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County of Florence

Rontell Singletary #338278
Applicant

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Response to Final
Order of Dismissal
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I don't believe that this order should be made final, because I was advised by my Counsel during my Plea Hearing that He was gonna file A Notice of Appeal, and I was under the assumption that He did, and my Appeal was Pending. I contacted the Court of Appeals 2019 and was informed that no appeal was pending so I immediately filed A Post-conviction Application 6-10-2019...

The final order of Dismissal that Assistant General Attorney Michael D. Davidson had filed in the Florence County Clerk of Court, I just want to state for the record that that order should not be granted, but dismissed. I will like to state why. On Dec. 7, 2009 after I had pled guilty to murder and was sentenced by Judge Ralph King Anderson to a 30 year mandatory with the possibility of Parole, My Attorney G. Steven McLaurin informed me that He would have Appeal my sentence or conviction; and He never did file the direct appeal. *Jenkins v. Superintendent of Laurel Highlands* 705 F.3d 80, 90-91 (3d Cir, 2013). I really believed Him, even though His performance as an Attorney was ineffective throughout our history. If my Counsel would have informed me of my Appellate rights, I would have did my best to at least get the attention of someone who could have led me in the right direction to file my own direct Appeal. *Sowell v. Anderson*, 663 F.3d 783, 794-95 (6th Cir, 2011). My Attorney never discussed any thing with me about an appeal, I had over heard heard inmates inside the Florence County Detention Center speaking about appealing ~~their~~ their cases if they had lost at trial, that's why I told Him to file for an Appeal. *Appel v. Horn*, 250 F.3d 203, 217, (3d Cir, 2001). I was misled into thinking that my Appeal was pending. *Solomon v. W.S.* 467 F.3d 928, 933-35 (6th Cir, 2006). I would have filed my own direct appeal if I knew I had the Appellate rights to do so, After my sentencing. But, even then, that would have been an issue, because After I had gotten sentenced on 12-7-2009, I was transferred immediately from the Florence County Detention Center to the Kirkland R&E in Columbia on 12-8-2009. During the transfer, All ~~the~~ inmate had to leave their property, including Legal documents for our families to pick up from the County Jail, (see ~~REA~~ Released 12-8-2009 sheet).

So, while at Kirkland R&E, I was on lockdown for 24 hours a day, only the time ~~was~~ the unit is out is for showers and to walk to the kitchen for meals, no phone calls, no Law Library Etc... An being that I had ten days to appeal my sentence on conviction, it was too late, because I stayed in Kirkland R&E over a month, so when I got to Prison (Lee County) I filed a Post-conviction Application, with the Florence County Clerk of Court. As I said, I had to leave everything, I had none of my legal documents, Barreto - Barreto V. U.S. 551 F.3d 95, 101 (1st Cir. 2008). So, I'm asking the court to have mercy on me because it really wasn't my fault that I didn't respond to the 10 day deadline in a timely fashion. This is my first time incarcerated, I'm not a person that cause or gets into trouble. I don't know the Law, the Attorney that I was Appointed, He knows the Law, He went to school for ~~the~~ that education, so I trusted Him. I never had His best interest at heart, that's the reason I tried to relieve Him as my Counsel, several times. So, I'm asking the court to consider my Appeal and role in my ~~favor~~ favor and grant me some type of relief and not make this order final so that my case can proceed on. Holland V. Fla, 560 U.S. 631, 645 (2010). I will also like the court to also look into this matter, what took place before December 7, 2009 the days before I got sentenced and my Attorney suppose to have Appeal my sentence on conviction,

Statement of the case

On March 2007 the 8th, The Florence County Grand Jury indicted me (Rontell Singletary) for murder, Indictment #2007-GS-21-00562. On May 6, 2008, I along with my Attorney G. Steven McLaurin moved for A Speedy ~~for~~ Trial (May 6, 2008), Notice of motion and motion for Speedy trial or to dismiss, (see document attach to Appeal). Judge Michael Nettle on 10-17-2008 order for my trial to be held on 3-16-2009, (that document is attached to Appeal). Now, when my trial date was approaching, the Solicitor Ed. Clement Held A Pre-trial on the 12th of March 2009, asking Judge Ralph King Anderson for A continuance. Now, be mindful that Ed. Clements on no member of the State filed an order or motion with no court requesting this continuance, ~~no continuance~~ no continuance motion or reason is find on Record by the State. W.S. V. SWarez - Perez, 484. F.3d 537, 542 (8th Cir. 2007). The hearing was Held, and at the Hearing Judge Ralph King Anderson told the Solicitor Ed. Clement over and over in front of me (Rontell Singletary) my Attorney C. Steven McLaurin, my co-defendant Jerode R. Mcfadden, ~~Jerode R. Mcfadden~~ and His Attorney Stevens G. Mikkell, that if He had ~~granted Him (Ed. Clements) the continuance~~ granted Him (Ed. Clements) the continuance to my Speedy trial, that it would be A Violation and that He (Judge Ralph King Anderson) would have to give me and my co-defendant PR Bonds due to the Violation. Ed. Clements agreed to the Judges order and went over my court date and held (March 16, 2009) and Held another Pre-trial on the 19th of March 2009 and March 26, 2009. There were no Court reporters in the Court Room, so only record shows what I'm telling you is the order for Personal Recognizance Bond for Jerode Mcfadden and the order for trial, both ordered BY Judge Ralph King Anderson, on March 26, 2009. See these documents attached to appeal.

As I had stated, my trial date was on 3-16-2009, and there was no order or motion filed with the court by Ed. Clements granted him the continuance to delay my trial without reason. That delay had prejudice my case and the outcome of it, I believe that the only reason why Ed. Clement the Solicitor had requested that continuance was for the state to gain a tactical advantage at trial. *Bierenbaum v. Graham*, 607 F.3d 36, 40, 52 (2 Cir. 2010)... Also, the State delayed my case only to pressure my co-defendant into taken a Polygraph test which I never saw no results from but the state said that he passed and has agreed to testify at trial for a lesser plea deal and a PR Bond, (see those documents attached to appeal). Now, according to Law, A Polygraph test is not to be use in A court of Law. Then why did Solicitor Ed Clement spoke about it during court? (see transcript Page 43 number 8 and 9... which is attach to this appeal. (U.S. v. Rodriguez-Alvarado, 985 ~~F.2d~~ F.2d 15, 19 (1st Cir. 1993). The prejudice to my case was when the state willingly without reason or an order filed, went over my court date (Trial) that Judge Michael Nettle had order to be held on 3-16-2009... Ten days After the Delay then the State allowed Jerode McFadden to take a Polygraph test and allowed Him to be a Potential witness in my case, which prejudice the outcome of my case. I was ready to go to Trial, and I'm willing to go to trial now to Prove my innocence!!! After that delay, Judge Ralph King Anderson had ordered my Trial to be set for 12-7-2009. (see document order for trial attached to appeal).

Standard of Review

The trial court's ruling on A motion for speedy trial is reviewed under an abuse of discretion standard. An abuse of discretion occurs when the court's decision is based on error of law or upon factual findings that are without evidentiary support. *State v. Hunsberger*, 418 S.C. 335, 794 S.E.2d 368 (2016) Reversed.

Argument

The Trial Judge erred in refusing to ~~dis~~ dismiss the indictment because Appellant was denied his state and federal constitutional right to A Speedy Trial. I (Rontell Singletary #338278) pled guilty to fatally stabbing Jimmy Wade Christmas on Dec. 7, 2009 in ~~696~~ Lake City S.C. I was arrested on 1-5-2006, I was indicted 14 months later on 3-8-2007, I had asserted my right to A Speedy Trial, that I never received. The six Amendment to the United States Constitution, provides, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to A Speedy and Public trial without unreasonable and unnecessary delay. *State v. Langford*, 400 S.C. 421, 441, 735, S.E.2d 471, 482 (2012). quoting *Wheeler v. State*, 247 S.C. 393, 408, 147 S.E.2d 627, 630 (1966) (1) The Remedy for A Speedy trial violation is dismissal of the charges, *Langford* 400 S.C. at 442, 735, S.E.2d at 482 (internal citation omitted). In determining whether A defendant has ~~ben~~ been deprived of the right to A Speed Trial, the courts must consider four factors: (1) The length of the delay; (2) The Reason for the delay; (3) The defendant's Assertion of the right; And (four) Prejudice to the ~~independent~~ Defendant. *Barker v. Wingo* 407 U.S. 514, 530, 92 S.Ct. 2182, 33 L.Ed 2d 101 (1972). Although there is A fix time in which A defendant must be tried, the right to A Speedy Trial may be violated where the delay is Arbitrary and unreasonable. *State v. Waites* 270 S.C. 104, 108, 240 S.E.2d 471, 482 (2012) the court wrote:

We begin our analysis with the "Trigger mechanism" of A speedy trial claim, which is the length of ~~the~~ the Delay. Barker 407 U.S. at 530, 92 S.Ct. 2182. We should not even examine the remaining factors "[U]ntil there is some delay which presumptively ~~prejudices~~ Prejudicial." Id "The clock starts running on A defendant's speedy trial right when He is indicted, arrested or otherwise officially accused." And therefore we are to include the time between arrest and indictment. United State v. macdonald 456 U.S. 1, 6, 102 S.Ct. 1497, 71 L.Ed 696 (1982). Doggett, 505 U.S. at 657. The state's failure to provide reasonable ~~explanation~~ explanation for the delay in calling the case for trial from the time of ~~the~~ my Arrest, Jan 5, 2006, until Dec. 7, 2009, weighs heavily against the state. The state's negligence in failing to call my case earlier created the need for the state to seek A continuance in the ~~early~~ March 2009, with A reason for the delay. Again, the state negligence in failing to call my case to trial ~~earlier~~ earlier had allowed A Potential witness (Jerode mcfadden) to agree to testify on the state's behalf, and that really ~~pre~~ Prejudiced my case, because Jerode mcfadden was testifying to A lie, He was gonna give the court A false statement. I was ready to go to trial on 3-16-2009, ~~and~~ and the Trial in december should ~~be~~ Also be weighed against the state. (3) AS to the third factor from Barker, Id (Rontell Singletary) assertion of the right to A speedy trial during may 2008. Whether A defendant previously asserted the right to A speedy trial is not alone Dispositive of whether He is entitled to relief. The delay in the in the present case is wholly attributed to the state. ~~Because~~ Even neutral reasons weigh against the state because "the ultimate responsibility for such circumstances must rest with the Government rather than with the defendant, Barker, 407 U.S. at 531. Although negligence is obviously to be weighed more lightly than deliberate intent to harm the accused's defense, it still falls on the wrong side of the divide between acceptable

and unacceptable reasons for delaying A Criminal Prosecution once it has begun. And such is the nature of the prejudice presumed that weight we assign to official negligence compounds over time as the presumption of evidentiary prejudice grows. Thus, our toleration of such negligence varies inversely with its protractedness... And its consequent threat to the fairness of the accused's trial, condoning prolonged and unjustifiable delays in prosecution would both penalize many defendants for the state's fault and simply encourage the government to gamble with the interests of criminal suspects assigned to A prosecutorial priority. The government, indeed, can hardly complain to loudly, for persistent neglect in concluding A criminal prosecution indicates an uncommonly feeble interest in bringing an accused to justice; the more weight the government attaches to securing A conviction, the harder it will try to get it. More v. Arizona, 414 U.S. 25, 26, (1973); see also United State v. Ferreira, 665 F.3d 701, 706-707 (6th Cir. 2011); U.S. v. Molina-Solorio, 577 F.3d 300, 307-308 (5th Cir. 2009); United State v. Faith, 181 F.3d 92 (4th Cir. 1999); the court granted relief while noting that He "did" indeed come up short in making "any affirmative showing that the delay weakened His ability to raise specific defenses, elicit specific testimony, or produce specific items of evidence. As A result, the court explained "we generally have recognized that excessive delay presumptively compromises the reliability of A trial in A that neither party can prove, or for that matter, identify." In light of the difficult nature of proving prejudice, the court held that the ~~important~~ importance of presumptive prejudice increases with the length of delay. Doggett 505 U.S. at 655-656. In the absence of proof of particularized prejudice, the state's negligence and A substantial delay will compel relief unless,

The presumption of prejudice is either "extenuated, by the defendant's acquiescence, or persuasively rebutted" by the Prosecution Id, at 658. The presumption of prejudice in the present case was neither extenuated by me (Rontell Singletary) acquiescence nor persuasively rebutted by the prosecution. Consider all four factors in the present case, the over 3 years and 11 months delay without any ~~had~~ reasonable explanation by the state, until March 16, 2009, when the state had to get a continuance because of the state's ~~negligence~~ negligence in failing to call my case earlier, & clearly assertion of prejudice, the court should find that my (Rontell Singletary) state and federal speedy trial rights were violated.

