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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

SEAN L. STROMAN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-001430

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In the Court
Of General Sessions

Indictment No.: 2015-GS-32-02805
2015-GS-32-02807
2015-GS-32-02812
2015-GS-32-02813
2015-GS-32-02815

State of South Carolina,)
Plaintiff.)
vs.)
Sean Stroman,)
Defendant.)

Transcript of Record

April 5, 2016
Lexington, South Carolina

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(REPORTER'S NOTE: There were no exhibits
entered during this hearing.)

1 **GUILTY PLEA**

2 THE CLERK: Sean Stroman. 2015-GS-32-2815, State
3 versus Sean Stroman, indicted for armed robbery while armed
4 with the deadly weapon. He is pleading as charged.

5 2015-GS-32-2805, State versus Sean Stroman,
6 indicted for armed robbery while armed with the deadly
7 weapon. He is pleading as charged.

8 2015-GS-32-2812, State versus Sean Stroman,
9 indicted for kidnapping. He's pleading as charged.

10 2015-GS-32-2813, State versus Sean Stroman,
11 indicted for kidnapping. He is pleading as charged.

12 2015-GS-32-2807, State versus Sean Stroman,
13 indicted for kidnapping. He is pleading as charged.

14 All indictments are true billed and he is
15 represented by Mr. Mobley.

16 Raise your right hand, please.

17 SEAN STROMAN,

18 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

19 THE COURT: Mr. Mobley, you represent Sean Lamont
20 Stroman.

21 MR. MOBLEY: I do, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Have you explained to him the charges,
23 the elements of the charges, the possible punishments and
24 his rights, including his rights to a jury trial.

25 MR. MOBLEY: I have Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: In your opinion does he understand
2 these things?

3 MR. MOBLEY: He does, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: How does he indicate he intends to
5 plead to armed robbery, armed robbery, kidnapping,
6 kidnapping, kidnapping -- looked like two counts of
7 kidnapping and three counts of -- two counts of armed
8 robbery and three counts of kidnapping; is that correct.

9 MR. MOBLEY: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: And how does he indicate he intends to
11 plead to those charges.

12 MR. MOBLEY: He indicated that he would like to
13 plead guilty, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Are you Sean Lamont Stroman?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Did I pronounce that middle name
18 correctly?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Before I can accept a plea of guilty,
21 it's necessary for me to determine if your pleas are being
22 given freely and voluntarily; therefore, I need to ask you
23 some questions. If you do not understand my questions,
24 please let me know and I will try to explain them to you.
25 If at any time you wish to talk with your attorney, let me

1 know and I will allow you to do so. Do you understand?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: How old are you, Mr. Stroman?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I just turned 25 in February.

5 THE COURT: How much education do you have?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Eleventh grade.

7 THE COURT: What type of work did you do before you
8 were incarcerated?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I worked for City Movers, moved
10 furniture.

11 THE COURT: Today are you under the influence of
12 any medication, drugs, or alcohol?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Are you aware of any physical,
15 emotional, or nervous problem that keeps you from
16 understanding what you're doing today?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: You heard your attorney, Mr. Mobley,
19 tell the Court that he explained to you these charges, the
20 possible punishments and your rights, and that you
21 understand these things; is that correct?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: I've been handed up five indictments.
24 And I'll go over each of them with you.

25 The first indictment I was handed up is

1 2015-GS-32-02815, it basically alleges that on or about
2 August the 19th of 2015, you did in Lexington County
3 knowingly and willfully, while armed with a pistol,
4 feloniously take from the person or presence of employees
5 of Domino's Pizza by means of force, threats, or
6 intimidation, goods and money described as follows:
7 Approximately \$1,003.34 U.S. Currency, with intent to
8 deprive the owner of the use of said property.

9 For that you can receive a sentence of not less
10 than ten or more than thirty years; do you understand?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: The next indictment, 2015-GS-32-0805
13 alleges on July 27th, 2015, you did in Lexington County
14 knowingly and willfully while armed with a deadly weapon, a
15 pistol, did feloniously take from the person or presence of
16 William Dicks, an employee of Kangaroo Express, by means of
17 force, threats, or intimidation, goods or monies, being
18 described as follows: Between \$125 and \$150 in U.S.
19 Currency, a cordless phone belonging to the store, and the
20 victim's personal cell phone with intent to deprive the
21 owner of use of the said property, in violation of
22 16-11-330.

23 That is a charge of, again, armed robbery, for
24 which you could receive a sentence of not less than ten,
25 nor more than thirty years. Do you understand?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: The next indictment I come to,
3 2015-GS-32-03812, basically alleges that you did in
4 Lexington County on or about August 19th, 2015, knowingly,
5 willfully, unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy,
6 kidnap, abduct, or carry away one Ulysses Taylor, a Domino
7 Pizza employee, by any means whatsoever without authority
8 of law and without his consent, to wit, the victim was
9 forced at gunpoint to lie on the floor and not move in
10 violation of 16-39-10.

11 That's a charge of kidnapping for which you could
12 receive a sentence of up to thirty years. Do you
13 understand?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: The next indictment, 2015-GS-32-2813,
16 alleges that on that same date, August 19th, 2015, you did
17 in Lexington County knowingly willfully, unlawfully seize,
18 confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away
19 employee, Ronald Turner of Domino's Pizza by any means
20 whatsoever without authority of law. The victim was forced
21 to lie on the floor at gunpoint in violation of 16-39-10.

22 That is an indictment for kidnapping, for which you
23 could receive a sentence of thirty years. Do you
24 understand?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: And finally 2015-GS-32-02807 alleges
2 that you did on or about August 10th, 2015, in Lexington
3 County did knowingly, willfully, unlawfully, seize,
4 confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away
5 employees of Domino Pizza by any means whatsoever without
6 authority of law and without their consent to where the
7 defendant caused forcible confinement of the employees, in
8 violation of 16-39-10.

