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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

SAMUEL L. JACKSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2020-000949

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1 State of South Carolina) In the Court
 2 County of Lexington) Of General Sessions
 3 State of South Carolina,) Indictment Nos.: 2020-GS-32-01192,
 4 Plaintiff,) 01193, 01195
 5 vs.) Transcript of Record
 6 Samuel Lee Jackson,)
 7 Defendant.)
 8 _____)

9 June 9, 2020

10 Lexington, South Carolina

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12 BEFORE:

13 The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Judge

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15 APPEARANCES:

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17 Attorney for the State

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19 David Mauldin, Assistant Public Defender
20 Attorney for the Defendant

21 ALSO PRESENT:

22 Samuel Lee Jackson
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1 Thereupon, the following proceedings were had,

2 THE CLERK: Are you Samuel Lee Jackson?

3 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE CLERK: 2020-GS-32-1195, State versus Samuel Lee
5 Jackson. He is indicted for tampering or destroying
6 electronic monitoring. He is pleading as charged.
7 2020-GS-32-1193, State versus Samuel Lee Jackson,
8 indicted for stalking. He is pleading to first degree
9 harassment. He is waiving presentment to the grand jury
10 on these indictments and is represented by Mr. Mauldin.
11 Raise your hand please, sir. Raise your right hand,
12 please.

13 Thereupon,

14 SAMUEL LEE JACKSON
15 after having been first duly sworn, testified as follows,

16 THE COURT: Mr. Mauldin, have you had the
17 opportunity to meet with Mr. Jackson?

18 MR. MAULDIN: I have, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Is he aware of the nature of the charges
20 pending against him?

21 MR. MAULDIN: He is, sir.

22 THE COURT: Has he indicated a desire to plead
23 guilty to you?

24 MR. MAULDIN: He has, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Do you believe that's in his best

1 interest?

2 MR. MAULDIN: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Are there any negotiations in this case?

4 MR. MAULDIN: There's some charges being dropped and
5 the domestic violence has been reduced from a high and
6 aggravated, I believe.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Jackson, what
8 type of work have you done in the past, sir?

9 SAMUEL JACKSON: I have a job, Your Honor. I work
10 for Otis Spunkmeyer of Richland, a bakery company.

11 THE COURT: How long have you been working there?

12 SAMUEL JACKSON: About five years.

13 THE COURT: All right. Well, the charge of domestic
14 violence first degree carries a potential sentence of up
15 to 10 years in prison. Do you understand that?

16 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: The charge of harassment first degree
18 carries a potential sentence of up to three years in
19 prison and/or a fine of up to one thousand dollars. Do
20 you understand that?

21 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: The charge of removing an electronic
23 monitoring device carries a potential sentence of up to
24 three years in prison or a fine of up to three thousand
25 dollars. Do you understand that?

1 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Knowing all that, do you wish to go
3 ahead and move forward with pleading guilty to these
4 charges today?

5 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. You understand you have a right
7 to remain silent, Mr. Jackson. You have the right to
8 remain silent. You have the right to a jury trial. You
9 have the right to confront the State's witnesses and the
10 right to assert defenses, but you understand that by
11 pleading guilty today you'll be giving up your right to
12 remain silent because you'll have to say that you're
13 guilty of the charges?

14 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You also understand that your attorney
16 could assert defenses on your behalf, confront the
17 State's witnesses and you would be entitled to the
18 presumption of innocence throughout a trial where the
19 State would have the burden of proof to prove you're
20 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, but by entering a
21 guilty plea to these charges today you'll be giving up
22 your right to that jury trial, giving up your right to
23 assert those defenses, and giving up your right to
24 confront the State's witnesses?

25 SAMUEL JACKSON: I do, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Mauldin, did you also explain to
2 your client any sentencing enhancement issues with
3 domestic violence first?

4 MR. MAULDIN: He's aware that prior domestic
5 violence convictions will enhance your sentence, Your
6 Honor. He's got one on record and we discussed that.
7 Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: He's already got one?

9 MR. MAULDIN: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: He's already had - he already has one
11 strike?

12 MR. MAULDIN: No. One domestic violence. I thought
13 you were talking about a domestic violence, but the
14 strike, yes, sir, it's a strike but it's non violent but
15 it's not an 85 percent charge. I went over those
16 parameters with him.

17 THE COURT: Okay. I won't -- Okay.

18 SAMUEL JACKSON: Can you talk to me? Your Honor,
19 uhm, I would like -- Well, Your Honor, I have a drug
20 problem.

21 THE COURT: Hold on. Hold on. We'll get there.
22 I'll let you speak. I just want to get through these
23 introductory questions about the charges today, okay?