IN CONCLUSION

I will like to say that I am still willing to go to trial. I only pled guilty because my Attorney C. Steven McLaurin was not willing to support my ~~star~~ claims at or my defense at trial. He told me the best thing to do was to plea guilty. I still want to go to trial to prove I'm not a murderer, I didn't murdered Jimmy Wade Christmas, I'm ~~innocent~~ innocent!!! Based on the above argument, I will like to request that this court reverse my conviction and give me a new trial on a lesser plea. I'm innocent, I'm seeking some relief, I'm innocent!!!

According to Neil V. Biggers, "The court further explained that [i]t is the likelihood of misidentification which violates a defendant's right to ~~due~~ Due Process" further, courts need not inquire into the reliability of an eyewitness identification. (5 Biggers factors:)

- 1) The eyewitness degree of attention at the time of the crime;
- 2) The witness's degree of attention at the time of the crime;
- 3) The Accuracy of the witness's description of the culprit prior to the witness identification;
- 4) The witness's level of certainty when identifying the defendant at the confrontation;
- 5) The length of time between the crime and the confrontation.

Please find in this appeal my co-defendant's Jerode ~~ma~~ McFadden statement that He gave to the investigator when He turned Himself in freely. Jerode McFadden was the or suppose to be the State's main and KEY eyewitness in this case, so I want the court to see what my Attorney C. Steven McLaurin failed to see and have dismiss (thrown out). Jerode McFadden made His tape statement on 1-5-2006, and while making His statement the or LT, Bonnette was leading Him to lie and make false statement to help out His claims (case). On page 1 of Jerode McFadden's statement, you can see clearly that LT, Bonnette said that Jerode can not read or write, (I marked the statement). Now, on page 7 numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of statement of Jerode McFadden, you can clearly see how LT, Bonnette led Him into saying Uptowns. Which I never had on that night, on own ever. My closet was searched by the Police and no Uptowns was found, only the other four pairs of shoes I owned. From what my Attorney told me, the victim had a round shoe print on His shirt that didn't matched none of the shoes that was find in my closet. That paper work or evidence about the print of the shoe never came up in evidence or in my Rule 5. That's must what have led LT, Bonnette to think that I had on a pair of Uptowns that night. Now, throughout Jerode McFadden entire statement from page 1 to 12 He never told LT, Bonnette that I tried to Rob no one, nor He never said the word Robbery, but, now, come page 13 numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of ~~Jerode's~~ statement of Jerode McFadden, you can see clearly that LT, Bonnette led Him into lying about He stated earlier that I try to rob the victim.

When clearly Jerode said to LT. Bonnette that I had no reason for assaulting the victim, and that He didn't know why I did it. me (Rontell Singletary) and Jerode never even had a conversation about me trying to rob the victim at all! He was led by LT. Bonnette to plainly tell A flat out ~~lie~~ Lie! I also Added in this appeal some of my plea and PCR Transcript sheet for the court to review. In Jerode McFadden's open statement He told LT. Bonnette that when He left me, I was Bloody UP and Burning UP stuff Right? see statement of Jerode McFadden Page 5 numbers 1. now, in Jerode McFadden's later statement, He told LT. Bonnette the Police was already there, when He was ~~there~~ there, see statement of Jerode McFadden Page 17 numbers 6 and 7. So, you'll telling me, that while the Police or Policies are on the scene of A crime along with the crowd of people I was walking around Bloody UP and Burning stuff? there is no statement to support what Jerode McFadden was telling LT. Bonnette. Now remember, He said to LT. Bonnette that I was in my yard on the road Burning stuff (towel). ~~see~~ see statement of Jerode McFadden Page 5 numbers 2 and 3 and 4. police is on the crime scene which is right there about 20 feet from my Home, I could literally stand on the tongue of my Trailer and see the Crime scene and Ms. Delphine's house where the crowd ~~where~~ were, and you mean to tell me no one smelled smoke or saw me burning ~~at~~ towels and a suppose to be shirt? Honestly, when Jerode McFadden had left me, the area was fill with people, I never burned nothing UP or was walking around Bloody, there is no statement that can support what Jerode told LT. Bonnette, but there is A statement that was made BY Solicitor Ed. Clements that Contradicts what Jerode said, see Transcript sheet Page 45 numbers 3, 4 and 5. Ed. Clement stated also that some witnesses or individuals that was at Ms. Ettaphine's house, who also is known as Delphine, saw me with Blood on my shirt, which no Bloody shirt was find. see Transcript sheet Page 44 numbers 22, 23, 24 and 25.

There is no statement supporting what Solicitor Ed. Clements claimed. I have all the statements of the witnesses, and the two witness who had questioned me face to face had question me about Blood on a towel, never on my clothing that I wore. See memorandum of interview of Clarissa Burgess and Lakeisha Graham, which is attached to the Appeal. That towel was never find because I never had blood on it, it was Bar B and sauce, see transcript sheet page 45 numbers 1 and 2. Jerode McFadden stated to LT Bonnette that the victim in this case Jimmy Wade Christmas was still alive and living when I took him over to see him (victim). See statement of Jerode McFadden page 7 numbers 8 and 9. I stated the same thing that he was alive, see statement of Rontell Singletary page 4 number 1. So, now Jerode McFadden said during his opening statement that he went back over to Delphine's house and chilled not long, but for a couple of seconds after I showed him that I beat up the victim, see statement of Jerode McFadden page 3 number 7 and also see statement of Jerode McFadden page 4 number 1. Then, I supposedly had left him, (still no blood on me until I returned) went around the corner stabbed the victim twice and return to him ~~over at~~ Delphine's house covered in blood. There is no statement to support what he's saying, now, look at what the Solicitor Ed. Clements claimed. ~~Ed. Clements~~ see transcript sheet page 40 numbers 12 through 25, and also see transcript sheet page 41 numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Now Ed. Clement said that witnesses had witnessed blood on my towel and clothing. Red flag, why did not these witness strive to find out why I had blood on me when I knew them all, we went to school together and hung out daily, or why did no on actually watched me closely to see what I was up to, according to Ed. Clement they just went back into the house and I didn't go. Really, then out of the blue came an argument and I came back.

That's A Lie. Jerode McFadden's story contradicts what the Solicitor Ed. Clements told the court, In any given Sunday, if someone sees an individual that they know for years with blood on them, they're gonna be concerned, asking questioning like, are you alright, or who you were fighting? especially inside a Black community! So let's look closely at what Jerode McFadden and Mr. Ed Clements is ~~claiming~~ claiming, they want the court to accept that 1) I left Delphine's house and went and assault a man on the victim; 2) I came back bloody up (according to Ed's statement, not Jerode) witnesses saw me but had no concern, got Jerode, took him, showed him the victim then he went back to Delphine's house; then 3) then I went back stabbed the man twice in the chest and came back to Delphine's resident bloody up, (according to Jerode's statement, I didn't murder no one, but lest be honest here, why doing all that time the victim didn't just get up and leave or even attempt to yell for help? He was right there in a yard!!! Think about it for a minute. Then if I was moving around on taking trips around the corner constantly, why did no one make a statement about that? because it's a lie! Be mindful Delphine's resident is about 20 feet from where the crime scene was located. See not scale sheet, which is attached to the appeal. I only came to Delphine's house once and my statement along with Clarissa Burgess and Lakeisha Graham can support that. See statement of Rontell Singletary ~~page 8 number 8~~ page 8 number 8, At the time of the argument, that was the only time I had returned.

And see cad incident detail sheet, and you can see clearly that ms. Delphine Burgess who again is known as Ettaphine Burgess had called 911 on 1-4-2006 at 23:18:48 about people she didn't know who was refusing to leave her front yard. Those people were the crowd and Jerode McFadden. Again, that's when I can back, I never came back over and over again. I came from my house as He (Jerode McFadden) had stated, I never came from around the corner near the crime scene, I was in my ~~yard~~ mother's home and then I came outside, and got Jerode. Told him that I fought the victim took him back back and he got his baby pampers and went home, I stayed because to me, I had no reason to run, it was just a fight, I never left my mother house and told Jerode that I kill anyone, He's lying! I returned to the place where the victim was laying when the police had arrived, I was with everybody else in the community. In Jerode early statement he claimed to chill for a couple of seconds at Delphine's house, then contradicts himself in his later statement saying that he chilled for a minute. see ~~page~~ statement of Jerode McFadden page 9 number 1. Never no where in his opening statement He said that I stabbed the victim, He just stated that I said I kill or thought I kill somebody. Now in his later statement He's claiming that I told him that I stabbed the victim, see statement of Jerode McFadden page 21 number 1. Clearly you can see that Jerode is making up a story as he go, Now Jerode stated that as soon as I came and got him I pulled him around the house and started burning stuff. Remember in his opening statement He never stated nothing about me pulling him around no house, see statement of Jerode McFadden page 4 number 1

Also, remember there was A gang of People outside including the Police, see Statement of Jerode McFadden Page 9 number 3 and see Statement of Jerode McFadden Page 10 number 1. Remember He said I Pulled Him around the House while Police was in the area (Present), told Him I Stabbed the dude and Started burning up stuff, see statement of Jerode McFadden ~~21~~ Page 21 number 1. now, be mindful, I never Pulled Jerode around no House, because we was standing in the road as He Stated to LT. Bonnette, where He claimed that I began to burn things. see ~~Jerode McFadden~~ Statement of Jerode McFadden page 5 number 3. why no where in no statements no one stated that I Pulled Jerode around a house or that I burned clothing if His claims is true? And why didn't Jerode told our class mates and the people that we knew about our entire lives about me assaulting a man (Victim) if He Actually went back and chilled for a minute or couple of seconds after I ~~showed~~ showed Him that I assaulted the victim, don't add WP's you know why He didn't told them, because He never had returned to DePhine's Home when I took him over to the victim, He just got His Bike and Child Pampers and went Home. Jerode stated to LT. Bonnette many times that the police was there (Present) at the time that I was allegedly Bloody and Burning stuff, see statement of Jerode McFadden Page 11 numbers 1, 2 and 3 and see statement of Jerode McFadden Page 12 numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. The same man (LT Bonnette) that Jerode is making a false statement to was Present before Jerode McFadden got his Bike out of my house and before He left, but remember, when He said He left I was burning up stuff and Bloody, while the Police is out there.

In Jerode mcfadden opening statement He told LT. Bonnette that He got His Bicycle out of my House and the Pampers and left. see statement of Jerode mcfadden page 5 number 1. So, if You got Your Bike and left immediately, how were Jerode around to see me Burn anything? Also, He said He never seen me changed, & still was in the same clothing, see statement of Jerode mcfadden page 14 numbers 1 and 2. But, ~~how can~~ also, He never stated that when we came out of my Home, I had clothing in my hand or anything, see statement of Jerode mcfadden page 15 numbers 1 through 8. If I went into my own Home, don't You think I would change clothing if I was Bloody or cover in Blood as He stated? Jerode told LT. Bonnette that the incident (crime) had to happen around 10 o'clock because He was Home around 11 o'clock, see statement of Jerode mcfadden page 18 numbers 1, 2 and 3. Jerode was lying! He wasn't Home around 11 o'clock Because Delphine didn't call the police on Him (Jerode) until 23:18:48 the night of the incident, see cad incident detail sheet. Jerode mcfadden's entire statement is A Lie!!! A made up story that that The state took to be true Just to get a conviction. Take another closer look at Jerode closing statement of Jerode mcfadden page 21 number 1. He said that I told Him that I stabbed the victim and started Burning up stuff and that I pulled Him around the house. What House?