9 This is an a charge of kidnapping, for which you
10 could receive thirty years. Do you understand?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Stroman, When you plead guilty
13 you give up certain very important constitutional rights.
14 First, you give up your right to remain silent, and that is
15 your right against self incrimination, your right to say
16 nothing at all. Second you give up your right to a jury
17 trial that is your right to have a jury decide whether or
18 not you are guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. They would
19 base their decision on evidence which the State presents
20 and on any other evidence you might wish to introduce.

21 In a trial you would be presumed to be innocent and
22 the State would have to produce evidence that would
23 convince all members of the jury that you were guilty
24 beyond a reasonable doubt.

25 Third, you give up our right to confront and be

1 confronted by the witnesses against you. That is the right
2 to see, hear, and cross-examine the witnesses who may be
3 called to testify in your behalf. Do you understand these
4 rights?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Do you understand when you plead
7 guilty, you give up all these constitutional rights?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: You understand that you will not get a
10 jury trial on any on these charges if you plead guilty?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Understanding the nature of the
13 charges, armed robbery, two counts, and kidnapping three
14 counts, of which if I were to sentence you consecutively,
15 you could receive a sentence of up to one hundred, fifty
16 years, how do you plead to armed robbery, the two counts --
17 how do you plead to the armed robbery of Domino's Pizza?
18 Guilty or not guilty?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Sir, I plead guilty, sir.

20 THE COURT: How do you plead to the armed robbery
21 of the Kangaroo Express? Guilty or not guilty.

22 THE DEFENDANT: Sir, I plead guilty, sir.

23 THE COURT: How do you plea to the kidnapping of
24 the employees of the Domino's Pizza? Guilty or not guilty.

25 THE DEFENDANT: Sir, I plead guilty, sir.

1 THE COURT: And you understand that's three counts?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: You understand by pleading guilty, you
4 admit the truth of the charges that have been made against
5 you?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: You may have defenses against these
8 charges. I don't know if you do or not. You understand by
9 pleading guilty, you will waive or give up any defenses you
10 will have to any of these charges?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: You may have given an incriminating
13 statement in this case. I don't know if you did or not.
14 If you plead guilty, do you understand that you waive or
15 give up the right to contest or challenge whether such
16 statement was made freely and voluntarily and in accordance
17 with your constitutional rights?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Solicitor have there been any plea
20 negotiations in this case?

21 MS. MARTIN: No, as far as sentencing, Your Honor;
22 but our intent today are there are three different sets of
23 charges. He's pleading to some from each offense. Any
24 other general sessions pending charges related to these
25 cases will be not proseed.

1 THE COURT: I believe you have one set of charges,
2 which is an armed robbery, kidnapping, and kidnapping?

3 MS. MARTIN: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Of the Dominos. And Mr. Turner and
5 Mr. Taylor, employees on 19, August, 2015, right.

6 MS. MARTIN: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Then you have another incident, 10,
8 August of '15, kidnapping of Domino's Pizza employees.

9 MS. MARTIN: Different dominos, still Lexington
10 County, yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: And then you have armed robbery of
12 Mr. Dicks, the employee of Kangaroo Express.

13 MS. MARTIN: That's correct, Your Honor. Today
14 will resolve all of Mr. Stroman's pending GS charges here
15 in Lexington.

16 THE COURT: Is that your understanding, Mr. Mobley?

17 MR. MOBLEY: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Is that your understanding,
19 Mr. Stroman?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Has anyone promised you anything or
22 held out any hope of reward to get you to plead guilty?

23 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: Speak up for me, please.

25 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir, no, sir.

1 THE COURT: Has anyone threatened you or used force
2 to get you to plead guilty?

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: Has anyone used any pressure or
5 intimidation to cause you to plead guilty?

6 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

7 THE COURT: Have you had enough time to make up
8 your mind about whether or not you want to plead guilty?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty of your own
11 free will and accord?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the manner in
14 which your lawyer has advised and represented you?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Have you talked with your lawyer as
17 often and for as long as you feel necessary for him to
18 properly represent you?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Do you need anymore time to talk with
21 your lawyer?

22 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir, I don't.

23 THE COURT: Have you understood your talks with
24 your lawyer?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.

1 THE COURT: Has your lawyer done everything for you
2 that you feel like he could have done or should have done?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Has your lawyer done anything in your
5 cases that you feel like he should not have done?

6 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

7 THE COURT: Are you totally and completely
8 satisfied with your lawyer's services?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: You have any complaints you want to
11 make about your lawyer, the solicitor or any officers
12 involved in any of your cases?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Have you understood my questions?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Is there anything you'd like to ask me
17 about what we've just been over?

18 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

19 THE COURT: You understand that you have a right to
20 appeal your guilty pleas and the sentence of the Court and
21 that you or your lawyer must do so within ten days?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 MR. MOBLEY: Your Honor, may I beg the Court's
24 indulgence for a split second?

25 THE COURT: Of course.

1 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

2 MR. MOBLEY: All right, we're ready. Thank you,
3 Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you need more time to talk with your
5 lawyer, Mr. Stroman?

6 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

7 THE COURT: All right. Solicitor, the facts.

8 MS. MARTIN: Yes, Your Honor, thank you. May it
9 please the Court. Your Honor, I'm going take them in
10 chronological order.

11 2015-2805, involves an armed robbery that happened
12 on July 27th of 2015, at the Bush River Road location of
13 the Kangaroo Express. Your Honor, it was about ten o'clock
14 at night. The defendant, while armed with a silver and
15 black pistol came in, demanded money from Mr. Dicks. He
16 was the employee there at the business. He said don't make
17 any sudden moves and I won't shoot you.

18 He did rob the business of about \$150, took some
19 cigarettes; took the phone from the store and Mr. Dick's
20 personal cell phone.

21 Your Honor, just so you're aware, Mr. Oscar
22 Calderon is the manager of the Kangaroo Express. He's
23 sitting on the victim row here in court. He wanted to be
24 here just to represent the store. Mr. Dicks did not want
25 to be here today.

