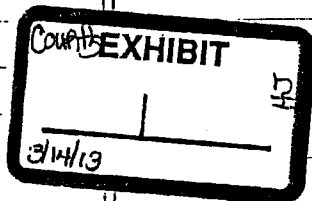


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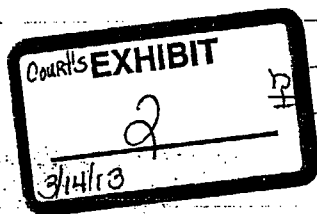
- would he have been  
released to go home.
- would his arrest been  
lifted/cleared.
- what would have  
happened?

The rules do not  
allow me to answer  
these questions. You must  
base your verdict  
on the evidence  
presented and the  
law you have been  
given.



G. Hill  
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What is the definition  
of DUI?



***DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE***

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - § 56-5-2930**

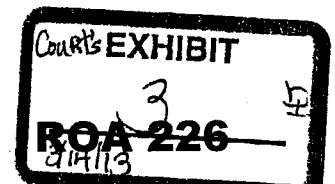
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DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE MEANS THAT THE VEHICLE WAS IN MOTION. THIS MAY BE PROVED BY DIRECT OR CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

A MOVEMENT OF THE VEHICLE MIGHT OCCUR WITHOUT ANY AFFIRMATIVE ACT BY A DRIVER OR, IN FACT, BY ANY PERSON. IF A VEHICLE IS MOVED BY SOME POWER BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DEFENDANT, OR BY ACCIDENT, THIS WOULD NOT BE DRIVING.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> State v. Graves, 269 S.C. 356, 237 S.E.2d 584 (1977).

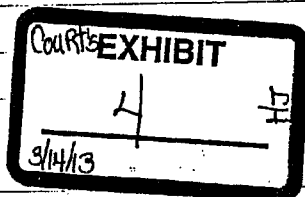


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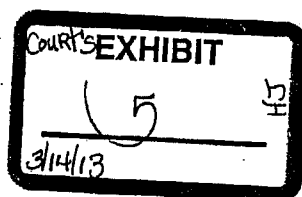
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to including swearing, defendant  
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Can we turn up volume.

Can we see



What happens if  
1 juror is different  
verdict than the  
others?



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY  
COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
Garrison D. Hill, Circuit Court Judge

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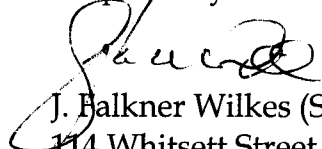
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I certify that the record on appeal has been redacted in compliance with the  
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