Jerode McFadden told LT. Bonnette that He had never seen me change my clothing, that was A lie. He (Jerode) was the reason why I took off the clothing, see statement of Ronell Singletary Page 9 number 2 and also see statement of Ronell Singletary Page 8 number 2. Jerode never went back to Delphine's Home, He left and went home, so the lie about He went back to Delphine's house was a plain out lie. read my statement, I have no reason to lie. Think about it, why lie to stay in prison, when I could have just lied and told the State that He did the crime and went Home. Also, see transcript sheet page 42 numbers 16 through 23. Clearly you can see that Celest Graham told policies that I had blood on me earlier than when I came at Jerode, than I went and changed clothing. Forensics / ~~Crime~~ Crime scene technician Kim Cockfield who had drew up a sketch of the crime scene and multiple trailers and the roads (streets) My mother's Fannie house is in the sketch, Delphine's house is in the sketch and Russal, where the victim's body was found, at in His yard, His Home is in the sketch. now let me do some correction, My mother's Fannie Address is not on this sketch, where 115 Westover St. Lot 1 B is, that's actually my mother's Home, and the correct address is 125 Westover St. Lot 6. The Above Address, Lot 1 B is Russal's Address, and # 122 Westover St. lot 4 is actually Delphine's Burgess Home. see Not to scale sheet attached to Appeal. I'm pointing this out, because that's a small area, if anyone is standing in my mother's yard, or Delphine's yard or Russal's yard, that person will be able to see all ~~that~~ that white section that's on that rough sketch, that's how small it is. ~~There is~~ there are no trees, bushes or Trailer houses blocking a person's view for seeing that entire section. now, you'll telling me that according to Ed. Clements statement, I was viewed by a crowd of people (witnesses) with blood on me, and those people allowed me to leave their presence multiple times without watching to see where I go? There is no statements supporting the story that He is mimicing, which Jerode claimed.

When all the crowd of people had to do was look, and they would have seen me constantly going back and forth around the corner, that story Jerode told was a lie! According to law, the rule against Admissibility of Hearsay evidence does not render declarant's statement against interest inadmissible, as governing rule requires that the declarant be unavailable, the statement must subject the declarant to criminal liability such that a reasonable person would not have made the statement unless he believed it to be true, and the statement must be corroborated by circumstances clearly indicating trustworthiness, Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) we just read about Jerode McFadden's entire statement, there is nothing trustworthy about his statement! Under the federal rule of evidence Hearsay exception for statements against Penal interest, the statement must bear Adequate indicia of Reliability, such that adversarial testing would be expected to add little if anything, ~~the~~ to the statement's Reliability, Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) The clothing that was found underneath my mother's home did not belong to me! see statement of Ronell Singletary, ~~Read it~~ pages 21, 22 and 23 Read the entire pages. I never owned the coat, pants, socks, only thing I did own was that Baseball cap, that came from my Room. Throughout that entire time that the investigators spoke with me, neither of them ever took the time out to ask me to describe what the clothing look like that I wore that night of the crime, because according to Jerode's statement, I burned up my clothing, so who those clothing belong to? I don't have a copy of the Forensic Services Laboratory Report because I sent them to the Innocent Project.

BUT inside those reports shows that the clothing that were find underneath my mother's home had MULTIPLE DNA on them, (Mixture). I requested A DNA test several times and never receive none. I wanted to show the state that my DNA ~~can~~ could not connect me to those clothing period, State V. Ramsey 345 S.C. 607 JULY 23, 2001. MY DNA would not be find on those clothing Because I didn't wore them. The State never DNA tested me (Rontell Singletary) nor Jerode Mcfadden to see was we are DNA involve in that mixture on the clothing. No ABO testing was given to see whether that actually was the victim's Blood on the clothing, And that is A Violation to Due Process not to Have the ABO testing. 41 misc. 3d 554 Supreme court, Bronx county- New York. People of the State of New York V. David Bryant, April 11, 2013. In Wilbert Hinton V. Commissioner of Correction Nos. CV-88-588, 86-167 June 22, 1990, when Dr. Stolman tested the accused man in the case, His Blood type was A-Positive, and the dude who actually committed the crime Blood type was, B. When An ABO testing is completed, A notice that the report has been filed shall be mailed by Certified mail to All Parties by the Clerk of Court or shall be served in ~~at~~ accordance with Code of Civil Procedure article 1314. I never received a notice, or none of the Attorney's that represented me because the ABO testing wasn't Done! But, solicitor Ed. Clement stated clearly that I had Jimmy Wade Christmas Blood on me. see transcript Sheet page 43 numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. But, How would Ed. Clements know that it was the victim's Blood, if He don't even know the victim's Blood TYPE???

AN ABO testing were never completed, so How can the Solicitor Ed. Clement state clearly to the Court that the Blood belong to the Victim? That Blood could have belong to me!

My Attorney Steven McLaurin stated on Record that the Knife was the cause of Death (stabbing). see transcript sheet Page 31 numbers 1 and 2. I never seen that Knife that the LCPD found in Ditch, I never owned it, nor was it find in my Possession, nor was my Prints on it, see forensic services Laboratory report sheet. I never had a weapon charge period on did a ~~weapon~~ charge ~~get~~ have a weapon charge dismiss, which the Judge asked at my PCR Hearing. Mr. Spencer said might be a weapon charge, see Transcript sheet Page 6 numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. So, I & I never was in Possession of the murder weapon or even Had a ~~murder charge~~, weapon charge, How can you say I murder someone. My Appointed Attorney Steven McLaurin told the court that me and him had discussed the Pros and the Cons of my case, see transcript sheet ²⁷ numbers 1 and 2. BUT my Attorney is stated that Jerode McFadden testimony was the main testimony that was in ~~my~~ my case, see transcript sheet ~~Page~~ Page 30 numbers 17 and 18, ~~we~~ I just exposed the ~~to~~ All the lies in Jerode statement, so what makes His statement the main testimony? It's A Lie! the whole entire statement is A Lie! meaning, my Attorney lied to the Court when He talking about we discussed Pros and Cons, because if we did than He would have never stated that the main testimony was Jerode's statement.

Jerode McFadden didn't have no accurate knowledge of the crime that had took place on 1-4-2006 and He told LT. Bonnette that throughout His entire statement. He said that He wasn't present when I Allegedly Kill the Victim, that He didn't seen me Allegedly Kill the Victim, He never seen me with a knife, He never saw the Knife, He didn't knew anything! He told LT. Bonnette that I told Him that I did the crime, and they believed Him only to support their case, they knew that Jerode was lying! That's Hearsay: "The Goal of Hearsay rule is to make sure the evidence at trial is reliable as possible". For example, if Bob is on trial for murder, Henry can't testify that Bob ~~is~~ He heard Bob Claire say ~~before~~ that before the events in question Bob had A Gun and was acting like A maniac. The court needs Claire's testimony regarding Her exact observation. The only thing the Jerode McFadden actually observed was an injured Jimmy Wade Christmas on the ground Alive when I had took Him back, as He stated, Jerode never saw me allegedly committed no crime. "In Everyday Law, "Witness" means someone who sees or observes something, and not heard something. And 'Declarant' means someone who says something Under Oath. Debra Williams who was SGT. At the time of the incident (1-4-2006) had conducted a search at my mother Home on 1-5-2006, see consent to search sheet attach to Appeal. SGT. Debra William stated under oath that She had began Her search of my mother Fannie Singletary Home at 4 o'clock A.M.. That was a lie! I have the Proof! see the Photo that is attached to Appeal. ~~Debra Williams~~ ~~At the bottom right corner of the~~ Look at the top two Photos of the cap or Hat, and look at the Bottom right corner and you'll see what time that she actually began searching the Home of my mother, it was 3:39 and 3:40 A.M. when SGT. Debra Williams were inside my mother's Home searching.

So that means that she (SGT. Williams) made
A false Statement (Report), FRANKS V. DELAWARE
438 W.2d 154. She was inside my mother's Home without
my mother's Consent, my mother gave Her the
Consent to enter, & believe at 4:00 clock A.M. due to
other Photo times, see Photo attached to ~~app~~ appeal.
the Photo on top left clearly shows the time on
the bottom right corner is 4:07 A.M. and also
on the top right clearly shows 4:07 A.M.
That was an illegal search that SGT. Debra Williams
had executed because it wasn't in line with
Policy. U.S. V. TAYLOR 636 F.3d 461, 464-65
(8th Cir. 2011) Also, Debra Williams search of my
mother's Home had Violated Standard Procedure
because she was inside the house illegally,
U.S. V. LUMPKIN, 159 F.3d 983, 987-88 (6th
Cir. 1998) The Judge never Dated and signed
Signed the search warrant until the 9th of
January, see ~~see~~ ~~consent~~ to return sheet,
on the bottom left side. That ~~was~~ search
warrant is invalid! PEOPLE V. TAYLOR NOS.
3-89-0186 to 3-89-0192, June 13, 1990.
A search warrant is void Ab initio if not
signed by A Judge Prior to the search.
The Judge did not signed ~~this~~ the search
warrant that Debra Williams had Executed
before the search, She signed it five
days later, the crime took place on
1-4-2006, the warrant wasn't signed
by A Judge until 1-9-2006.

That means that the search warrant was invalid,
so the evidence that was obtained illegally
should be thrown away, dismiss. A defendant
has standing to challenge the admission of ~~illegally~~
illegally ~~searched~~ obtained evidence only if
the defendant's own constitutional rights were
violated, which mines was, my 4th Amendment.
Protect (search warrant) an ~~into~~ individual's
reasonable expectation of privacy, especially in
his or her own home - and possessions against
unjustified police intrusions. What Debra Williams
conducted was an invalid inventory search, because
it was not in line with police policy, and was
contradiction. *Wis. v. Johnson*, 936 F.2d 1082, 1084
(9th Cir. 1991). A warrant does require the correct
date and signature by Judge prior to search
of for insurance, section code 108-4.
Be mindful that a SGT. Debra Williams were
fined and arrested for taken money (\$40) from
a person that she suppose to have arrested,
Shortly after I had gotten arrested, I
said that to say, maybe a ~~Judge~~ Judge
didn't signed the search warrant, maybe
SGT. Williams signed it herself, who
knows, ~~she~~ she is dirty.

I was appointed Attorney C. Steven McLaurin on Dec. 17, 2007, see Appointment of Counsel sheet attached to appeal. He came out and visited me in January at the Florence County Detention Center. His (Mr. McLaurin) whole goal was to get me to plea guilty at that time of His visit, because He felt that He could have gotten me a 20 year plea because Jack Lawson, who was my Solicitor at the time was about to be revoked from being a Solicitor, back to a Public Defender because He (Mr. Lawson) had revoked Marcus Martin Bond and had Him Placed back in Jail, when He (Mr. Lawson) didn't suppose to do that. Be mindful, I just got Mr. Steven as an Attorney in December 2007, now it's 2008 January and He wants me to plea - when He never knew what was even going on inside of my case, because He didn't even Have A copy of my Motion of Discovery. But, He (Mr. McLaurin) was doing His best to get me to plea, so He pulled me up to court in the Florence County ~~Gov~~ Complex twice in January 2008, wanted me to plea, when I refused, that's when He had filed the motion for Disclosure of Evidence in on Feb. 4th 2008. ~~He didn't want to hear my side of the case, so he had filed~~ see that document attached to appeal. Mr. McLaurin still had refused to help me out and Hear my side of the case, so I had Him filed a motion to be relieved as Counsel, see motion to be relieved as counsel attached to appeal. also At trial, I tried to relieve Mr. McLaurin once again, see transcript sheet page 22 number 1 through 14. Also, transcript sheet page 23 number 6 through 13.

BUT, Solicitor Ed. Clements stated that Mr. McLaurin was doing a good job, see transcript sheet page 23 number 15 through 25. I never was afraid to go to trial, I just didn't want to go through a trial with an Attorney that wasn't helping me and had no intention to help me. Mr. McLaurin goal at trial was totally different from my goal, see transcript sheet page 30 number 14 through 22... Mr. McLaurin wanted to point the finger at Jerode McFadden, who never even committed the crime or was there, which I stated in my statement, see statement of Rontell Singletary page 13 numbers 4 and 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. I wasn't wanted to point no finger at no one, He just wanted me to tell a flat out lie and have Jerode McFadden go to Prison for a crime that He didn't committed. If Mr. McLaurin had actual read my statement, He would see that I clearly stated that Jerode didn't commit the crime, and He wouldn't want to point the finger at Him, My, Attorney Mr. McLaurin was doing His best to force me to go to trial before the Judge and Juries and tell them a ~~lie~~ lie about Jerode ~~murdered~~ murdered the victim, my (Rontell Singletary) Goal was to ~~let~~ follow what the evidence showed in my case and tell the truth despite the outcome, Evidence don't lie I didn't murder the victim, I fought the victim as I stated periodically.