1 Your Honor, we're going to talk later about how
2 Mr. Stroman was arrested. But on this case after he was
3 arrested, he did provide a written confession about this
4 robbery and also when Mr. Dicks, the employee was shown a
5 photo lineup, Mr. Stroman was identified as an armed robber
6 that had taken the money on that day from the Kangaroo
7 Express.

8 The next case, Your Honor, involves Domino's Pizza
9 near Lexington, on August 10th of 2015. It was actually at
10 the Irmo, Woodrow Street Dominos. Once again, Mr. Stroman
11 comes into the business, he is armed with a black and
12 silver handgun. He addresses -- there were two employees
13 that day, Ms. Olivia Johnson and Mr. Vasquez. He tells
14 them he's not going to hurt them, he just needs money.
15 Your Honor, he had actually gone -- on this case,
16 Mr. Vasquez was in the back room at the Domino's Pizza
17 washing dishes. He brings Mr. Vasquez around and at that
18 time money is taken from the till. And that's when we
19 believe Mr. Stroman first learned about Domino's Pizza and
20 their safe system. There's a safe that's there. The
21 manager has to enter a code, then there's a time delay.
22 There's ten minutes they have to wait before it will beep
23 and then the manager has to enter the code again. That was
24 done in this case and the defendant was given cash money
25 from Dominos.

1 Your Honor, the next incident is from August 19th,
2 of 2015, and this is a case that actually was on the trial
3 list for next week. It involves a robbery from the St.
4 Andrews locations of Dominos. On this date, Your Honor, it
5 was about 10:30 at night. He comes into the business. He
6 has a gun. The victim, the manager, or assistant manager
7 is Ron Turner. The defendant tells Mr. Turner, you know
8 what this is; and he walks around the counter, corrals up
9 Mr. Turner. He gets Lee Taylor, who's there as well. He
10 asks if anyone else was there. Mr. Turner Humphrey is in
11 the back washing dishes. He goes around the back, calls
12 for that man to come around.

13 So Mr. Stroman has the three of them at gunpoint.
14 He has Mr. Lee Taylor go to the register, pull the money
15 out. He instructs Ron Turner to enter the code into
16 machine and he holds them there. He puts Taylor and Turner
17 on the floor at gunpoint and they wait there for that
18 ten-minute-time period.

19 Your Honor, in trial prep, Mr. Turner indicated
20 that -- that he certainly believed that Mr. Stroman would
21 have shot them if they had tried to fight or anything such
22 as that. The defendant did allow Lee to go turn off the
23 open sign because the business was still open, it wasn't
24 closed; but he allowed them to turn off the open sign to
25 they couldn't owe hopefully wouldn't have any more

1 customers coming in. When the code clicked, Ron Turner put
2 all the money -- it was a little over a \$1,000 into the
3 black book bag that Mr. Stroman had brought with him in the
4 business.

5 Mr. Stroman leaves on foot. Law enforcement is
6 called. They come out, the case is ultimately assigned, I
7 guess, the next morning, to two detectives Vandalaro who
8 stands behind me from the sheriff's department. They are
9 thinking at the beginning that they'll never solve this
10 case because the defendant never touched anything.

11 There's video equipment, obviously in all three to
12 have stores. There are cameras that are working and then
13 some that are not. But we have still shots of the
14 defendant -- it looks like him, but from an evidentiary
15 standpoint, we didn't know if we would ever be able to
16 solve it.

17 The victims in two of the armed robberies had
18 indicated that the defendant -- or the armed robber had a
19 tattoo on one side of his neck and it had a name. It had a
20 name of Vicky. So Detective Vandalaro did what he's very
21 good at and he started tracking down any men in the right
22 age group of the right ethnic group that had such a tattoo
23 on their neck. And he was able to find a photo of the
24 defendant from there in-house system and he put that
25 picture in, I don't know, I think six different lineups for

1 every different clerk to look at. He followed procedure,
2 he interviewed these clerks from the three different
3 instances. Separately he involved Detective Rawl on the
4 other Lexington County case and Detective Trent Williams
5 from the Irmo case; and all the clerks were able to
6 identify the defendant as the armed robber.

7 And actually in the photo lineup, you can't even
8 see the tattoo on his neck, so I felt even more comfortable
9 with the photo ID's.

10 So then the question comes, how do we find this
11 fellow. Actually it was turned over -- warrants were
12 sought and it was turned over to the fugitive task force.
13 Shannon Dykes is in the back of the courtroom along with
14 some of his partners. They see an in-house report of a
15 domestic case between the defendant and his girlfriend,
16 Brittany Felder and it was never assigned. And it happened
17 in August of 2015. It was never assigned to a detective,
18 so they decide they're going to followup on this domestic
19 incident. In fact, it was a case that they believed the
20 defendant would have been the victim.

21 So they go into Richland County with a SLED agent.
22 They're looking for Sean Stroman's family. They're looking
23 for Brittany Felder's family. They put the word out they
24 need Mr. Stroman and Ms. Felder to resolve that case and if
25 they don't want to pursue charges, they need to sign drop

1 charges or do not pursue charges. And lo and behold after
2 a little bit of time, they get contacted by the defendant.
3 They set up a meeting here in Lexington County at the
4 Wal-Mart parking lot. They decide that they want to take
5 him into custody in a parking lot as safely as possible.
6 They have a bunch of officers staged around. They find out
7 what kind of vehicle they'll be coming in and they get
8 there before the defendant and his girlfriend. And the
9 defendant and his girlfriend and I think two or three
10 children do drive up.

11 They asked Mr. Stroman to come forward. And, of
12 course, at that time he had no idea there were warrants for
13 him for these cases. They were able to easily and safely
14 take him into custody, separate him from Ms. Felder and
15 they arrested him for all of these charges. They did,
16 also, on the side note, have Mr. Stroman and Ms. Felder
17 decline to prosecute the unresolved domestic incident.

18 When he was taken into custody here in Lexington on
19 that date, they got a consent to search the car. Ms. --
20 the defendant had over \$2,000, mostly in tens in his
21 pocket. In his car, the children -- one of the children
22 had a Spiderman bookbag and in that bookbag was a loaded
23 Taurus silver and black pistol. And actually, the
24 defendant had told the SLED agent there's a gun in that
25 bookbag. The mama didn't know and he wanted to make sure

1 that the gun was going to be taken out of the car for fear
2 of the children getting it.