24 MR. MAULDIN: We'll talk all about that at the end,
25 Mr. Jackson.

1 SAMUEL JACKSON: Sir?

2 MR. MAULDIN: We're gonna tell him about that at the
3 end, Mr. Jackson.

4 SAMUEL JACKSON: All right.

5 THE COURT: All right. So just to be clear, you
6 understand you also have a right to have these
7 indictments presented to the Lexington County Grand Jury,
8 but by pleading guilty to these charges today you'll be
9 waiving presentment, that is giving up your right to have
10 the indictments presented to the grand jury?

11 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And you also understand as to
13 domestic violence first degree that it is a violent and
14 serious offense?

15 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Okay. And you have talked with your
17 attorney about potential sentencing enhancements should
18 you receive other serious convictions in the future?

19 MR. MAULDIN: In the event he could strike out, yes,
20 sir, but it's not a strike out for him but yeah.

21 THE COURT: Right. I just want him to understand
22 it's a serious offense.

23 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Have you had the opportunity to
25 talk with your attorney?

1 SAMUEL JACKSON: We corresponded a little bit, Your
2 Honor. Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Has he answered all your questions?

4 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir. To a certain extent,
5 yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Well, do you have any questions you want
7 to ask him today?

8 SAMUEL JACKSON: Well, Your Honor, I would like to
9 know what - what - what really going on with my charges.
10 I understand certain things about my charges.

11 THE COURT: Well, listen, if you would like to talk
12 with your attorney right now, that's okay, and we'll take
13 a break so you can do that.

14 SAMUEL JACKSON: Well, you think that's a good idea,
15 Mr. Mauldin? I'm asking you. You're my attorney.

16 MR. MAULDIN: Why don't we take a break. I mean, we
17 talked on the phone this morning and we can talk again.
18 I've got a number I can call you right now.

19 SAMUEL JACKSON: Well --

20 MR. MAULDIN: I'm gonna call you. Hold on. I'm
21 gonna call you right now. I'm gonna call you right now.

22 THE COURT: We're gonna just - let's go off the
23 record briefly and we'll allow you to talk with your
24 attorney.

25 (Short break.)

1 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Jackson, have you had the
2 opportunity to confer with your attorney?

3 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, I did, Your Honor. Thank
4 you.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Now at this point have you had
6 the opportunity for your attorney to answer all of your
7 questions?

8 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: And are you satisfied with his
10 services?

11 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: All right. Well, as to indictment
13 2020-GS-32-1192, I believe originally indicted as
14 domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, as to
15 the lesser charge of domestic violence first degree how
16 do you plead?

17 SAMUEL JACKSON: I plead guilty, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And as to the charge of
19 harassment in the first degree, how do you plead to that
20 charge?

21 SAMUEL JACKSON: I plead guilty, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Okay. And as to the charge of removing
23 or destroying an electronic monitoring device, how do you
24 plead to that charge, sir?

25 SAMUEL JACKSON: I plead guilty, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. As to all these charges, are you
2 pleading guilty of your own free will?

3 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Are you doing so freely and
5 voluntarily?

6 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Knowingly and intelligently?

8 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Has anyone forced you, threatened
10 you or coerced you into pleading guilty today?

11 SAMUEL JACKSON: No, sir, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Other than the lesser charge of domestic
13 violence first degree, has anyone offered or promised you
14 anything in exchange for pleading guilty?

15 SAMUEL JACKSON: No, sir, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. But you're pleading guilty to
17 these charges because you are guilty?

18 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. You have 10 days from today
20 to appeal this plea to a higher court but you must do so
21 in writing to this court. Do you understand that?

22 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Just let me make sure I have said my
24 question here correctly. As far as this guilty plea, are
25 you doing this knowingly and intelligently?

1 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Madam Solicitor.

3 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Thank you, Your Honor. On April
4 8th, 2020 while the defendant was out on bond with a no
5 contact order for domestic violence in the second degree
6 against his wife Carol Littleton the defendant returned
7 to his wife's home which is located at [REDACTED] Weaver Drive
8 which is in the Red Bank area of Lexington County. He
9 asked Ms. Littleton if he could move back in and she told
10 him no. When she did so, she locked the door so he could
11 not enter the residence but the defendant punched a glass
12 window in the door and gained entry into the home. He
13 then grabbed Ms. Littleton by her neck and punched her in
14 the left side of her face with a closed fist and she did
15 sustain scratches and bruising to her face as a result.