MY Attorney And the Solicitor Ed. Clement had just wanted someone to be convicted, even if it (conviction) came from a lie. You can see in my Attorney's statement that I didn't have his best interest, He (Mr. McLaurin) said that He didn't think that I would be successful, in trial, see transcript sheet Page 31 number 5 through 11.. That should show the court that Mr. McLaurin was not listening to what I wanted to do at trial, and He was not preparing for trial with me, because He already told you that He was preparing to point the finger at my co-defendant, this is my ~~life~~ life and freedom, He (Mr. McLaurin) should be not making His own rule of what to do at trial, He didn't care about me! All He wanted ~~me~~ for me to do was go inside of the Court Room on Dec. 7, 2009 and tell a lie about seeing Jerode murdering the victim. The same PR Bond and Lessor Plea deal that the Solicitor Had offered to Jerode McFadden, He ALSO Had offered it to me, to take a Polygraph, and if I would have passed it as saying Jerode McFadden had kill the victim then I could have went home on March 26, 2009, because I have done been incarcerated for 3 years and 3 months. The Deal was offered to me first, and when I refused, MY Attorney told me that they was gonna offer it to Jerode.

So, imagine if I would have gotten on that polygraph test and passed as Jerode did, telling a lie, an innocent man would have been in Prison for no reason, just as I am. Those people, (Solicitor and Attorneys) took advantage of us because we were young and dumb! Next, my Attorney tried to get me to take a polygraph test to prove that the weapon that the victim was murdered wasn't mine's. I (Rontell Singletary) informed him, is I'm charged with a weapon, and what do my ~~rate's~~ motion of discovery tells you? All those people wanted was to see someone get lock up whether we did it or not, A new trial will show a ~~diffent~~ different outcome.

In Conclusion

Please take notice of all the false allegations that I (Rontell Singletary) was accused of. In my opening statement I showed how LT Bonnette led Jerode McFadden into saying that I wore ~~Upton~~ Uptown sneakers the night of the incident (1-4-2006), which I didn't wear, see statement of Rontell Singletary page 20 numbers 1 and 2, that is attach to the appeal. I had on a pair of black and white flaps the night of the incident. I was just leaving my mother's home to go around the corner to the store to get some items, so I slipped on my flaps. While going to the store, this is when I encounter the victim (Jimmy Wade ~~Chaton~~ Christmas). see statement of Rontell Singletary page 11 numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, ~~5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100~~. As you can see, I wasn't out to harm no one, who goes out to commit a murder in flaps? Also, I didn't even have a weapon, and I never was looking to encounter Mr. Christmas. As you can see from my statement, He was accusing me of robbing Him, He had me confused with someone else because He (Mr. Christmas) was intoxicated, see Transcript sheet page 47 numbers 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. the document is attached to appeal. Also, see Voluntary statement by A Rhode Floyd, document attached to appeal. As I stated in my statement, A foot print was find on the crime scene that didn't ~~Belong~~ belong to me nor Jerode McFadden, Actually, the foot print was on the victim's shirt, I stated that Another person came around the corner to LT Bonnette, but no one ~~it~~ did a further investigation into the ~~for~~ foot print found on victim or investigate the suspected person I said came around the corner. Another thing, All of those Allegations that my co-defendant Jerode McFadden and solicitor Ed. Clement claimed against me, there was no statements on record to support there ~~Att~~ Allegation. W.S. V Patterson, 20 F.3d 809, 815 (10th Cir.) cert. denied 115 S.Ct 273 (1994)

I'm asking the court to rule in my favor and do not make the final order of dismissal final, that was signed and dated by the Honorable Judge William H. Seals, JR on July, 19 2020 that was filed with the Florence County Clerk of Court August 26, 2020 by Michael D. Davidson the Assistant Attorney General. I don't believe that if it wasn't for my Attorney C. Steven McLaurin failing to look into my case more effectively, we would have not be at the stage that we're at right now. I gave my life away for a crime that I have not committed and I got sentence like A Career ~~Crime~~ Criminal on my first offense, and the state never did had the elements to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that I (Rontell Singletary) had committed murder. I'm not a bad person. Growing up, I stayed in school and church, I graduated in 2002. I immediately took up side jobs and help out inside of my community to stay out of trouble (Prison). I'm 37 years old, have no kids and already served 15 years for A crime that I didn't even committed I'm innocent. And I'm asking the court not to make the order final so I can go back to the Lower courts and have A chance to prove my innocence.

Thank You!!!

Court of Appeals of
South Carolina

Rontell Singletary # 338278
Applicant
✓

State of South Carolina
Respondent

Notice of
Appeal

2019-CP-21-1587

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SC Court of Appeals

Applicant hereby appeal the Judgement
of the Final order of Dismissal signed
by William H. Seals, JR. on July,
19 2020, filed August 26, 2020 and
received by Applicant on 9-1-2020

Inmate Singletary, Bonell Booking 2009-0063

Has been released from the Florence County Detention Center
on 12-8 2009 and has property remaining at the facility that he/she
requests to be released to: Singletary, Fannie Sue

or a designee of that person. This property will be claimed for fourteen
days from the date above and will then be discarded. You may pick the
property up from the Detention Center Monday - Friday between the hours
of 8:30am & 5:00pm excluding holidays. Please bring this card along with
a picture label when picking up the property.

Inmate Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/8/09

Released
12/08/09

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ARREST WARRANT

I-331139

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

LAKE CITY

THE STATE

against

DORIS POULOS O'HARA
CCCP & GS
FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

2009 JUN 10 PM 2:11

RONTELL SINGLETARY

Address: 125 WESTOVER ST LOT # 6

LAKE CITY SC 29560

Date of Birth: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5-6 Weight: 130

State: DL#:

DOB: 1984 Agency ORI#: SC0210200

Prosecuting Agency: LAKE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Prosecuting Officer: SGT. DEBRA WILLIAMS

Offense: MURDER/MURDER

Offense Code: 0116

Order/Ordinance Sec. 16-03-0010

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: 01/05/2006

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

Defendant RONTELL SINGLETARY

1-5-06

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

LAKE CITY MUNICIPAL COURT

202 KELLEY STREET

LAKE CITY, SC 29560

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

LAKE CITY

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant SGT. DEBRA WILLIAMS

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant RONTELL SINGLETARY

did within this county and state on 01/04/2006 to 01/04/2006

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of LAKE CITY

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 16-03-0010 / 0116/MURDER/MURDER

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit

the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

AFFIANT HAS EVIDENCE AND WITNESS TO PROVE THE SAME. ON JANUARY 4, 2006 DEFENDANT AND CO-DEFENDANT DID COMMIT THE CRIME. DEFENDANT AND CO-DEFENDANT DID WILLFULLY AND UNLAWFULLY MURDER THE VICTIM. THE DEFENDANT AND CO-DEFENDANT TOOK AN OBJECT AND WITH MALICE DID CONTINUOUSLY STRIKE THE VICTIM IN THE FACE. THE DEFENDANT AND CO-DEFENDANT THEN BEGAN KICKING THE VICTIM WHILE HE WAS ON THE GROUND. THEN WITH A SHARP OBJECT THE DEFENDANT AND CO-DEFENDANT STABBED THE VICTIM TWICE IN THE CHEST AND SEVERAL TIMES IN THE NECK. VICTIM SUSTAINED A BROKEN NOSE, LACERATION TO THE NECK AND CHEST, AND A CRUSHED ADAMS APPLE. THE INJURIES RESULTED IN THE VICTIM'S DEATH. THE VICTIM WAS DECEASED AT THE ARRIVAL OF LCPE. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 115-B WESTOVER STREET IN LAKE CITY SC.

Signature of Affiant

Sgt. Debra Williams

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of

LAKE CITY

Affiant's Address 202 KELLEY STREET

LAKE CITY SC 29560

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on 01/04/2006 defendant RONTELL SINGLETARY

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☐ County/ ☒ Municipality of LAKE CITY) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: MURDER / MURDER

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to the law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 01/05/2006

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Judge Code: 6582

Judge's Address 202 KELLEY STREET

LAKE CITY

SC 29560

Judge's Telephone

Issuing Court:

☐ Magistrate☐ Municipal☒ Circuit

Case: 06-00017

ORIGINAL

WITNESSES
CHIEF BILLY BROWN LCPD

Williams

PROS: JW

D/O: 01-04-2006



ARREST WARRANT NO.
1331139 (1), 1331140 (1)

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

K. M. Jones
Foreman of Grand Jury

VERDICT

TRUE BILL

Foreman of Petit Jury Date:

DOCKET NO. 2007 - GS - 21 - 00562

The State of South Carolina,

County of FLORENCE

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

MARCH TERM 2007

THE STATE

vs.

JERODE ROMEL MCFADDEN

RONTELL SINGLETARY

Indictment for

MURDER

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INDICTMENT FOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

MURDER

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on MARCH 8, 2007, the Grand Jurors of FLORENCE

County present upon their oath:

COUNT ONE - MURDER

That JERODE ROMEL MCFADDEN AND RONTELL SINGLETARY did in FLORENCE County on or about January 04, 2006, violate Sections 16-03-0010, 0020 and 16-01-0060 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, in that they did feloniously, wilfully and with malice aforethought kill one Jimmy Wade Christmas, by means of beating him repeatedly in the head, by kicking him and by hitting him repeatedly in the face with an object, and by stabbing him in the chest and neck with a sharp object, and that the said Jimmy Wade Christmas did die as a proximate result thereof.

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



SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
COUNTY OF FLORENCE) WARRANT NO.: I-331139

The State of South Carolina,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Rontell Singletary,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF MOTION
AND MOTION FOR SPEEDY TRIAL
OR TO DISMISS

TO: TWELFTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE: E. L. CLEMENTS, III,
SOLICITOR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, by and through his undersigned attorney, will move for a speedy trial, or in the alternative, to dismiss the arrest warrant against him. The defendant has been charged with murder and has been incarcerated since January 2006. Upon information and belief, this delay is attributable to the State, and has severely prejudiced the Defendant. He desires that the charges be dismissed, or that he receive a speedy trial. This motion is based upon U.S. Const., Amend. VI, S.C. Const. art. I, Sec. 9, and Rule 3, SCRCrimP.

Respectfully submitted,


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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

The State,)

Petitioner,)

vs.)

ORDER FOR TRIAL

JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ, STACY
EVANS, DEVODUS ROUSE, JAMAR
BROWN, JAMEL BROWN, JAMIE
BRAYBOY, ANTONIO BRAYBOY,
CARLOS THOMAS, ANTONION
MCCLAM, WALTER POWELL, JR.,
DOMINIC ELLISON, DONTÉ CAPERS,
JERODE MCFADDEN, RONTELL
SINGLETERY, ROJELIO GARCIA, AND
RICHARD JOHNSON,

Defendant(s).)