3 So he was taken into custody, he was taken back to
4 the headquarters. Major crimes investigators were all tied
5 up, so Detective Dykes and Barry Sowers, Sergeant Sowers,
6 were able to give him his Miranda and he did provide a
7 five-page-written confession indicating the robberies that
8 he did. And he indicates that he's going to apologize for
9 what he did. He was under the influence of drugs and
10 alcohol.

11 And he says, I don't even remember what I was
12 wearing until I saw the video pictures. I apologize. I
13 did it to provide shelter for my family. It's hard when I
14 take care of everything alone. It's a game of survival.

15 So that's what he says, that he's providing for his
16 family, but he's also, he's in the money to get high on
17 molly and drugs.

18 Judge, that's all as far as the case, I do have his
19 prior record at the appropriate time and Detective
20 Vandalaro would like to speak before sentencing.

21 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, I'll be glad to hear from
22 anyone.

23 MS. MARTIN: Your Honor, his prior record is
24 driving without a license in 2012; DUS in 2013; a CDV first
25 from 2013; false information from 2014. He has a Georgia

1 conviction for bail jumping and it's some type of felony.
2 He had six months -- or six months in prison, suspended to
3 probation here South Carolina; and I think there was a hold
4 on him, but I think Georgia is not -- I think they've
5 declined to come get him for any type of violation. I just
6 want the court to also be aware he has a hold on him from
7 Richland County and a hold on him from Greenwood.

8 THE COURT: All right. And additional, Solicitor?

9 MS. MARTIN: Detective Vandalaro, as far as
10 sentencing.

11 THE OFFICER: Thank you, Your Honor, may it please
12 the Court. The State would just like to add that these
13 were violent crimes that took place, that life could have
14 been lost. It was a real pistol that was used and was very
15 traumatic to the victims from speaking with them when I
16 later interviewed them referencing the case at 597, the
17 second Dominos that was robbed. So I was talking with
18 Chuck Williams with Irmo, the employees from that store and
19 the Kangaroo where the manager is present, the employee
20 that was robbed at that location, that was very traumatic
21 to them experiencing being robbed at gunpoint. I would
22 just ask that you consider that in your sentencing.

23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, thank you very
24 much.

25 Anything further, Solicitor?

1 MS. MARTIN: No, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: I find there is a substantial factual
3 basis for each of these guilty pleas. The defendant's
4 decision to enter these guilty pleas of armed robbery, two
5 counts; kidnapping, three counts; is freely, voluntarily,
6 knowingly, and intelligently made. He's had the advise and
7 counsel of a very competent, experienced attorney who he
8 says he is well and totally satisfied. His pleas to armed
9 robbery, two counts; and kidnapping, three counts; are
10 therefore accepted.

11 Mr. Mobley.

12 MR. MOBLEY: Thank you, Your Honor. Thank you,
13 Your Honor, may it please the Court. First and foremost
14 before I begin to go into my little spiel and provide the
15 Court with a little edification and contextual information
16 in regards to my client; although the solicitor's office
17 hasn't negotiated any type of sentence range or anything of
18 that nature, we have discussed and she is okay with the
19 fact that they are not requesting a consecutive sentence;
20 and additionally, they're not opposing a concurrent,
21 they're just taking no position at this time.

22 I've explained that very thoroughly with my client
23 in regards to the maximum sentence on each of these
24 indictments, meaning that on the armed robberies, the
25 mandatory minimum is ten years up to thirty years. On the

1 kidnaps, it's zero up to thirty years, each count. He
2 understands that they are violent, which for classification
3 purposes in SCDC, where he'll be housed, he understands
4 this well. Due to them being a most serious offense, he
5 understands about the two strike system here in the State
6 of South Carolina, where if we had gone to trial on three
7 separate trials, the first trial if he had been found
8 guilty, the State could have actually served him with a
9 notice for LWOP, which is life without parole, in pursuit
10 of that particular conviction.

11 We've discussed each of those very thoroughly, Your
12 Honor. Furthermore, we discussed each of the actual
13 elements of each crime, what it would take to get a
14 conviction beyond a reasonable doubt with a jury here in
15 Lexington County itself. We've discussed pretrial motions
16 that we could have actually taken up in order to attempt to
17 attack the confession that was provided to law enforcement,
18 the written confession, any statements that was provided;
19 Jackson v Denno hearings; Neal v Biggers hearings; in-court
20 identifications that may occur with any victims that may
21 have actually come to participate in any of those trials.

22 He had a very thorough understanding. I provide a
23 very thorough information about that as well. He was able
24 to do independent research as well. So we've had the
25 opportunity to do what we need to do in this particular

1 case, Your Honor.

2 Your Honor, my client stands here, he's 25 years of
3 age, at a young age. He has two children, biological
4 children, and he has two stepchildren with the young lady,
5 Ms. Brittany Felder, who stands here in support of him.
6 And she's back in the courtroom here. She just had his
7 second child, who is eight days old. His oldest child,
8 biologically is one year of age; and he has two other
9 stepchildren with his fiance, Ms. Felder.

10 Now, as he stated before, he's done some moving
11 before, he is eleventh grade -- completed eleventh grade in
12 high school, Your Honor. Subsequently went to the Job Corp
13 and he was able to study for faculty maintenance,
14 facility -- excuse me -- facility maintenance, Your Honor.

15 He is the oldest of two siblings. Your Honor, this
16 has been a difficult case for all of us because going
17 through the preparation for the trial, as well as for each
18 trial and knowing that there are other things that are
19 currently pending as well, in other counties. He stands up
20 here, he understands that at this time he could possibly
21 get a very lengthy sentence, Your Honor.

22 We were able to go through each of these cases and
23 we had to figure out why it occurred. And as the solicitor
24 informed the Court, during his particular statement, he had
25 informed the investigators that he did not go in there to

1 cause any harm. He just needed the money. That's in his
2 statement.