16 Between his arrest for this domestic violence, on
17 April 10th, 2020 and May 8th, 2020 the defendant
18 repeatedly called and texted his wife despite being told
19 not to do so multiple times. Then on May 8th, 2020 the
20 defendant was again out on bond and required to wear a
21 GPS monitor. The bonding company notified the Lexington
22 County Sheriff's Department that they received an alert
23 that the defendant had cut his GPS monitor. The monitor
24 was found on Emanuel Church Road which is near the
25 Goodwill in Lexington County and the defendant was

1 apprehended on the victim's property located at [REDACTED]
2 Weaver Drive.

3 Your Honor, we've notified the victim of the plea
4 today. She was unable to be present. She did inform my
5 victim advocate that she regrets not being cooperative
6 with our office this past summer on another domestic
7 violence related charge with this defendant where she was
8 the listed victim. She states that the defendant would
9 convince her that nothing would happen and then tell her
10 she was imagining things because of her past assault with
11 a different man. She does still love this defendant, but
12 she is scared of him because she believes he's abusing
13 drugs and alcohol. She wants him to get help, Your
14 Honor. And I do have his criminal history whenever Your
15 Honor is ready for it.

16 THE COURT: So I'm clear, he was on bond for what
17 when he arrived at this house?

18 MS. OPPENHEIMER: In April he was on bond for
19 domestic violence in the second degree against Carol
20 Littleton and in May he was on bond for domestic violence
21 in the first degree against Carol Littleton. I guess
22 domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. He's
23 pleading to first degree domestic violence today.

24 THE COURT: Okay. So he returned to the victim's
25 house twice?

1 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Jackson?

3 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Did you hear the State's allegations?

5 SAMUEL JACKSON: Sir?

6 THE COURT: Did you hear the State's allegations?

7 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir. Can I explain?

8 THE COURT: Did you understand the allegations?

9 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir. I did. Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: As to the -- And I'll let you explain
11 away but as to the general nature of the allegations
12 regarding the domestic violence first degree, the
13 harassment -- Actually, what did you tell me about the
14 electronic monitoring device again?

15 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Your Honor, he was required to
16 wear that electronic monitor as part of his bond for the
17 DVHAN. He cut it off on April 8th, 2020. It was located
18 on Emanuel Church Road near the Goodwill in Lexington
19 County and he was apprehended at the victim's residence.

20 MR. MAULDIN: I think that was May 8th. May 8th.

21 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Is that not what I said? Sorry.
22 May 8th.

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Jackson?

24 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: The general nature of the allegations

1 pertaining to domestic violence first degree, harassment
2 and removing, destroying the electronic monitoring
3 device, do you agree with the general nature of those
4 allegations?

5 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir. I agree, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: I'll accept the plea. I find there's a
7 substantial factual basis for the plea. The defendant's
8 decision to plead guilty has been freely, voluntarily,
9 knowingly and intelligently made. He's had the advice
10 and counsel of a competent attorney with whom he is
11 satisfied. Mr. Mauldin.

12 MR. MAULDIN: Thank you, Your Honor. As jail credit
13 goes he has 33 days for the domestic violence charge and
14 30 days on the harassment and the electronic monitor
15 charge. He's 57 years old, Your Honor. Oh, did you want
16 to read the prior record or not?

17 MS. OPPENHEIMER: If I could.

18 THE COURT: Please.

19 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Your Honor, he's got a conviction
20 in 1979 of public disorderly conduct. 1981 convictions
21 for simple assault and battery, public disorderly conduct
22 and aggravated assault and battery. 1984 malicious
23 injury to personal property. 1986 distributing marijuana
24 first offense and public disorderly conduct. 1993
25 convictions out of Florida for robbery and selling

1 cocaine. 1996 convictions for threats or intimidation
2 and resisting arrest. 1998 convictions out of Florida
3 for possession of cocaine. 1999 convictions out of
4 Florida for petty theft second degree, possession of drug
5 paraphernalia, destroying evidence. 2002 conviction out
6 of Florida for resisting arrest. 2003 convictions out of
7 Florida for resisting arrest and possession of drug
8 paraphernalia. 2005 convictions out of Florida for
9 robbery and resisting arrest and battery. 2008
10 interference or hindering officers. 2009 burglary in the
11 second degree violent. 2011 burglary in the second
12 degree violent. 2013 assault and battery third degree.
13 2016 two counts of violation of court order of protection
14 and breach of peace. And 2019 convictions for possession
15 of other controlled substance first and domestic violence
16 in the third degree where Carol Littleton was the victim,
17 Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Mauldin.