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Pursuant to Case Status Conferences held on Friday, October 17, 2008, with defense counsel appearing for the defendants, and attorneys with the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office representing the State; the following cases have been set for trial:

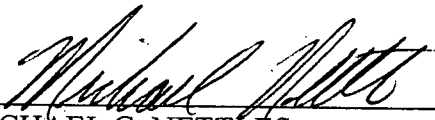
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	JAMEL BROWN	S. HILL / PRO SE	01-12-09
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	ANTONIO BRAYBOY	E. CLEMENTS / S. MIKELL	01-12-09
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	ANTONIO MCCLAM	E. CLEMENTS / TURNER	01-19-09
	WALTER POWELL, JR.	E. CLEMENTS / G. BALLENGER	01-19-09
08-133	DOMINIC ELLISON	R. WELLS / J. ETHERIDGE	01-19-09
08-1247	DONTÉ CAPERS	J. JEPERTINGER / C. MCKNIGHT	01-19-09

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 08-627 RICHARD JOHNSON
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 08-871 RICHARD JOHNSON
 J-398564, 565 RICHARD JOHNSON

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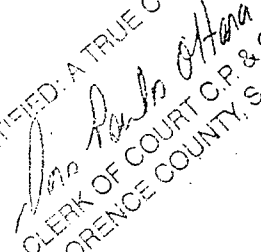
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


 MICHAEL G. NETTLES
 RESIDING JUDGE
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)
THE STATE,)
PETITIONER,)
VS.)
JERODE R. MCFADDEN AND)
RONTELL SINGLETARY)
DEFENDANTS.)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
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This matter came before this Court upon the Motion of Steven G. Mikell, attorney for the Defendant, Jerode R. McFadden, and in the presence of C. Stevens McLaurin, attorney for the Co-Defendant, Rontell Singletary, and Edgar L. Clements, III, Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

After hearing from all Counsel, it appears to this Court that the Defendant, Jerode R. McFadden, has been in jail for almost thirty-nine months, has passed a polygraph test, has agreed to testify for the State at trial, and has no prior record of import. Because of this, this Court comes to the ineluctable conclusion that a personal recognizance bond is appropriate for the Defendant, Jerode R. McFadden. IT IS, THEREFORE

ORDERED, pursuant to the dictates of The South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Sections 17-15-10 through 17-15-40, that the Defendant, Jerode R. McFadden, is to be immediately released on a personal recognizance bond, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Defendant shall remain within the boundaries of Florence County at all times until this matter is disposed of by trial or plea;
- 2) The Defendant shall remain at his residence at all times, subject to the following exceptions only;
 - a) The Defendant must be taken to a medical doctor or hospital for medical treatment;
 - b) The Defendant desires to attend church services, but in that event, he must be in church or on his way to or from church;
 - c) The Defendant has a job, but in that event, he must be at the job site or on his way to or from the job site.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
INDICTMENT NO: 07-GS-21-562

The State,)

Petitioner,)

vs.)

JERODE R. MCFADDEN, AND)
RONTELL SINGLETARY,)

Defendant(s).)

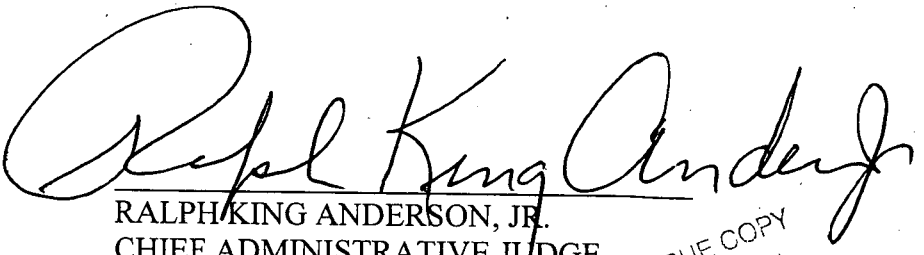
ORDER FOR TRIAL

It has come to the attention of this Court that the above-captioned defendants, Jerode R. McFadden and Rontell Singletary, have been charged with the crime of the Murder of one Jimmy Wade Christmas on or about January 04, 2006; and were arrested for this charge on January 05, 2006. Both defendants are currently being held in the Florence County Detention Center.

The defense attorney appointed to represent the defendant, Jerode R. McFadden is Steven G. Mikell. The defense attorney appointed to represent the defendant, Rontell Singletary is C. Stevens McLaurin. In order to avoid any further delays in the trial of this case, it is hereby

ORDERED that the trial of The State v. Jerode R. McFadden and Rontell Singletary is hereby set for a day certain to convene on Monday, December 07, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. The Honorable Ralph King Anderson, Jr., Chief Administrative Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit will preside over said trial, or his designated appointee.

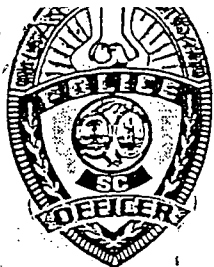
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


RALPH KING ANDERSON, JR.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Florence, South Carolina

March 26, 2009

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Clerk of Court C.P. & G.S.
FLORENCE COUNTY, S.C.



LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION OF TAPE-RECORDED STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT OF: Jerode McFadden

A Black Male OF

RACE

SEX

ADDRESS

Lake City

CITY

South Carolina

STATE

(MR.) MRS., MS. McFadden

DATE OF BIRTH IS

84

AND (HE) SHE IS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND HIS/HER

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS

HIS/HER TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 843-598-4088 HE/SHE HAD COMPLETED

11 YEARS IN SCHOOL AND CAN/CANNOT READ OR WRITE. THIS STATEMENT IS

TAKEN IN REFERENCE TO A Murder/Homicide Investigation

THAT OCCURRED IN LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA ON January 4, 2006

DATE OF INCIDENT

THE CASE NUMBER OF THIS INCIDENT IS 06-00017 AND THE

INCIDENT LOCATION IS 115-B Westover St., LAKE CITY, SOUTH

CAROLINA. THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE IS (MR.) MRS./MS. Jimmie Wade Christman

AND THE ALLEGED SUBJECT IS Jerode McFadden THIS

STATEMENT IS BEING TAKEN AT THE LAKE CITY POLICE DEPT.

ON 01/05/06 AT 9:50 (AM) PM.

THIS STATEMENT IS BEING TAKEN IN THE PRESENCE OF:

NAME

TITLE/RANK

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

Agent Shelby Lary

Agent

SLED

Sgt. Debra Williams

Sgt.

L.C.P.D.

Statement of Miranda Rights

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned.
4. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, if you wish.
5. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements.

Waiver of Rights

I have read the above statement of my rights and I understand each of those rights, and having these rights in mind I waive them and willingly make a statement.

Jessie McFadden

Witnessed by:

Capt. Billy Brown
Officer's Name

LEPD
Officer's Department

Date: 1-5-06 20

Time: 8:05 (AM) PM

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA]

] STATEMENT OF JERODE MCFADDEN

COUNTY OF FLORENCE]

LT. BONNETTE: JANUARY 5, 2006, THIS IS LIEUTENANT ERIC BONNETTE, LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. WE ARE ABOUT TO DO A TAPE RECORDING, IT'S A STATEMENT OF JERODE MCFADDEN, A BLACK MALE, ADDRESS IS LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA. MR. MCFADDEN'S DATE OF BIRTH IS MAY 6, 1984. HE IS 21 YEARS OF AGE. HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS 251-57-0937. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS 843-598-4088. THAT'S HIS MOTHER'S NUMBER WHICH HE CAN BE REACHED. HE HAS COMPLETED ELEVEN YEARS IN SCHOOL AND CAN NOT READ OR WRITE. THIS STATEMENT IS TAKEN IN REFERENCE TO A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION THAT OCCURRED IN LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA ON JANUARY 4, ...LOCATION IS 115 B WESTOVER STREET, LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE IS MR. JIMMI WADE CHRISTMAS AND THE ALLEGED SUBJECT IS JERODE MCFADDEN. ...TAKEN AT THE LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ON ...2006, 9:50 A.M. THIS STATEMENT IS BEING TAKEN IN THE PRESENCE, PRESENCE OF SHELBY LARY, AGENT WITH THE STATE LAW, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND DEBORAH WILLIAMS, SERGEANT OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH THE LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. MR. JERODE MCFADDEN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS STATEMENT IS BEING TAPE RECORDED?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: THIS STATEMENT BEING TAPE RECORDED?

J. MCFADDEN: NO

LT. BONNETTE: HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED OF YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

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LT. BONNETTE: FOR THE RECORD, I AM GOING TO ADVISE YOU OF THESE RIGHTS AGAIN. OKAY?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: OKAY, I AM GONE ADVISE YOU OF YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS AGAIN NOW MR. MCFADDEN. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW. YOU THE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK TO AN ATTORNEY AND HAVE HIM PRESENT WITH YOU WHILE YOU ARE BEING QUESTIONED. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, ONE WILL BE APPOINTED TO YOU BEFORE QUESTIONING IF YOU WISH. YOU CAN DECIDE AT ANYTIME TO EXERCISE THESE RIGHTS AND NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR MAKE ANY STATEMENTS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE US A STATEMENT AT THIS TIME CONCERNING THE MATTER IN QUESTION?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. ALRIGHT. ALRIGHT MR. MCFADDEN, WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO ARE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS HONESTLY. NOW JUST TELL, JUST TELL US THE TRUTH. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED OCCURRENCE OF EVENTS DEALING WITH YOU AND MR. SINGLETARY ON LAST EVENING.

J. MCFADDEN: UH, I WAS UM, I WAS AT UM CROSS THE STREEET.

LT. BONNETTE: JUST SAY, SAY WHAT YOU GOT TO SAY.

2 • J. MCFADDEN: I WAS CROSS, I WAS UM, ACROSS THE STREET GETTING MY HAIR UNLOOSED OR WHATEVER. AND UM,

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1 LT. BONNETTE: CROSS THE STREET FROM WHERE?

2 J. MCFADDEN: CROSS THE STREET FROM SINGLETARY HOUSE.

3 LT. BONNETTE: TO WHOSE HOUSE?

4 J. MCFADDEN: MS. DELPHINE'S.

5 LT. BONNETTE: MS. DELPHINE?

6 J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: OKAY.

7 J. MCFADDEN: AND I WAS OVER THERE GETTING MY HAIR UPBRAIDED OR WHATEVER. AND UM, HE WAS OVER THERE WHEN I FIRST WALK OVER, WHEN I FIRST WALK OVER THERE, HE WAS WITH ME WHEN I FRIST WALK OVER THERE. AND I GOT MY HAIR DONE, GET MY HAIR DONE. WE CHILL FOR A LITTLE WHILE. DRINK MOST OF THE LIQUOR, OR WHATEVER. AND AFTER WE DONE DRINK ALL THE LIQUOR. WELL I'M STILL GETTING MY HAIR UNLOOSED, OR WHATEVER. HE LEFT ME OVER THERE. HE CAME, HE CAME BACK OVER THERE AND AFTER THAT HE GOT [INAUDIBLE] HE SHOW ME, HE SHOW ME, NO, AT HE FIRST HE TOLD ME HE HAD UM, BEAT THE DUDE, BEAT, HE TOLD ME HE BEAT THE DUDE UP. AND SO HE WENT AND SHOWED, SHOW ME HE BEAT THE DUDE UP. SO, WHEN I WALK OVER, WHEN I WALK OVER THERE. THE DUDE WAS ON THE GROUND. HE SHOWED ME THE DUDE WHERE, CAUSE HE WAS DONE BEAT THE DUDE UP. AND THE DUDE WAS UM BLEEDING, OR WHATEVER. AND SO, AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, I GOT AWAY FROM HIM AFTER I SEE WHAT DONE DID. AND I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, BE INVOLVED WITH IT. WITH HIM CAUSE I KNOW HE WAS ALREADY DONE DID THE WRONG THING. AND SO WHEN I WALK OFF, I LEFT IT. WHEN I WALK OFF, I WALK AND I WENT BACK OVER THERE TO DELPHINE HOUSE. AND SO, I WENT BACK

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2 J. MCFADDEN:

OVER THERE. CHILL ABOUT, ABOUT NOT LONG BUT A COUPLE OF SECONDS AND EVERYTHING YOU KNOW. I GOT IN AN ARGUMENT WITH MY UM, MY BABY MAMA COUSIN OR WHATEVER. AND SO, WHEN THE ARGUMENT WAS DONE, ALL US WENT OUTSIDE, ALL US OUTSIDE, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. A BUNCH A PEOPLE, ALL OF US IN A ROW OR WHATEVER. EVERYBODY, A COUPLE OF PEOPLE ACT LIKE THEY REALLY DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ARGUMENT. BUT THEY WAS HAD, THEY HAD SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT TOO. SO, TO ME, I HAD LOOKED, IT LOOKED LIKE OTHER PEOPLE'S WAS UM, WAS GOING AGAINST ME. I'M LIKE, ALL YALL GOING AGAINST ME OR WHATEVER. AND SO, RONTCELL CAME FROM, RONTCELL SINGLETARY CAME FROM HIS HOUSE OR WHEREVER HE CAME. HE CAME BACK AND HE GOT ME FROM ACROSS THE ROAD LIKE MAN, COME ON MAN, COME ON MAN, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. BUMP THEM, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. [INAUDIBLE] REAL MAN. WHEN I DONE, I DONE A MAN DOG, I DONE WENT AND KILL SOME BODY MAN. SAID, I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THE DUDE DOG. I SAID, NO MAN, I KNOW YOU AIN'T KILL THIS DUDE, MAN. HE SAID, YES, MAN, I WENT BACK OVER THERE AND KILL THAT DUDE. I SAID, AH, MAN. BOY, I KNOW YOU AIN'T DID THAT. I SAID, MAN, MATTER OF FACT I'M ABOUT TO GO CAUSE DELPHINE AND THEM CALL THE POLICE YALL. AND SO UM, I SAID, MAN, CAUSE UM, I GOT MY BABY, MY BABY AIN'T HAD NO PAMPERS OR WHATEVER. I HAD THE PAMPERS AT HIS HOUSE, NOW THE BICYCLE IN THE HOUSE WHERE NOBODY WOULDN'T STEAL IT BEFORE I WENT OVER THERE TO GET MY HAIR LOOPED. AND SO, I TELL HIM MAN, I SAID, DOG, YOU DONE DID THAT. MAN, WELL I'M ABOUT TO GO BOY. CAUSE NOW MY BABY AIN'T GOT NO PAMPERS AND I KNOW MY BABY MAMA GONE MAD. SO I'M ABOUT TO GO. CAUSE I AIN'T WANT NO TROUBLE. I AIN'T WANT NO SAYING THEY DONE CALL THE POLICE. SO MY WAY TO AVOID EITHER GETTING, GETTING, FOR GETTING LOCKED UP, I NEED TO GO

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1 J. MCFADDEN: HOME. AND SO, I DOG GONE WENT HOME. AND I LEFT HIM, I LEFT HIM HOW HE WAS, STILL HIS UM, PANTS AND STUFF WAS STILL WAS UM, HE WAS BLOODY, HE WAS STILL BLOOD UP. HE WAS BURNING... HE WAS BURNING SOMETHING AS I, WHEN I LEFT. SO, WHEN I LEFT, I SAID, MAN, I'M ABOUT TO LEAVE. HE WAS JERKING ON ME TRYING TO BEG ME TO STAY WITH HIM. HE WAS LIKE, COME ON MAN, YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT, YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT WITH ME. I WAS LIKE NO, MAN I AIN'T STAYING NO NIGHT WITH YOU MAN BOY, YOU DONE DID SOMETHING SERIOUS BOY, I DON'T KNOW MAN. I'M ABOUT TO GET FROM AROUND HERE. AND SO I LEFT AND I GOT MY, GOT MY BICYCLE OUT OF HIS HOUSE AND MY BABY PAMPERS AND I LEFT.

2 LT. BONNETTE: YOU SAY HE WAS BURNING SOMETHING, WHERE WAS HE BURNING IT AT?

3 J. MCFADDEN: HE WAS BURNING IT UM, I BELIEVE IT WAS HIS YARD A, A, IN LOOKED LIKE THE ROAD. LOOKED LIKE THE ROAD PART. HE WAS LIKE, I BELIEVE HE WAS LIKE STANING IN THE ROAD PART. I BELIEVE IT WAS THE ROAD PART OR, OR IN HIS YARD. HE WAS BURNING A TOWEL HE HAD ON HIS HEAD. HE BURNED THAT.

LT. BONNETTE: HE BURNED THE TOWELL? IS THAT ALL HE BURNED?

4 J. MCFADDEN: I, I KNOW HE BURNED A TOWEL. SOMETHING ELSE HE BURNED BUT I REALLY CAN'T REMEMEBER. I BELIEVE IT WAS, IT WAS I BELIEVE IT WAS A SHIRT OR SOMETHING, SOMETHING.

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT COLOR? WHAT COLOR WAS THE TOWEL?

J. MCFADDEN: OH WHITE. THE TOWEL WAS WHITE. I KNOW I SEEN, I SEEN THE TOWEL WAS SPLIT UP.

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT, DID THE TOWEL HAVE SOMETHING ON IT OR WHAT?

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J. MCFADDEN: MUST BE HAD BLOOD ON IT CAUSE HE UM....

LT. BONNETTE: MUST BE OR YOU SAW IT?

1 • J. MCFADDEN: IT'S UH...I, HE WAS BURNING, HE DONE LIKE, YOU KNOW LIKE, HE WAS DONE, HE WAS BURNING IT. SO, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING.

LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU SEE THE BLOOD?

2 • J. MCFADDEN: I BELIEVE BLOOD WAS ON IT, I AIN'T WANT TO LIE OR NOTHING. I BELIEVE BLOOD WAS ON IT.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T SEE BLOOD.

J. MCFADDEN: SORRY, I REALLY DIDN'T SEE NO BLOOD. BUT I SEEN HIM BURN UP THE TOWEL. SO I, I FEEL IT, I, I FEEL IT NOW. IT MUST BE HAD BLOOD ON IT, TOO, CAUSE HE BURN IT.

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT YOU MEAN IT HAD BLOOD ON IT TOO?

J. MCFADDEN: I SAY I THAT WHAT I FEEL CAUSE HE BURN IT UP. HE AIN'T, HE HAD TO BURN IT UP FOR A REASON.

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT ELSE WAS HE BURNING? YOU SAY HE WAS BURNING SOMETHING ELSE?

3 J. MCFADDEN: I BELIEVE IT WAS A SHIRT.

4 ~~5~~ • LT. BONNETTE: WHAT COLOR?

5 ~~4~~ • J. MCFADDEN: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SHIRT WAS....I BELIEVE IT WAS UM,

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT DID, WHAT DID HE HAVE ON THE WHOLE TIME YALL WERE TALKING, WHEN HE CAME TO GET YOU OUT THE ROAD. WHEN HE SHOWED YOU THE UM, THE GUY HE BEAT UP? WHAT DID HE HAVE ON?

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J. MCFADDEN: HE HAD ON A, A ORANGE SHIRT, A, HE HAD ON A ORANGE SHIRT.

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

J. MCFADDEN: I BELIEVE SOME UM, SOMETHING LIKE, LIKE UM, LIKE JOGGING PANTS. I BELIEVE IT WAS, I BELIEVE IT WAS BROWN, I BELIEVE.

1 X LT. BONNETTE: WHAT KIND OF SHOES?

2 X J. MCFADDEN: I BELIEVE HE HAD ON BLACK NIKIS, BLACK AND WHATE NICKIS, I BELIEVE.

3 X LT. BONNETTE: DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OR UPTOWNS, OR???

4 X J. MCFADDEN: YES, UPTOWNS, UPTOWNS.

5 X LT. BONNETTE: HE HAD ON A PAIR OF UPTOWNS, BLACK AND WHITE.

6 X J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

7 LT. BONNETTE: LET ME ASK YOU THIS, WHEN HE SHOWED YOU THE BODY, TELL ME WHAT YOU SAW WHEN YOU SAW THIS, THIS PERSON LAID OUT. WHAT COLOR HE WAS UM, WHAT YOU SAW, WHAT, WHAT YOU HEARD, TELL ME THAT.

J. MCFADDEN: WHEN HE FIRST UM, SHOWED ME THE BODY?

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

8 J. MCFADDEN: WHEN HE SHOW, WHEN HE SHOWED ME, WHEN HE HAD FIRST HAD SHOWED ME THE BODY, HE WAS LAYING ON A, THE DUDE WAS LAYING ON THE GROUND AND UM, HE WAS LIKE, HE WAS, HE WAS STILL

9 LT. BONNETTE: ON HIS STOMACH OR HIS BACK?

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J. MCFADDEN: HE WAS ON HIS BACK.

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

1 • J. MCFADDEN: AND HE WAS STILL BREATHING.

LT. BONNETTE: HOW YOU KNOW THAT?

2 • J. MCFADDEN: CAUSE WHEN HE WENT TO SHOW ME, WHEN HE SHOW ME HIM, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, I, I LOOKED, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, I LOOK AT HIM. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. I CLOSE, I WAS, I AIN'T SAYING ALL THE WAY TO HIM, BUT I WAS CLOSE ENOUGH WHERE I COULD SEE, I COULD, I KNOW HE WAS BREATHING.

3 • LT. BONNETTE: HOW DID YOU KNOW HE WAS BREATHING? DID YOU HEAR HIM, SEE WHAT.....

4 • J. MCFADDEN: YES, I COULD HEAR HIM, I COULD HEAR HIM. I HEARD HIM.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU HEARD HIM?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU HEARD HIM BREATHING.

J. MCFADDEN: I HEARD HIM BREATHING.

• LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE? DID, DID YOU SEE HIM BEAT THE MAN, DID YOU SEE RONTTELL BEAT THIS MAN UP?

• J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR, I DIDN'T. I DIDN'T SEE HIM BEAT HIM UP.

• LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU SEE HIM ASSAULT HIM AT ALL?

• J. MCFADDEN: WHEN HE TOOK ME OVER THERE HE HAD UM, HE LIKE, HE KICKED HIM, HE SAID, SEE MAN, I BEAT THE DUDE

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1 • J. MCFADDEN:

UP, MAN. HE SAID MAN, I BEEN BEAT HIM UP DOG. AND SO, [INAUDIBLE] HE LIKE, LIKE KICKED HIM TO SHOW ME THE DUDE WAS LIKE HURT MAN. I SAW THAT MAN DOG, TELL YOU THE TRUTH MAN, I'M ABOUT TO GO, DOG MAN, I AIN'T GOT TIME FOR THAT. AND SO I, I WALKED OFF. SO WHEN I WALKED AND I WENT BACK OVER THERE DELPHINE HOUSE, I CHILL FOR A MINUTE. THAT WHEN I GOT IN AN ARGUMENT. AND THEN THAT WHEN HE COME AND GOT ME, HE CAME AND GOT ME FROM OVER THERE CAUSE WE WAS ARGUING, WE WAS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, ABOUT TO FIGHT OR WHATEVER. AND THEY HAD DONE CALLED THE POLICE. AND SO, THAT WHEN HE LED ME, THAT WHEN HE TOLD ME HE DONE WENT BACK OVER THERE AND STABBED THE MAN.

LT. BONNETTE: OH, SO THE FIRST TIME YOU WENT TO SEE THE MAN, HE HADN'T STABBED HIM YET?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: HOW YOU KNOW THAT?

2 • J. MCFADDEN:

CAUSE UM, WHEN WE WENT OVER, WHEN UM, HE TOOK ME OVER THERE TO LOOK AT THE BODY, THE DUDE WAS STILL BREATHING. AND SO, HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE HE WAS STABBED OR NOTHING. HE LOOKED LIKE HE JUST HAD BEAT HIM UP BAD. THE DUDE STILL HAD BEEN ALIVE. AND SO, WHEN I WENT BACK OVER THERE TO DELPHINE HOUSE,

LT. BONNETTE: LET ME STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, IS IT POSSIBLE HE COULD HAVE STABBED HIM THE FIRST TIME AND YOU JUST DIDN'T SEE IT?

3 X J. MCFADDEN:

UMM, NOW IT COULD HAVE BEEN, BUT, BUT WHEN I WALK OFF AND WENT BACK TO DELPHINE HOUSE, AND THEN WHEN I GOT IN AN ARGUMENT, I CAME BACK AND HE PULLED ME OUT THE ROAD CALL ME ROUND

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1 J. MCFADDEN: * THE HOUSE. AND A POLICE CAME, THAT WHEN HE TELL ME, TALKING ABOUT, MAN I AIN'T LYING, DOG, I WENT BACK OVER AND MAN, I, I STABBED THE DUDE MAN, I STABBED THE DUDE MAN. I SAID, BOY, BOY I KNOW YOU AIN'T DID NO JUNK, I SAID BOY, I'M ABOUT TO GO, CAUSE I BELIEVE THEY MIGHT BE CALLED THE POLICE ON ME BECAUSE ME AND MY COUSIN, ME AND MY BABY MAMA COUSIN. [INAUDIBLE] I SAID, MAN, I'M ABOUT TO GO HOME MAN, CAUSE, BOY, I GOT TO GET THESE PAMPERS TO MY BABY CAUSE MY BABY AIN'T HAD NO PAMPERS.