3 For the Court's edification, this is what
4 transpired in his personal life. It's not an excuse. He's
5 being accountable, he's responsible for his action, but
6 just for a -- from a contextual standpoint, six months
7 prior to this event, Mr. Stroman was actually suspended
8 from his employment. He was the sole bread winner of a
9 child that had just been born, his oldest son, K.
10 suspended and terminated from his job that he was working
11 at, at the time. He and his fiance were able to live in
12 that apartment for another three months.

13 They were subsequently evicted, they became
14 homeless. They didn't have money to eat with. They didn't
15 have anywhere to stay, so they began to sleep outside.
16 They began to stay in cars. They would do anything they
17 could at that time to keep warm and try to gain any type of
18 food that they could for their young child that was an
19 infant, as well as his fiance. He wanted to be able to
20 provide for her. And he was in a dire situation. He felt
21 as if he was in front of an avalanche and could not stop
22 it. He resorted to something that he should not have,
23 which was criminal activity. He was just trying to provide
24 for his family.

25 Now, that's no excuse for that type of behavior at

1 all, but that's what his mind state was, as he stated
2 inside the actual confession, the written statement, I was
3 trying to survive. He was not only trying to survive, he
4 was trying to survive for his young fiance and his young
5 toddler son, at the time who had just been born.

6 He's a little familiar with the area and he
7 informed me that he had no intentions of firing any shots.
8 There was no, at any point, where anyone was hit with a gun
9 or any type of battery that occurred, Your Honor. He
10 wanted to get in there as quickly as possible and get out
11 so that he could get some money to help to support his
12 family.

13 Now, that even goes along with the investigation,
14 it makes sense. Because the first Dominos had a timer on
15 an he could not just go in and get the money and leave out,
16 so he had to wait for the actual safe to open up. Based
17 off that time he has to do that for the other one as well.
18 And that's the premise of the actual kidnappings because he
19 had to make everyone wait there until the safe opened up.
20 So that's how those kidnappings happened. That was never a
21 violent act other than the crime itself, Your Honor.

22 So he had no intent of that. He was between a rock
23 and a hard place and he made the unfortunate decision at
24 this time by drowning out his worries and stressors about
25 his family and well being with alcohol and drugs at that.

1 time. And he made the decision and those are his alone
2 where he needed to get quick money. He could not find a
3 job. He didn't have a very lengthy education at all,
4 anything of that nature, Your Honor.

5 Now, my client, I'm going to provide him -- and I'm
6 sure the Court will, the opportunity if he would like to,
7 to address the Court. But, Your Honor, knowing that we
8 were up for trial coming up next week, my client decided to
9 plead guilty to spare the State the expense of going
10 through a trial, subpoenaing witnesses, taking up the
11 Court's time, anything of that nature, Your Honor. We
12 would like for the Court to take that into consideration.
13 We would beg and plea upon the Court, Your Honor, for what
14 any sentence that is imposed, that it runs concurrent.

15 Furthermore, Your Honor, we would beg and plea and
16 place ourself upon the mercy of the Court with the Court
17 having a full understanding about the background of what
18 occurred that no true violence actually occurred, other
19 than the classification of the actual warrant itself and
20 the indictment to give him the most lenient sentence as
21 possible, Your Honor.

22 So that's what we're here to do, Your Honor, ask
23 for those things respectfully. He's remorseful. He's
24 accountable. He takes full responsibility and he's
25 expressed that in his statements as well as to law

1 enforcement. He's being a man today and standing before
2 your Honorable Court. Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, thank you, Mr. Mobley.

4 Anything you'd like to say Mr. Stroman?

5 THE DEFENDANT: I'd say, I want to apologize for my
6 actions. They were wrong and I've been doing some dumb
7 things at times. I just ask for the mercy of the Court.
8 That's all I ask.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Stroman?
10 Anything further, Mr. Mobley.

11 MR. MOBLEY: The only thing is, Your Honor, he's
12 been incarcerated for a total of 224 days by my count. And
13 that concludes it, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Anything further, Solicitor?

15 MS. MARTIN: Your Honor, just that the kidnapping
16 charges were not sexual in nature and I believe that -- I
17 just would ask you make that finding --

18 THE COURT: I have to make an affirmative finding
19 of that; is that correct.

20 MS. MARTIN: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: You appointed or retained?

22 MR. MOBLEY: Your Honor, I'm appointed under 608.

23 THE COURT: All right. As to 2015-GS-32-02812,
24 kidnapping; 2015-GS-32-0213, kidnapping; 2015-GS-32-0207,
25 kidnapping, as to each of those kidnapping charges, I find

1 as an affirmative fact that they are not sexual in nature.
2 As to each of those charges, the defendant is committed to
3 the State Department of Corrections for a determinate term
4 of thirty years.

5 As to 2015-GS-32-02805, armed robbery, Sean Lamont
6 Stroman, the defendant, is committed to the State
7 Department of Corrections for a determinate term of twenty
8 years.

9 As to 2015-GS-32-02815, Sean Lamont Stroman, armed
10 robbery, the defendant is committed to the State Department
11 of Corrections for a determinate term of 30 years. The 30
12 years on the armed robbery and the 20 years on the armed
13 robbery are consecutive. The kidnappings are all
14 concurrent.

15 Thank you, Mr. Mobley for taking this very
16 important assignment.

17 Thank you and good luck to you, Mr. Stroman.

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State of South Carolina) In the Court
County of Lexington) Of General Sessions

Indictment No.: 2015-GS-32-02805
2015-GS-32-02807
2015-GS-32-02812
2015-GS-32-02813
2015-GS-32-02815

State of South Carolina,)
Plaintiff.)
vs.) Transcript of Record
Sean Stroman,)
Defendant.)

May 31, 2016
Lexington, South Carolina

B E F O R E:

The Honorable R. Knox McMahon.

A P P E A R A N C E S:

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Attorney for the Defendant

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(REPORTER'S NOTE: There were no exhibits
entered during this hearing.)