19 MR. MAULDIN: Thank you, Your Honor. I told you
20 about the jail credit as far as the charges are
21 concerned. He's 57 years old. He's pushing 60 here.
22 Born and raised in Orangeburg. Left high school in tenth
23 grade because he'd been drinking and doing drugs. Before
24 the job he has now which is with a company called Arista,
25 they own Otis Spunkmeyer, he's in the maintenance

1 department. He's been doing that for five years. Before
2 that he's done various jobs including home remodeling,
3 painting, and picking oranges down in Florida.

4 He and Ms. Littleton have been together for about
5 eight years. She has three grown children. He has no
6 children of his own. I spoke with her on May 12th a
7 couple weeks ago. She says that she loves her husband,
8 that he's got a drug and alcohol problem. When he
9 doesn't drink or do drugs, he's the best man in the world
10 and she thinks he needs some kind of drug treatment,
11 drug/alcohol and doesn't want him to go to prison, and
12 she actually coordinated with a place called Oxford
13 House. I don't know if you got the email I sent you with
14 the attachment. That's a residential place that he has
15 to go to work at. She's unsure about future contact.
16 That's kind of up in the air. She hasn't absolutely said
17 no or absolutely said yes. She hasn't given us a
18 definitive answer on that so I don't know what to do
19 about that, but she is gonna pay the money for him to get
20 in there. They talk about the money somewhere in the
21 letter.

22 And, you know, he's got these domestic violence
23 things and, you know, fellows' attitudes, you know, they
24 say they develop when they're very young with their
25 mother and their father and observing the relationship

1 between them two, you know, Freud and the Oedipal complex
2 and all that and then you compound it with his drug
3 issue, you know, when you're young and a kid, the drugs
4 are kind of like the forbidden fruit growing, but the
5 serpent tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, but instead of
6 getting knowledge, you get an addiction and you act like
7 a horse's patoot and that's a lot of what his criminal
8 record is based on.

9 There's a lot of cocaine and a lot of drug use. But
10 he does have hope, Your Honor, with this program. In the
11 future he does have a dream to get off of these things,
12 kind of like the Wright Brothers had a dream of flight,
13 and his plane is this Oxford House. The plane got the
14 Wright Brothers up in the air and he's hoping that this
15 Oxford House will get him out of this cycle that he's in
16 and it's just fairly recently. So we're hoping you
17 structure a sentence where he could go to this Oxford
18 House and hopefully altogether we can get these Oedipal
19 snakes off of Samuel Jackson's plane. Thank you, sir.

20 THE COURT: Gosh. All right.

21 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Your Honor, I would just ask,
22 obviously based on his record, it's very lengthy. The
23 State does believe that some amount of active time is
24 probably appropriate, however, if Your Honor is inclined
25 to put Mr. Jackson on probation, we would ask that the no

1 contact order remain in place during that period of
2 probation since Ms. Littleton seems to still be afraid of
3 him because he is abusing these drugs and alcohol and I
4 think really we need to see some improvement before we
5 allow these two to have contact again.

6 MR. MAULDIN: Yeah. Like I said, Your Honor, I
7 think like during this time there might be some going
8 together that he goes and uses drugs and acts up and then
9 she calls the police again and that kind of thing and he
10 does admit there's a period of time when she said stay
11 away and he did, but hopefully he can get through this
12 and hopefully it will help him get through. Thank you,
13 sir.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Jackson?

15 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Be happy to hear from you.

17 SAMUEL JACKSON: Your Honor, what the Solicitor say
18 or what Mr. Mauldin said is very true. I've had a drug
19 problem a long time. I never had help for it. I would
20 appreciate it very much, Your Honor, if you can give me
21 some probation, an extended period of probation with drug
22 treatments, with urine tests weekly or whatever and I
23 will go for the urine test and everything. I love my
24 wife, Your honor. We were homeless for a long time. We
25 have came a long way. And, Your Honor, if you will give

1 me another chance to prove myself to you and to myself,
2 you will never see me in your courtroom again, Your
3 Honor. I have made many mistakes, many mistakes in life
4 but, Your Honor, if you give me one more chance, just one
5 more chance I will prove myself to you that I can be a
6 citizen, a good citizen out here. Your Honor, I've got a
7 good job. I've been there five years. I'm going back to
8 work in about another week or so. I'm on furlough
9 because of the corona virus. Your Honor, I'm really
10 begging you right now. Just give me one more chance
11 please at life. Please, sir. Do that for me please and
12 I will prove myself. Probation, a lengthy probation,
13 drug tests, give me one more chance please. Please, sir,
14 Your Honor, give me one more chance. I will prove myself
15 to you. I will prove myself to y'all and I will never
16 let you down. Just give me one more chance please, Your
17 Honor. I have a good job, Your Honor. Give me one more
18 chance please, sir.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else you want to tell
20 me?