2 LT. BONNETTE: LET ME ASK YOU THIS. WHY DIDN'T YOU RENDER HELP TO THAT MAN LAYING ON THAT GROUND. WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL EMS, MAKE AN ANONYMOUS CALL, CALL 911 TO SEE IF SOMEBODY WERE HURT? WHY YOU DO THAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU DO THAT?

3 J. MCFADDEN: CAUSE I WAS, I, I WAS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. I'M BEEN, I'M BEEN, I'M BEEN SCARED. I WAS SCARED.

LT. BONNETTE: WERE YOU SCARED OR WERE YOU HIDING THE PART YOU PLAYED IN HURTING THIS MAN, INJURING THIS MAN?

4 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR. I BEEN SCARED BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY HAD REALLY CALLED THE POLICE ON ME. AND THEN I'M GONE SEE HE DONE BEAT THIS MAN UP.

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

J. MCFADDEN: SO THAT, THAT ALREADY TWO BANDS RIGHT THERE.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU DIDN'T, YOU DIDN'T TAKE TIME TO THINK WHEN THIS GUY GETS CAUGHT HE CAN EASILY SWITCH THE STORY AROUND AND HE COULD SAY WHAT YOU TELLING ME? HOW DO YOU KNOW HE HADN'T TOLD US THAT? AND WE, WE SITTING HERE AND WE THINK YOU ARE TELLING US A LIE?

J. MCFADDEN: WILL YOU SAY THAT QUESTION ONE MORE TIME?

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2 LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU EVER TAKE THE TIME TO THINK IF THIS GUY WAS TO GET PICKED UP FOR INJURING THIS MAN OR FOR KILLING THIS MAN, THAT YOU COULD BE NAMED IN THIS, YOU TOOK A PART IN THIS CAUSE YOU DIDN'T CALL AND, AND RENDER HELP FOR THAT MAN. OR YOU, AND YOU SAW HIM ASSAULT THAT MAN? YOU SAID YOU SAW HIM KICKED HIM. YOU NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT YOU COULD GET IN TROUBLE FOR THAT FOR NOT HELPING THAT MAN CALLING 911? YOU WITNESSED A CRIME. RIGHT NOW YOU TELLING US YOU WITNESSED A CRIME. KICKING SOMEBODY WHEN THEY ALREADY DOWN. AND PLUS THIS MAN ALREADY ADMITTING TO THAT HE BEAT A MAN UP AND YOU SEE THE MAN BLOODY ON THE GROUND. YOU DON'T THINK YOU PLAYED A PART IN THAT? YOU THINK YOU PROBABLY COULD HAVE SAVED THAT MAN'S LIFE IF YOU WOULD HAVE CALLED 911 ANONYMOUSLY OR ANYTHING?

2 ~~4~~ J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR., IF I WOULD, IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN THINKING THAT WAY, YES I COULD HAVE SAVED THAT MAN, I COULD A HAD UM, I COULD A HAD, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, STOP ALL THAT AND I WOULD A NEVER BEEN [INAUDIBLE]. BUT AFTER UM, HE HAD TOLD ME HE HAD UM, BUT THEN [INAUDIBLE] THE POLICEMANS WAS ALREADY, THE POLICE WAS ALREADY THERE.

LT. BONNETTE: WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK THEN AND TELL THE POLICE YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU KNEW OR WHAT SINGLETARY HAD TOLD YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST COME BACK AND TELL US THAT?

J. MCFADDEN: YOU TALKING ABOUT THE TIME WHEN UM.....

3 LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM, CAUSE YOU SAW US OUT THERE.

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1 • J.MCFADDEN: CAUSE UM, UM, CAUSE I THOUGHT REALLY DELPHINE HAD CALLED THE POLICE ON ME. SO I DIDN'T WANT TO JUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE AND [INAUDIBLE]

2 • LT. BONNETTE: HOW YOU THINK DELPHINE CALLED THE POLICE ON YOU AND WE ALREADY ON THE SCENE? COME ON NOW.

3 • J.MCFADDEN: SO WHEN WE GOT IN A, SEE WE GOT IN AN ARGUMENT. I KNOW SOMEBODY CALLED THE POLICE CAUSE IT WAS A GANG OF US OUT THERE.

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

4 • J. MCFADDEN: AND SO, I REALLY THOUGHT THEY PROBABLY CALLED THE POLICE ON ME. CAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING.

LT. BONNETTE: MR. MCFADDEN, LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE HERE, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH. YOU COVERING YOURSELF UP FOR THE PART YOU PLAYED IN THIS?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR, BUT I DIDN'T...

LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU SEE, DID YOU SEE SINGLETARY ASSAULT THIS MAN OR IS IT THAT BOTH OF YALL WENT TO ROB THIS MAN AND, AND KILLED AND ENDED UP KILLING THIS MAN AND IT GOT OUT OF HAND?

J.MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

4 • LT. BONNETTE: HOW DID YOU GET THE BLOOD ON YOUR SNEAKERS? HOW CLOSE DID YOU GET TO THE BODY?

5 • J. MCFADDEN: I, I WALKED CLOSE ENOUGH WHERE, I MEAN I COULD A, I COULD HAVE SEEN HIM. I STAND ...

LT. BONNETTE: ABOUT HOW MANY FEET HOW MANY STEPS LIKE FROM, FROM YOU TO WHAT, WHAT IN THIS OFFICE. HOW CLOSE DID YOU GET TO THAT BODY? HOW CLOSE

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LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU GET TO THE MAN? HE WAS ALIVE WHEN YOU SAW HIM. SO HOW, HOW CLOSE DID YOU GET TO THAT INJURED MAN?

J. MCFADDEN: I SAY ABOUT, LET'S SEE, I SAY AT LEAST, AT LEAST ABOUT, AT LEAST RIGHT NOW, LEAST ABOUT LIKE HOW CLOSE WE IS OR A LITTLE, A LITTLE BIT, A LITTLE BIT TO THE WALL.

0 LT. BONNETTE: SO YOU GOT THAT CLOSE TO A MAN AND YOU, YOU KNEW HE WAS, WAS DYING OR WHATEVER.. YOU KNEW HE WAS STILL ALIVE WITH [INAUDIBLE] HANGING AND YOU DIDN'T CALL FOR HELP? YOU JUST LEFT THE MAN OUT THERE LIKE THAT? HOW EVER YOU SIT HERE AND EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT. AND YOU SAY YOU AND, YOU ALREADY SAID YOU AND MR. SINGLETARY ARE, ARE GOOD FRIENDS. YOU ALREADY STATED THAT PREVIOUSLY. AND YOU SAID YOU ALL LET EACH OTHER KNOW THINGS. WHAT WAS MR. SINGLETARY'S REASON FOR BEATING UP THIS MAN?

1 • J. MCFADDEN: HE AIN'T HAD, HE AIN'T HAD NO REASON TO DO THAT. HE AIN'T HAD NO REASON TO DO THAT.

2 LT. BONNETTE: WHY WOULD YOU THINK HE DID IT?

3 • J. MCFADDEN: I AIN'T KNOW.

LT. BONNETTE: HAS HE DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?

J. MCFADDEN: NO, HE AIN'T NEVER DID NOTHING LIKE THAT.

4 • LT. BONNETTE: DIDN'T YOU STATE EARLIER THAT HE, HE WAS ROBBING THE, ROBBING THE GUY?

5 • J. MCFADDEN: YES, HE SIAD, THAT WHAT HE, HE TOLD ME HE TRY TO ROB HIM. AND THEN HE SAY HE BEAT THE DUDE UP.

6 • LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. WHY DID YOU JUST TELL US THAT FROM THE START INSTEAD OF UM, TAKING US AROUND THE CITY

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LT. BONNETTE: TO GET TO THE MIDDLE, INSTEAD OF GOING STRAIGHT TO THE MIDDLE, GETTING STRAIGHT TO THE MEAT? MR. MCFADDEN, I WANT YOU BE HONEST WITH ME AND TELL ME THE TRUTH, DID YOU PLAY ANY ROLE IN KILLING THIS MAN?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU ASSAULT THIS MAN?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU STAB THAT MAN?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU DIDN'T UM, YOU DIDN'T UM ATTEMPT TO ROB THIS MAN WITH SINGLETARY?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

1 LT. BONNETTE: LET ME ASK YOU THIS, SINGLETARY, DID YOU SEE WHEN SINGLETARY CHANGED CLOTHES?

2 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR. I AIN'T WITH, I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING HIM UM, CHANGE CLOTHES. BUT WHEN I LEFT HE STILL, HE STILL HAD ON THE CLOTHES WHAT HAD BLOOD ON THEM, WHEN I LEFT. THAT'S WHAT I SAY, I AIN'T REMEMBER...

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YALL DID TOGETHER BEFORE YOU LEFT, GOT THE BABY PAMPERS?

2 • J. MCFADDEN: NOTHING. UH, HE WAS JUST TALKING TO ME TRYING TO GET ME, WAS TRYING TO GET ME TO STAY.

LT. BONNETTE: WHERE WAS THIS AT OUTSIDE...

J. MCFADDEN: OUTSIDE, OUTSIDE

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1 • LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU ALL GO INTO THE HOUSE TOGETHER AT ANYTIME?

2 • J. MCFADDEN: WHEN I WENT TO GET MY BICYCLE AND MY PAMPERS.

3 • LT. BONNETTE: YALL WERE IN THE HOUSE TOGETHER?

4 • J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: AND WHERE DID HE GO?

5 • J. MCFADDEN: HE, I BELIEVE HE WENT TO THE, I AIN'T KNOW I BELIEVE HE WENT TO HIS ROOM, I BELIEVE.

LT. BONNETTE: UM HUM.

6 • J. MCFADDEN: OR SOMETHING. AND THEN WHEN I GOT MY BICYCLE AT HIS HOUSE AND MY PAMPERS, HE CAME STRAIGHT BACK OUTSIDE WITH ME AND THAT WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO GET ME TO STAY, I SAID, NO DOG, NO. MAN I GOT TO GO.

7 • LT. BONNETTE: HE HAD THE SAME CLOTHES ON.

8 • J. MCFADDEN: YES, HE HAD THE SAME CLOTHES ON WHEN I LEFT.

LT. BONNETTE: UM,

AGENT LAREY: MR. MCFADDEN, AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STATEMENT, YOU [INAUDIBLE] WHO YOU REFERRING TO WHEN YOU SAID THAT?

J. MCFADDEN: WHO?

AGENT LAREY: AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STATEMENT, YOU STARTED SAYING, YOU INDICATED HE, THAT, THAT HE CAME OVER OR THAT HE, YOU SAID THAT HE, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY WHO YOU WERE TALKING...

J. MCFADDEN: OH. SINGLETARY.

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AGENT LAREY: DID MR. SINGLETARY DO ANY DRUGS ON THIS NIGHT?
DID HE SMOKE ANY WEED OR,

J. MCFADDEN: I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY IF HE SMOKE WEED, BUT I
KNOW I HAD BOUGHT A UM, I HAD BOUGHT SOME
LIQUOR.

SLED AGENT: OKAY.

J. MCFADDEN: I BOUGHT HIM 24 BULL.

AGENT LAREY: UM HUM.

J. MCFADDEN: YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. WE WAS DRINKING, WE
WAS DRINKING ON THAT.

1 • AGENT LAREY: UM HUM. SO JUST BEER. BUT THERE WAS NO DRUGS
DONE BETWEEN EITHER ONE, EITHER ONE OF YALL
THAT NIGHT?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

2 • AGENT LAREY: HE DIDN'T SAY WHY HE BEAT THIS DUDE UP DID HE?

3 • J. MCFADDEN: NO, HE AIN'T SAY WHY HE DID IT. HE WAS JUST LIKE
UM, HE WAS TRYING TO ROB THE DUDE. HE SAID HE
WAS TRYING TO ROB THE DUDE AND HE BEAT THE
DUDE UP.

AGENT LAREY: WHAT DID HE, WHAT DID HE USE TO KILL THE DUDE?