1 THE CLERK: Sean Stroman.

2 MS. GARRICK-MARTIN: This is Mr. Mobley's motion to
3 reconsider Mr. Stroman's sentence, Your Honor.

4 SEAN STROMAN,

5 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

6 MR. MOBLEY: Thank you, Your Honor, may it please
7 the Court. I stand here with Mr. Stroman and as the
8 solicitor stated, we filed an appropriate and timely motion
9 to reconsider the sentence on a plea of Mr. Stroman you
10 handed down on April 15th, 2016. He was sentenced to a
11 total of 50 years; and that was on two armed robberies with
12 the indictments ending in 2805, which was a sentence of 20
13 years and that was to be run consecutive with the second
14 armed robbery, violent and that was a sentence of 30 years.
15 And then we have the three kidnapping 2807, 2812, and 2813,
16 which was 30 years, concurrent with the two preceding armed
17 robberies.

18 Your Honor, during that particular plea, we
19 attempted mitigation and advised the Court that we did
20 accept responsibility. We expressed to the Court as well
21 that he had a fiance, a young child who was at the time one
22 year old, and then a young -- another baby that had been
23 born two weeks prior to the plea itself. Now, he is the
24 oldest of two siblings and he does have his mother as well
25 as two brothers, and his sister that are sitting in the

1 back of the courtroom. They support him. He is 25 years
2 of age at this particular time. He was a furniture mover
3 prior to his incarceration. And as I indicated to the
4 Court prior to these unfortunate events he fell upon some
5 hard times, not as an excuse at all, just to provide some
6 type of context with regards to where he was at the time he
7 -- before being convicted of the violent crime, if the
8 solicitor would correct me if I'm wrong on that as well.

9 He does have some prior convictions but nothing
10 that is violent in regards to these violent offenses. His
11 fiance and the young child were living in an apartment. He
12 had been laid off for approximately six months prior to
13 these incidents. There was three separate dates in the
14 late Summer of 2015, Your Honor, and he lost his apartment.
15 He was essentially trying to be able to provide food,
16 shelter, and monetary means to be able to take care of his
17 family. He made these decisions at the time to help
18 support his family. He felt as if everything was crashing
19 down upon him.

20 They began to live from home to home and even had
21 had to sleep in the woods with a young child, a toddler
22 without being able to actually provide milk, baby food
23 these type of things. He was having so much difficulty
24 trying to find the monetary means to help. He felt
25 desperate and he took some desperate measures, Your Honor.

1 We are not here to make excuses. We are just
2 wanting to make sure that we help the Court to understand
3 where he was in his life and things of this nature before.

4 Now, Your Honor, there was indication to the Court
5 by me during that time when I was advocating for my client,
6 I indicated during one of the actual incident reports he
7 did provide a full-blown statement in regards to the
8 incidents. He was very candid and honest about what
9 happened and how he went about doing these events to law
10 enforcement. And within the statement as well as what was
11 reported through the incident reports from the detectives
12 wrote he told the victims during one of the armed
13 robberies, quote unquote, I'm not going to hurt you. I
14 just need money. That's how desperate he had become.

15 He informs me that he had no intentions of actually
16 hurting anyone. He never did -- he never did touch anyone
17 when it came down to it. He was there for the sole purpose
18 of obtaining money quickly and he did that, Your Honor.

19 We would respectfully ask this Honorable Court if
20 you would consider the mitigating circumstances. I'm very
21 aware that you've heard these mitigations before and we're
22 just hopeful that you will reconsider them being that he's
23 young. At this point his release date would be -- excuse
24 me -- February 20th, 2061. And that is essentially maxing
25 out his sentence at 45 years. My client will be 70 years

1 old at that time. Essentially his children will be 46 and
2 45 at that time, Your Honor. We would respectfully ask
3 that the Court consider all that.

4 And the last thing in regards to this. I indicated
5 to the Court, although the solicitor did not make the
6 statement on the record, indicated to the Court that the
7 solicitor's office, the State wanted consecutive sentence
8 -- concurrent, I apologize your Honor. I apologize about
9 that. The State was not opposed to a concurrent sentence
10 at the time, Your Honor. So at the bare minimum we would
11 respectfully ask the Court to consider a concurrent
12 sentence for Mr. Stroman so he will be able to still be a
13 contributing member to society. It will also -- his
14 children will still be older adults at that time. He would
15 be middle aged at this time while still being accountable
16 for his actions. He did not and chose not to force the
17 State to prove their case. We understood at the time
18 during the plea that he was actually facing a total of 150
19 years and that was not including the dismissed charges as a
20 part of the plea as well, Your Honor.

21 So we would just ask that you would consider that
22 sentence. In the motion I asked for a 10 to 15 year
23 sentence, Your Honor, and ask that that would be
24 considered. And like I stated before at the bare minimum a
25 concurrent of all the sentences. Mr. Stroman would like to

1 make a statement to the Court; and he will do so at your
2 direction, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, thank you, Mr. Mobley.
4 Mr. Stroman, I'll be glad to hear from you.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, I was young at the time and
6 trying to provide for my family. I do accept
7 responsibility for what I did and would ask that you
8 reconsider and if you could grant me leniency of 10 to 15
9 years; I'll lay down and take my time as a man and that's
10 really all that I have to say. I just want to be home with
11 my family.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
13 Anything further, Mr. Mobley?

14 MR. MOBLEY: That's all, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Solicitor?

16 MS. GARRICK-MARTIN: Thank you, Your Honor, may it
17 please the Court. Certainly under our rules a motion to
18 reconsider is allowed and there's a purpose for it in some
19 cases. I don't think that this is one of those cases. The
20 information in the written motion is information that you
21 had at the time of the plea and as he's said here today you
22 heard it all at the time of the plea, so I don't think
23 there's anything new to consider. We would oppose any
24 consideration for reconsideration on his sentence just on
25 several different levels.