21 SAMUEL JACKSON: No, sir. That's it, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. Solicitor and Mr. Mauldin,
23 what other prison stints has he done in South Carolina?

24 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Your Honor, I believe he was
25 sentenced to a couple of years on both the burglaries. I

1 don't believe it was longer than two years either time as
2 his first burglary conviction was in 2009 and then he
3 committed another one in 2011 and then there was another
4 conviction in 2013 so I don't believe he's done more than
5 two years in a South Carolina prison. David, correct me
6 if I'm wrong.

7 MR. MAULDIN: YOA. That sounds about right. I
8 think he got four years in '11.

9 THE COURT: All right. Obviously, Mr. Jackson, I
10 think you need some help --

11 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: -- with your addiction treatment and
13 I've helped you out as best I can, but truly this has
14 been an ongoing thing for --

15 SAMUEL JACKSON: Sir --

16 THE COURT: It's my turn to talk.

17 SAMUEL JACKSON: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: It's been an ongoing thing for four
19 decades. I'm trying to craft a sentence that gets you
20 the help you need and in as quick a manner as possible so
21 you will be sentenced to the Department of Corrections
22 for four years where you will undergo treatment at the
23 addiction treatment unit. For the charge of harassment
24 and removing electronic monitoring device for three years
25 a piece to run concurrent and that is all.

1 SAMUEL JACKSON: Four years?

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir. ATU. Credit for time served
3 as well.

4 SAMUEL JACKSON: Say that. I couldn't hear you,
5 Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: I said I gave you credit for your time
7 served as well.

8 SAMUEL JACKSON: So I got four years in prison?

9 THE COURT: That's correct.

10 SAMUEL JACKSON: All right. Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Good luck.

12 MS. OPPENHEIMER: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 WHEREUPON, THE HEARING WAS CONCLUDED.

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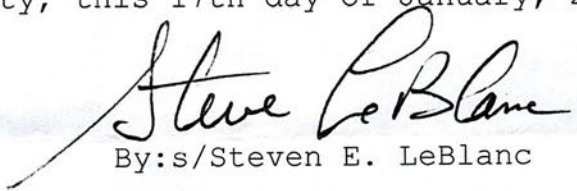
(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
(COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Steven E. LeBlanc, Sr., R.P.R., and Official Circuit Court Reporter for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that I reported the proceedings in the before captioned case in the Court of General Sessions in and for the State of South Carolina on the 9th day of June, 2020.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the forgoing 21 pages constitute a true and accurate record of said proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither related, counsel to, nor of interest to any party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at Lexington County, this 17th day of January, 2021.


By:s/Steven E. LeBlanc

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Jackson, you're
4 Samuel Jackson?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Jackson, we're
7 assembled on the State's motion to revoke your bond.
8 And your lawyer, Mr. Mauldin, is in a location other
9 than where you're at. If you need to speak with
10 him, just stop me, and I'll let you put in a call to
11 him. Okay?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 Ms. Oppenheimer, briefly, Mr. Jackson is out on
15 bond. Apparently, I did, at some point in the
16 past -- back on March 15th of last year, I did find
17 in my notes, I did set bond on his behalf. I think
18 Dayne Phillips represents him on those charges or
19 was appearing at --

20 MR. MAULDIN: That's not this case, Your Honor.
21 That's been resolved. This is all new stuff.

22 MS. OPPENHEIMER: This is all brand new, Your
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MS. OPPENHEIMER: I'll be as brief as possible.

1 On March 7th, 2020, the defendant was charged
2 with DV second against his wife, Kara Littleton.
3 He, essentially, grabbed her by the throat, threw
4 her against the wall. He -- at bond court, the
5 Magistrate set a \$10,000 surety bond; said no
6 contact with the victim and do not return to the
7 victim's residence or the incident location.

8 Thereafter, about a month later, on April 8th,
9 the defendant returned to the victim's residence,
10 wanting to move back in. She said no. He broke the
11 window of the door, gained entry to the home,
12 grabbed her, and punched her.

