

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
L. CASEY MANNING, PRESIDING

CASE NO: 2021-001438

TAURUS WATTS

Appellant

"VS"

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Respondent

APPENDIX

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STATE OF South Carolina

COUNTY OF Richland

AFFIDAVIT OF Tremaine Wray

Comes now the affiant, herein, who, first being duly deposed and sworn states as follows:
I, Tremaine Rashon Wray, #337442, Birth date: February 17, 1981, SSN# 247-47-2147, Home Address : 425 Briercliff Drive. Columbia, South Carolina 29203, am writing this in all truth and honesty.

On June 29/June 30, 2007, I went to the H&J Pub, by myself, some time around 12:00 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. after leaving Deniesha Fulton's house (my girlfriend at the time.) I sat at the bar near the front entrance, buying drinks, the entire time that I was there. I did not go to the dance floor nor dance with anyone. I did not go outside on the back patio/deck. The only time that I saw Taurus Watts inside the club, he was sitting over by the other side of the bar with two females, by the poker machines.

A few hours later, a fight broke out ^{initially} intially between Brian, Norris, Boo and another group of people. After some of those people started throwing beer bottles into the crowd, a third group of people jumped into the fight. A guy with dreadlocks pulled out a gun and started pointing it around at everybody in both groups, that his group was fighting against, telling them to back up. That's basically what stopped all of them from fighting. After the guns came out, they backed their way out of the front door out of the club. I was never involved in the fight. That fight has nothing to do with me. I did not see Taurus Watts involved in the fight. After the fight, they started closing the club.

When I got outside, I saw two unknown black males walking through the parking lot, holding guns in their hands. Over at the brick wall between the club and the carwash, there were two black males pistol whipping another black male in the face with a pistol. I also has seen two unkown black males standing in the carwash parking lot, and they were both holding guns in their hands. I also saw one of the bouncers standing in the pub parking lot holding a gun down by his side, facing in the direction of the carwash.

I went to my car to leave. When I got into my vehicle to leave, Taurus had came up and asked me if I could drop him off at his Aunt Betty Mae Telford's house because his ride had left him. After I pulled out of the parking lot, I shot at Mac 10 out the window. I did not shoot it into a crowd. I did not shoot it at anyone, and I did not aim the gun in the direction of anybody

whatsoever. Taurus didn't know that I was going to shoot the gun. Taurus had nothing to do with my actions whatsoever.

There were other people shooting guns as well. I dropped him off at the house on the dirt road, and I went home. The next morning I heard that someone at the club had been shot. Then, I called Taurus and told him what I heard. He told me that his mother had told him that the police had been by her house looking for him. I told him that I will be on my way over there. When I came over there, he stepped outside, we talked about me shooting the gun the night before. I told him, I know I didn't shoot anybody because I never aimed the gun in the direction of anybody, I aimed it up in the air. He said, I know that, but I want to know why the hell the police looking for me and I aint shoot no gun period, He said, somebody might be trying to say that they saw you shooting out your truck last night.

I told him that no police came to my house. He said, I'm not going down for something I didn't do. I'm already on five years probation. He said, Imma just call the police and tell them that you was shooting a gun, just so I can clear my name. I told ^{him} hell no, I'm on a five years probation too.

I'm not even suppose to have possession of a gun, so you can't let anybody know that I shot a gun period. I promised him that I was going to get him out of this, and just don't tell anyone that I shot a gun at all. He said, I don't know, the police came looking for me? This is crazy as hell. I promised him again, that I was going to get him out of this and to just don't say nothing to anyone. After I left there, I went home. Someone called me on my phone, and I found out that there was a rumor that me and Taurus were suspects in the shooting. By that time, it was almost time for me to go to work. I then called Jarell and told him that I needed him to hold a gun for me.

When I gave Jarell the gun, I told him about me being on probation and about me shooting it the night before. I also explained to him that someone at the club had been shot the night before, and that I had just found out that I was a suspect in the shooting. He told me that he would hold the gun for me. I assured him that I did not shoot anybody with the gun. He said alright and I left and went to work.

The next day, I went to work, and within a couple hours of working, about fifteen police officers came into the kitchen where I was working, with their guns drawn and arrested me. They took possession of my truck keys, cell phone, and wallet. I was escorted out of the back door of the restaurant and 5 to 10 police officers were searching all through my entire vehicle in the parking lot of Outback Steakhouse.

A couple of months later, while I was in the county jail, I received a letter from a Ms. Latosha Goins, begging me to let the police know that I was shooting a gun, so that Taurus could be set free, and I never did. One day, while me and Taurus was in the holding tank at the county jail, waiting to go to a court proceeding, Taurus was sitting beside me and on the other side of him was (who I know was) Brian Watson. Taurus discussed a lot of details in our entire case with Brian Watson ^{now}. Nothing incriminating of me nor him, but basically what was in the Motion of Discovery. He also talked about what Ricky Jacobs was saying in our Motion of Discovery

about him having a Mac 10 gun in his hand and the description of it, and about him saying that he saw shooting coming from my vehicle etc..

Taurus never said anything whatsoever about, "he was going to get away with it." Nothing like that period. Basically, what Brian Watson did was, he took the information that Taurus discussed with him about our case, and claimed to have "gotten rid of the murder weapon." So that he could get off on his charges and it worked. (After his discussion with Taurus, he kept saying "It's a small world," "It's a small world".)

After we got convicted at trial, when we came back to the county jail, I kept apologizing to him. I asked him if he could please forgive me. He told me that he forgave me a long time ago. I'm writing this because it is the truth and because Taurus should never been locked up with me in the first place. I shot the gun on my own and Taurus had nothing to do with my decision. He was not involved in my actions. I should have done this years and years ago.

Signed: *Termaine W. May*

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