1 One, because these are motions with nothing
2 additional for the judge to consider, certainly opens the
3 door on every guilty plea to come back on these types of
4 motions. Just in principal we would argue and specifically
5 in this case Mr. Stroman, by his actions had shown himself
6 to be an armed robber here in Lexington County. Judge, you
7 know, not only did he do these, he had another armed
8 robbery that was not prosed pursuant to the plea. As you
9 know he was looking at a total of 150 years. This 50 year
10 sentence is certainly less than he could have gotten.

11 As far as the sentence not being concurrent time
12 that's up to the Court, we would have no position on that.
13 At the time of the plea you heard from Andalaro. You heard
14 from Detective Dykes who was involved in the case. You
15 heard that he said he would never would have hurt anyone.
16 Thankfully no one fought back and he didn't use his gun but
17 he did present with a gun. The defendant said the gun
18 should have been unloaded, but it was loaded in these
19 incidents.

20 You heard from the defendant where he talks about
21 times were hard and it's hard to provide for his family.
22 That's all well and good. He was drunk. He was buying
23 drugs, he was not providing for his family. He was
24 purchasing drugs and was so high and messed up that he
25 can't even remember whichever day that the robberies

1 occurred. So I think that is him trying now to get more
2 leniency.

3 He has violent felony convictions in his past and
4 we'd ask you to deny the motion.

5 THE COURT: All right. Tell me about prior
6 criminal record.

7 MS. GARRICK-MARTIN: His prior record is driving
8 without a license in 2012; DUS in 2013; a CDV first from
9 2013; false information from 2014. He has a Georgia
10 conviction for bail jumping and it's some type of felony.
11 He had six months -- or six months in prison, suspended to
12 probation here South Carolina but they were not going to
13 extradite him and he has he a giving false information. I
14 believe that he has similar charges armed robbery out of
15 Richland County that are still pending.

16 THE COURT: Victim impact?

17 MS. MARTIN: Detective Andalaro from the sheriff's
18 department had been here, but was called out just a few
19 minutes ago. The victims were notified of today's hearing
20 and they just didn't feel they could take any time off
21 work, but they felt that you should stand by your
22 previously imposed sentence.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 Anything further, Mr. Mobley?

25 MR. MOBLEY: Just something briefly I discussed

1 with Mr. Stroman in regards that this is at -- in the
2 discretion of the Court and that potentially the sentences
3 can go up, stay the same, or down. So I made sure that I
4 advised my client of that -- what that means in regards to
5 a reconsideration. That's the only thing, but I do believe
6 he would like to speak to the Court briefly for a second if
7 the Court allows.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Stroman?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Mr. McMahon, Judge McMahon, I just
10 wanted to say the gun that was used, found in my
11 possession, the gun that was used was actually not even a
12 gun, sir. And for her to tell the Court that I'm a violent
13 criminal, I was never violent. I was not a violent
14 criminal at all. This was my first violent crime. The
15 only reason that I had a hold in Georgia, I didn't go back.
16 I stayed here in South Carolina. My mom can vouch for me.
17 My father -- I went to Georgia to help my father move back
18 to South Carolina when I was caught driving a car that
19 didn't have a windshield, a defective windshield is what
20 the charges in Georgia is for. I don't have a violent
21 history at all.

22 MR. MOBLEY: Beg the Court's indulgence.

23 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

24 MR. MOBLEY: That's all, sir.

25 THE COURT: You from Columbia?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: Is this address, Schoolhouse, off of
3 Two Notch?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: [REDACTED] block, that's three blocks off of
6 Two Notch?

7 THE DEFENDANT: There's a park down there.

8 THE COURT: What's that Byars --

9 THE DEFENDANT: I think it's been renamed once,
10 Your Honor. It's Pinehurst now, but prior to that it was
11 something else. I can't remember what the name is.

12 THE COURT: How much prior?

13 THE DEFENDANT: I don't want to lie to the Court,
14 that's my understanding.

15 THE COURT: Tell me how prior.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Some years. I think maybe 1998 it
17 could have been prior to 1998. 1999 it was Pinehurst Park.

18 THE COURT: Where's the schoolhouse on Schoolhouse
19 road? I have never figured that out.

20 THE DEFENDANT: I think Schoolhouse Road goes
21 straight after Pinehurst, it goes back, goes back towards
22 Two Notch.

23 Mr. Mobley, prepare me an order. I'll grant his
24 motion to reconsider. Let me see how many sentence sheets
25 I've got.

1 I'm not questioning Mr. Mobley, but is it correct
2 that the State had no objection to concurrent time at the
3 time of the sentencing?

4 MS. GARRICK-MARTIN: We told him at the time of
5 sentencing we would take concurrent or consecutive.

6 THE COURT: Like I say that's not questioning you
7 whatsoever.

8 MR. MOBLEY: Yes, sir, yes, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. On Indictment 2015GS3202807
10 -- that's for kidnapping. Hold on a second. Let me find
11 the other armed robbery, 20805 and 2815. On 2015GS3202805
12 I'll reconsider that to 20 years and I will run all
13 indictments concurrent.

14 You prepare me an order, get those numbers
15 straight. Thank you, thank you very much.

16 Thank you, Solicitor.

17 MR. MOBLEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Good luck to you, Mr. Stroman.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 VS.)
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 Sean Larmont Stroman,)
 DEFENDANT.)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSSIONS
 ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER RECONSIDERING SENTENCE

Indictment #'s: 2015GS3202805; 2015GS3202815
 2015GS3202807; 2015GS3202812
 2015GS3202813

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This matter comes before the Court on a motion to reconsider sentence on indictment numbers by the Defendant (2015GS3202805; 2015GS3202815; 2015GS3202807; 2015GS3202812; 2015GS3202813). On April 05, 2016, Mr. Stroman pled guilty to the aforementioned indictments and sentenced to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, as follows: 30 years per indictment (3) counts of Kidnapping (2015GS3202807; 2015GS3202812; 2015GS3202813 - all concurrent with remaining indictments); 20 years on (1) count of Armed Robbery (2015GS3202805; consecutive to 2015GS3202815); 30 years on (1) count of Armed Robbery (2015GS3202815; consecutive with 2015GS3202805) with credit for time served of 224 days of pre-trial detention at the Lexington County Detention Center.