13 When she was able to get away when her dog
14 attacked the defendant, she called 911. Defendant
15 fled the scene. He was charged with DVHAN. He was
16 arrested on that charge. At bond court, he was
17 given a \$75,000 surety bond; again, no contact with
18 the victim; GPS monitoring, which was to include an
19 exclusion zone around the victim's residence; and
20 not to return to the incident location, which was,
21 again, the same location, same victim as the DV
22 second in March.

23 On May 1st, the victim reported to Detective
24 Gamble, who is on this call, with the Sheriff's
25 Department in Lexington County that the defendant

1 had been calling her multiple times and leaving her
2 vulgar messages. The defendant was charged with
3 unlawful communication as a result of that contact
4 with the victim.

5 On May 6th, the GPS monitor that the defendant
6 was required to wear went off, showing that he had
7 returned to the victim's residence, again violating
8 his bond set by the Magistrate.

9 On May 8th, which was this past Friday, I
10 received information from Detective Gamble that the
11 bonding company had told him that they got an alert
12 that the defendant cut off his GPS monitor and was
13 at-large at that time. We did not know where he
14 was.

15 Thereafter, we found out that the GPS monitor
16 was located on Emanuel Church Road; it had been cut
17 off, and the defendant was located and apprehended
18 by the bonding company on the victim's property. As
19 a result of that, he was charged with tampering with
20 an electronic monitoring. And, because of all of
21 this continued behavior and interaction with the
22 victim, Detective Gamble charged him with stalking.

23 I know Detective Gamble has spoken with the
24 victim and he can relay her thoughts on this case.
25 But, obviously, we have repeated violations:

1 Continuing to show up to the victim's residence;
2 continuing to have contact with her; cutting off the
3 GPS monitor; returning to the incident location.
4 He's certainly a danger to community and to the
5 victim.

6 There have been repeated assaults. One --
7 actually, I pled this same defendant to DV third
8 this past summer where the victim was, again, Kara.
9 She was not cooperative at that time, which is why I
10 reduced the charge this past summer.

11 Obviously, his behavior continues to be quite
12 scary when you cut off your GPS monitor and go to
13 the victim's home. I mean, one of two things are
14 going to happen: Either she's going to get
15 assaulted again or she's going to end up dead. And,
16 cutting off the monitor, he might have fled; I don't
17 know.

18 He has an extensive criminal history. I did
19 send that to Your Honor this morning. It dates back
20 to 1979. Prior DVs and assaults, prior charges for
21 escape and for failure to appear, and several other
22 violent crimes. But, certainly, I would argue that
23 he's a flight risk, based on the time alone that
24 he's facing on these charges.

25 I would turn it over to Detective Gamble very

1 briefly to discuss the victim's position as to this
2 hearing. And if you have -- need any other
3 information from me, I'm certainly happy to answer
4 any questions.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 Detective, anything you need to tell me?

7 DETECTIVE GAMBLE: Your Honor, I spoke with the
8 victim, Kara Littleton. She told me that she loves
9 her husband, and he has a drug problem, and when
10 he's using crack, she lives in fear of the next
11 assault that's going to come her way. She told me
12 that she does not want the defendant to go to
13 prison, but she does not want to continue living in
14 fear. And she does not want to be around him until
15 he gets help for his drug problem.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 Mr. Mauldin?

18 MR. MAULDIN: Well, I reckon if he gets out,
19 you know where he's going to go. I don't think he's
20 going to flee. But I talked to the victim, and she
21 had the same things to say. I mean, we can't deny
22 the -- I'm not going to admit to any crimes here.
23 But we can't deny that he was found without his leg
24 monitor, and that was ordered.

25 Your Honor, do what we will, we are working on

1 the drug rehab thing. Again, he was just put in
2 jail on Friday, so we're trying to get a toe in
3 that. Oh, and they charged him with stalking and
4 stuff over the weekend, and they denied bond on
5 that. So he's been there with no bond anyway.

6 THE COURT: Well, let's do this. Let me
7 suggest this by way of a resolution: Mr. Mauldin,
8 if the problem is drugs and these two people still
9 seem to love each other so much -- and, you're
10 right; if I let him or if he gets out, I mean, we
11 know where he's going to go. We don't need the GPS.
12 He's going to go right back to it, probably, maybe,
13 who knows. Give me some options. See where you
14 could perhaps find in terms of inpatient --

15 MR. MAULDIN: We're looking at some. I'm
16 having LRADAC go over there and screen him, and
17 we're also looking into the Oxford House place.
18 Apparently, the wife is familiar with some of the
19 counselors there.