A hearing on said motion was held on May 31, 2016. Present at the hearing were the Defendant and his attorney, Derrick E. Mobley. Also present was Senior Assistant Solicitor Angela Garrick Martin representing the State.

Having considered all arguments advocating for and against the originally imposed sentence, this Court grants the Defendant's motion to reconsider sentence and rules, accordingly: Indictment # 2015GS3202815 (Armed Robbery) - the Defendant's sentence is reduced from (30) thirty to (20) twenty years to be served at the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant, Sean Larmont Stroman, be sentenced to the South Carolina Department of Corrections on the following indictments: 2015GS3202807 - 30 years; 2015GS3202812 - 30 years; 2015GS3202813 - 30 years; 2015GS3202805 - 20 years; 2015GS3202815 - 20 years; all to be run concurrent. All aspects of the prior sentences remain the same.

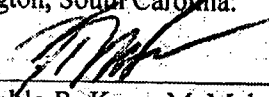
IT IS ALSO ORDERED that the South Carolina Department of Corrections shall update Mr. Sean Larmont Stroman's sentence accordingly.

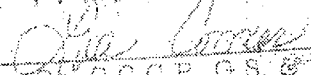
IT IS SO ORDERED this 26 day of JUNE, 2017, at Lexington, South Carolina.

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 Honorable R. Knox McMahon
 Presiding Judge

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Amela Bdc
Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: 12/7/2015

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS3202805

The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2015

THE STATE

vs.

Sean Larmont Stroman

CDR #: 0139

Indictment for

ARMED ROBBERY WHILE ARMED WITH
A DEADLY WEAPON

§ 16-11-0330(A)

DONALD V. MYERS, SOLICITOR

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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)
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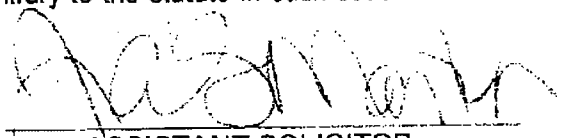
INDICTMENT FOR
ARMED ROBBERY WHILE ARMED WITH A
DEADLY WEAPON

§ 16-11-0330(A)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on DECEMBER 2015, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That Sean Larmont Stroman did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about July 27, 2015, knowingly and willfully while armed with a deadly weapon; to wit: a pistol did feloniously take from the person or presence of William Dicks (an employee of Kangaroo Express), by means of force, threats or intimidation goods or monies being described as follows: between \$125.00 and \$150.00 in U. S. currency, a cordless phone belonging to the store, and the victim's personal cell phone, with the intent to deprive the owner of the use of such property, in violation of Section 16-11-330 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

Irmo Police Department

T L Williams

Law Enforcement Case #: 1501555

JAG

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2015A3220400905

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date: 12/9/2015

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS3202807

The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2015

THE STATE

vs.

Sean Larmont Stroman

CDR #: 0095

Indictment for

KIDNAPPING

§ 16-03-0910

DONALD V. MYERS, SOLICITOR

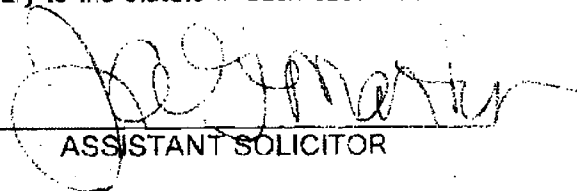
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INDICTMENT FOR
KIDNAPPING
§ 16-03-0910

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on DECEMBER 2015, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Sean Larmont Stroman** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about August 10, 2015, knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away employees of Domino's Pizza by any means whatsoever without authority of law, and without their consent, to wit: the defendant caused forcible confinement of the employees, in violation of § 16-3-910 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

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


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

J Andaloro

Law Enforcement Case #: 15015826

JAG

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2015A3210201420

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Shonda Adams
Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: *07/20/15*

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS3202812

The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2015

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)
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INDICTMENT FOR
KIDNAPPING
§ 16-03-0910

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on DECEMBER 2015, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Sean Larmont Stroman** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about August 19, 2015, knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away one Uluse Taylor, a Domino's Pizza employee by any means whatsoever without authority of law, and without his consent, to wit: victim was forced at gunpoint to lie on the floor and not move, in violation of § 16-3-910 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

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



ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

J Andaloro

Law Enforcement Case #: 15015826

JAG

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2015A3210201421

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

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Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: *12/7/2015*

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS3202813

The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2015

THE STATE

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Sean Larmont Stroman

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§ 16-03-0910

DONALD V. MYERS, SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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INDICTMENT FOR
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§ 16-03-0910

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on DECEMBER 2015, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Sean Larmont Stroman** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about August 19, 2015, knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away employee Ronald Turner of Domino's Pizza by any means whatsoever without authority of law, and without his consent, to wit: victim was forced to lie on the floor at gunpoint, in violation of § 16-3-910 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

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


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

J Andaloro

Law Enforcement Case #: 15015826

JAG

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2015A3210201423

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date: 12/1/2015

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

DOCKET NO. 2015GS3202815

The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2015

THE STATE

vs.

Sean Larmont Stroman

CDR #: 0139

Indictment for

**ARMED ROBBERY WHILE ARMED WITH
A DEADLY WEAPON**

§ 16-11-0330(A)

DONALD V. MYERS, SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

INDICTMENT FOR
ARMED ROBBERY WHILE ARMED WITH A
DEADLY WEAPON

§ 16-11-0330(A)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on DECEMBER 2015, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Sean Larmont Stroman** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about August 19, 2015, knowingly and willfully while armed with a pistol did feloniously take from the person or presence of employees of Domino's Pizza, by means of force, threats or intimidation goods or monies being described as follows: approximately \$1,003.34 in U. S. currency with intent to deprive the owner of the use of such property, in violation of Section 16-11-330 (A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

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

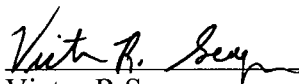


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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