20 THE COURT: Okay. He's got to get that problem
21 under control before I'll even consider giving bond
22 on the stalking. So we're just going to put a pin
23 in this. I'm not going to rule. And let me know
24 when we have some options here. Okay?

25 MR. MAULDIN: All right.

1 Kelly, do you think you can bring up that
2 unlawful use of phone to General Sessions, just so
3 we can handle everything at one time?

4 MS. OPPENHEIMER: I'll have to ask the boss,
5 but I don't know what our office policy is on that.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

I, the undersigned, Bethanie K. Creppon, Circuit Court Reporter for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete transcript of record of all the proceedings had and the evidence introduced in the hearing of the captioned cause, relative to appeal in the Criminal Court for Lexington County, South Carolina, on the 12th of May, 2020.

I do further certify that I am neither of kin, counsel, nor interest to any party hereto.

March 31, 2021

s/ *Bethanie K. Creppon*

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Circuit Court Reporter

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 SAMUEL L. JACKSON,)
 DEFENDANT)
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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MOTION
FOR RECONIDSERATION OF SENTENCE

WARRANT #s 2020A3210200755
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TO: Walton J. McLeod, Circuit Court Judge and Kelly Oppenheimer Assistant Solicitor:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Defendant, in the above matter, by and through the undersigned attorney, will move for reconsideration of the Defendant's sentence on the above listed charges.

The Defendant pled guilty to the above captioned warrants on June 9, 2020. He was sentenced to three years, three years and four years concurrently.

This motion is being filed because the Defendant has requested a motion to withdraw his plea. His attorney, finding to legal grounds to withdraw has instead filed this motion to reconsider sentence in order to achieve the result the Defendant wishes. The grounds for the motion to reconsider include information the Defendant asserts was not presented at the hearing. At the hearing his attorney relayed his conversation with the victim regarding her wishes that the Defendant not be incarcerated He feels that if the victim had presented her wishes directly to the Judge, the result would have been more favorable.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Attorney for Defendant

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 Defendant.

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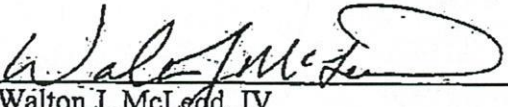
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 TO RECONSIDER SENTENCE

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The Defendant filed a Motion to Reconsider Sentence on June 15, 2020. The Defendant argues that the interests of justice will be served by granting her motion. In an open plea, Defendant pled guilty to (1) Domestic Violence, First Degree; (2) Harrasment First Degree; and (3) Removing, Destroying or Circumventing Operation of Electronic Monitoring Device. The sentencing ranges for these offenses were 0-10 years, 0-3 years and 0-3 years respectively. Defendant noted at the hearing that he had been accepted into a drug treatment program to address his addiction and that the victim was not asking the court to impose an active sentence. The State also provided Defendant criminal history, which spanned four decades.

Ultimately, the Defendant was sentenced to four (4) years for the Domestic Violence charge and three (3) years for Harassment and Removing Electronic Monitor charge all to be served concurrently. In imposing the sentence the court also noted that Defendant would be enrolled at the Addition Treatment Unit (ATU). In light of all the facts and circumstances, and in reviewing the record from the plea, this court finds the sentence imposed to be appropriate under the circumstances. THEREFORE, this court DENIES Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


 Walton J. McLeod, IV
 Presiding Judge

June 23, 2020
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HONORABLE WALTON MCLEOD, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Indictment No(s): 2020-GS-32-01192
2020-GS-32-01193 & 2020-GS-32-01195

The State,.....Respondent.

V.

Samuel Lee Jackson,.....Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Samuel Lee Jackson, appeals his guilty plea and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Walton McLeod on June 09, 2020. The court reporter was Steven E. LeBlanc, P. O. Box 184, Lexington, SC 29071

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V.

Samuel Lee Jackson,.....Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Kelly Oppenheimer by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 24, 2020, addressed to Kelly Oppenheimer, Assistant Solicitor, Lexington County Courthouse, Lexington, SC 29072.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Defendant.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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2020-GS-32-01193 & 2020-GS-32-01195

RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did object to the sentence and filed a Motion to Reconsider on June 15, 2020. The Honorable Judge Walton McLeod denied the Motion to Reconsider in writing on June 23, 2020. The Motion to Reconsider was denied in writing without a hearing to consider the evidence the defense sought to introduce, namely the direct testimony of the victim regarding her wishes concerning sentencing.

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Appellate Case No. 2020-000949

Indictment No(s): 2020-GS-32-01192
2020-GS-32-01193 & 2020-GS-32-01195

The State,.....Respondent.

V.

Samuel Lee Jackson,.....Appellant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

Samuel Lee Jackson, appeals his guilty plea and sentence and the denial of his motion to reconsider sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Walton McLeod on June 09, 2020. The court reporter was Steven E. LeBlanc, P. O. Box 184, Lexington, SC 29071.

A Motion to Reconsider Sentence was filed on June 15, 2019 and denied without hearing with an order signed June 23, 2019 by the Honorable Walton McLeod. The original notice of appeal was filed within ten days of the order.



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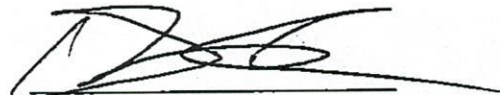
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Lexington County Sheriffs Department

Stephen J Gamble

Law Enforcement Case #: 20006772

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
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The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

JUNE TERM 2020

THE STATE

vs.

Samuel Lee Jackson

CDR #: 3811

Indictment for

Domestic Violence, First Degree

§ 16-25-0065(B)

S.R. Hubbard III, SOLICITOR

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

Samuel L. Jackson
Defendant

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

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Samuel L. Jackson
Defendant

Sharon E. Parker
Witness
C.C.C. PLS. and G.S.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF LEXINGTON.)
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INDICTMENT FOR
 Domestic Violence, First Degree

§ 16-25-0065(B)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened in June of 2020, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Samuel Lee Jackson** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about **April 8, 2020**, unlawfully cause physical harm or injury to a household member, namely **Carol Littleton**; or offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a household member with apparent present ability, under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril; and in doing so, the defendant violates a protection order while committing domestic violence in the second degree; and/or in the process of committing domestic violence in the second degree, the offense is committed during the commission of a robbery, burglary, kidnapping, or theft; in violation of Section 16-25-20 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

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

Stephen J Gamble

Law Enforcement Case #: 20008949

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
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The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

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THE STATE

vs.

Samuel Lee Jackson

CDR #: 2406

Indictment for

Stalking

§ 16-03-1700(C)

S.R. Hubbard III, SOLICITOR

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

Samuel Lee Jackson
Defendant

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

harassment - 1st degree

Samuel Lee Jackson
Defendant

Sharon E. D... ..
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

INDICTMENT FOR
Stalking
§ 16-03-1700(C)

At a Court of General Sessions, convened in June of 2020, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That **Samuel Lee Jackson** did in Lexington County, South Carolina on or about May 8, 2020, willfully and knowingly stalk **Carol Littleton** and cause reasonable fear of the following: assault upon the person or a member of her family; and/or bodily injury to the person or a member of her family; this being accompanied or followed by an act of violence, to wit: repeatedly texting and calling the victim, and/or showing up uninvited to her house and committing a domestic assault upon her, in violation of § 16-3-1700 and punished as provided in §16-3-1730 (A) 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.



WITNESSES

Lexington County Sheriffs Department

Stephen J Gamble

Law Enforcement Case #: 20008949

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

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Foreperson of Petit Jury
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The State of South Carolina

County of Lexington

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

JUNE TERM 2020

THE STATE

vs.

Samuel Lee Jackson

CDR #: 3769

Indictment for

**Tampering or Destroying with Electronic
Monitor**

§ 24-13-0425

S.R. Hubbard III, SOLICITOR

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Samuel Lee Jackson
Defendant

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

Samuel Lee Jackson

Samuel Lee Jackson
Defendant

Sharon G. D...
Witness
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)
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INDICTMENT FOR
Tampering or Destroying with Electronic Monitor
§ 24-13-0425

At a Court of General Sessions, convened in June of 2020, the Grand Jurors of Lexington County present upon their oath:

That Samuel Lee Jackson did in Lexington County, South Carolina, on or about May 8, 2020, knowingly and without authority to remove, destroy, or circumvent the operation of an electronic monitoring device which was being used for the purpose of monitoring a person who was wearing an electronic monitoring device as a condition of bond or pretrial release; in violation of Section 24-13-0425, South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (1976).

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



CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

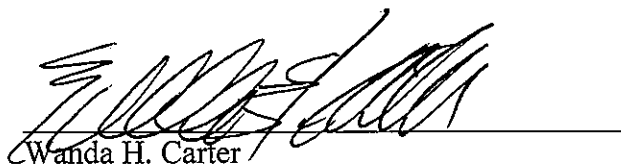
Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised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

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