J. MCFADDEN: HE TOLD, HE TOLD ME HE, HE USED A KNIFE, THAT
WHAT HE TOLD ME.

4 • AGENT LAREY: DID YOU EVER SEE THIS KNIFE?

5 • J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR, I AIN'T NEVER SEEN NO KNIFE.

6 • AGENT LAREY: DID HE TELL YOU BY CHANCE WHAT HE DID WITH THE
KNIFE?

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1 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR. HE AIN'T NEVER TOLD ME WHAT HE DID WITH THE KNIFE OR NOTHING.

2 AGENT LAREY: NOW YOU SAY YOU LEFT, YOU HAD SOME PAMPERS AND A BIKE AT THE, AT THE HOUSE.

3 J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

4 AGENT LAREY: WHOSE HOUSE WERE YOU REFERRING TO?

5 J. MCFADDEN: SINGLETARY.

6 AGENT LAREY: AFTER HE TOLD YOU HE JUST KILLED THIS DUDE, DID YOU TELL ANYBODY ELSE ABOUT IT?

7 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR, I DIDN'T, I DIDN'T UM, I DIDN'T UM GET TO BECAUSE UM, THAT WHEN YALL BEEN THERE. THAT WHEN THE POLICE GOT GIT TO. BECAUSE HE, THEY, THEY WAS GONE LIKE FIND OUT ABOUT IT. AND SO EVERYBODY IN THE WHOLE CROWD WHO WAS OVER THERE WHO WAS ARGUING WITH ME, EVERYBODY WALK OVER THERE.

8 AGENT LAREY: DO YOU REMEMEBER WHAT TIME OF THE NIGHT THIS WAS? [INAUDIBLE]

9 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

10 AGENT LAREY: WAS IT BEFORE MIDNIGHT? AFTER MIDNIGHT?

11 J. MCFADDEN: YEP. I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE IT WAS BEFORE THAT. CAUSE I BELIEVE NOW, WHEN I DID WENT HOME, I BELIEVE IT WAS ELEVEN NOW. I, THAT WHAT I'M SAYING. BUT I AIN'T WANT TO LIE CAUSE I WAS THERE, NO, CAUSE I AIN'T GOT NO WATCH OR NOTHING. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

12 AGENT LAREY: IF YOU COULD GUESS AT THAT [INAUDIBLE] YOU WOULD YOU SAY IT'S PROBABLY AROUND ELEVEN.

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2 J. MCFADDEN: NO, I AIN'T TALKING ABOUT THAT HOW IT HAPPENED, I KNOW WHAT TIME I HAD WENT HOME. I BELIEVE ABOUT ELEVEN.

2 AGENT LAREY: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TIME THAT THIS HAPPENED.

3 J. MCFADDEN: OH. SO IT HAD TO A BEEN I'LL SAY, I'M GUESSING NOW, I DON'T REALLY KNOW, I SAY IT HAD TO BE AT LEAST BY, HAD TO BEEN ABOUT TEN SOMETHING. WHEN HE [INAUDIBLE]

AGENT LAREY: ARE YOU SCARED RIGHT NOW? ARE YOU NERVOUS?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

AGENT LAREY: YOU ARE NOT.

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

AGENT LAREY: HOW DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW?

J. MCFADDEN: I FEEL MAD.

AGENT LAREY: WHY?

J. MCFADDEN: BECAUSE. THEY, THEY, THEY WANT, THEY PUTTING ME AGAIN, YOU KNOW THAT MY BOY NOW. I LOVE HIM TO DEATH. I AIN'T EVEN WANT TO EVEN SAY HE DID IT. BUT UM, I'M MAD BECAUSE HIS MAMA NOW, I FEEL LIKE THEY WAS BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TIGHT WE IS AND THEY TRYING TO PUT ME WITH HIM BECAUSE HE GOING DOWN. THEY FIGURE EVERYTIME HE DO SOMETHING, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, EITHER I'M WITH HIM OR I AIN'T WITH HIM OR SOMETHING. OR SOMEWHERE'S AROUND SOMETHING. THEY PROBABLY FIGURE LIKE CAUSE ME AND HIM WHEN WE BROKE, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, WE USE TO, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, WE DID BAD STUFF TOGETHER. BUT THEY WANT TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I MEAN THEY TRYING TO PUT ME IN THE SITUATION HE IN. LIKE

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J. MCFADDEN: THEY WANTING CAUSE HE DONE GOT, HE DID THIS ON HIS OWN, THEY WANT TO PUT ME INVOLVED CAUSE THEY KNOW WE, I MEAN WE WAS [INAUDIBLE] WE WAS COOL. BUT EVEN THOUGH WE BEEN TOGETHER AT NIGHT, I WASN'T WITH HIM AT THE TIME HE HAD DID THAT. CAUSE HE LEFT ME GETTING BUT WHEN I WORE MY HAIR LIKE THIS, HE LEFT ME. MAN, WHAT GOT ME, THEY, THEY PUTTING ME INVOLVED WITH IT, THEY WANT ME TO FEEL LIKE TO ME THEY FEEL LIKE CAUSE THEY KNOW THEIR SON GOT LOCKED UP OR WHATEVER, THEY WANT TO PUT ME DOWN WITH HIM. THEY WANT ME TO GO DOWN WITH HIM. BUT I AIN'T TOUCHED THAT MAN OR NOTHING. AND [INAUDIBLE] WHEN YALL DO, WHEN WHATEVER YALL DO, OR BODY DO, OR WHATEVER YALL DO, NOW YOU WON'T FIND NO HAIR OR NOTHING ON ME, COME OFF ME, NONE OF THAT. I KNOW FOR SHORE. HUH, UH. I KNOW, I KNOW FOR SHORE THAT'S ON, THAT'S ON GOD. CAUSE I KNOW GOD KNOW.

AGENT LAREY: KAY, I UNDERSTAND YOU MIGHT BE SCARED RIGHT NOW. YOU KNOW YOU FEEL LIKE YOU MAY BE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE SO MAYBE YOU FEEL THE NEED, YOU KNOW TO LIE ABOUT IT. BUT I MEAN, I COULD UNDERSTAND IF, IF YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL THAT DUDE, THEN TELL ME THAT. I MEAN YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HIM DID YOU?

19 J. MCFADDEN: I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, I AIN'T HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT MAN GETTING KILLED. I'M LOOKING AT YOU STRAIGHT UP. I WASN'T THERE WHEN HE KILLED THAT MAN. I WAS AT DELPHINE HOUSE. AND YOU CAN GO GET DELPHINE AND DELPHINE TELL YOU I WAS AT THE HOUSE CAUSE RONTTELL LEFT ME OVER THERE. I AIN'T BEEN AROUND HIM WHEN HE KILL HIM. [INAUDIBLE] WHEN HE KILL THAT DUDE. IF I DID, I WOULD A GO AHEAD, YALL, YALL GOT HANDCUFFS ON ME AND ALL I MIGHT AS WELL GO AHEAD AND TELL THE TRUTH IF I HAD DID IT. AIN'T NO NEED FOR ME TO LIE. BUT I'M TELLING THE HONEST TRUTH.

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AGENT LAREY: MAYBE YOU DIDN'T [INAUDIBLE] MAYBE YOU WERE THERE WITH HIM. AND MAYBE HE DIDN'T REALLY KILL THIS DUDE, BUT YOU MAY HAVE BEEN THERE, RIGHT?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR. I WASN'T, I WASN'T THERE, I WASN'T THERE WHEN HE KILLED HIM.

1 AGENT LAREY: BUT THEN, SO YOU WERE THERE WHEN HE ROBBED HIM, RIGHT?

2 J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR, I WASN'T THERE WHEN HE ROBBED HIM EITHER.

AGENT LAREY: SO...[INAUDIBLE] YOU LOOKING AT HIM. SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR. NOTHING AIN'T BOTHERING ME.

AGENT LAREY: ...YOU WANT TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST.

3 J. MCFADDEN: THE ONLY, ONLY THING I BE WANT TO SAY, MAN, EVERYBODY IS TRYING LIKE, TRYING TO FORCE ME, IF I, IF I SAY YES, I'M LYING, MY, I'M LYING, I'M LYING. I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.

AGENT LAREY: I'M NOT TRYING TO PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH OR TRY TO FORCE YOU SAY ANYTHING.

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

AGENT LAREY: IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS BOTHERING YOU INSIDE AND YOU WANT TO GET IT OUT, THEN, TELL ME.

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

AGENT LAREY: I MEAN, I, I JUST WANT YOU TO BE STRAIGHT WITH ME, I WANT YOU TO CLEAR YOUR CONSCIENCE.

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

AGENT LAREY: I WANT YOU TO TELL ME IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU KNOW, IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY, THAT

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AGENT LAREY: YOU'RE JUST SCARED. YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO SAY IT.

1 J. MCFADDEN: NO, AIN'T NOTHING. AIN'T NOTHING. I AIN'T, I AIN'T SCARED. IT JUST ONLY THING, ONLY THING HE DID HE CALLED ME OVER THERE. JUST LIKE WHY I BEEN SAY, I BEEN SAY THAT THE WHOLE TIME. HE CALLED ME OVER THERE. THE DUDE [INAUDIBLE] HURT. JUST LIKE WHAT I SAY. BUT I AIN'T [INAUDIBLE] PUT MY HAND ON HIM, I DIDN'T WATCH HIM [INAUDIBLE] THAT DUDE, I AIN'T WATCH HIM STAB THAT DUDE OR NONE OF THAT. HE DID THAT ON HIS OWN. HE, HE TOLD ME, HE SAY, AIN'T NOBODY HELP HIM DID IT. HE SAY HE DID IT ON HIS OWN, HE SAY BY HIS SELF, HE DID IT BY HIS SELF. THE ONLY THING I DID WAS GOT CALLED AND UM, HE TELL, HE TOLD, WHEN, WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT, HE TOLD ME ABOUT. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN HIM STAFF THE DUDE OR NOTHING. I AIN'T SEE WHAT KIND OF KNIFE HE HAD, HOW LONG IT WAS OR NOTHING. HE JUST SAY HE STABBED THE DUDE. AND HE START BURNING UP STUFF. AND HE WAS ALREADY, HE WAS X COVERED IN BLOOD WHEN I LEFT. I GONE SAY THAT WAS MY NIGGER NOW. BUT THAD MESSED UP MAN, I AIN'T KNOW WHAT MADE HIM DO THAT. HE AIN'T 4 NEVER DID NOTHING LIKE THAT. I GUESS IT MUST BE, IT MUST BE BEEN YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, THAT 4 LIQUOR WHAT MADE HIM DID THAT. CAUSE HE AIN'T NEVER DID THAT. AND HE AIN'T HAD NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, I HAD MONEY. I [INAUDIBLE] BUY HIM A BEER OR YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, BOTTLE OF LIQUOR AND ALL JUST FOR US TO CHILL AND DRINK BEFORE I GO HOME TO TAKE MY BABY HER PAMPERS.

AGENT LAREY: NOW, I'M NOT CONCERNED WITH THE DRUGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

J. MCFADDEN: YES I KNOW YOU AIN'T

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AGENT LAREY: HE HAD SOME DRUGS AND YOU WOULD TELL ME [INAUDIBLE] IF HE SMOKE A LITTLE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR, I WOULD TELL YOU.

AGENT LAREY: YOU WOULD TELL ME?

J. MCFADDEN: YES SIR.

AGENT LAREY: OKAY. BUT, AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED, AS FAR AS YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T..

J. MCFADDEN: NO, HE DIDN'T HE AIN'T DID NONE WITH ME. CAUSE SEE MY SELF, YES, I SMOKE WEED. HE SMOKE WEED TOO. BUT HE AIN'T, WE DIDN'T SMOKE NO WEED LAST NIGHT. WE JUST HAD, THE ONLY THING HE WAS A 24 AND UM, A SIX, UM, A SIX DOLLAR BOTTLE OF LIQUOR. THAT'S ALL WE HAD TO DRINK.

LT. BONNETTE: ALRIGHT, MR. MCFADDEN, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE INCIDENT OR ANYTHING YOU CAN ADD TO YOUR STATEMENT? ANYTHING AT ALL? THINK, THINK FOR A MINUTE. IS THE STATEMENT TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

J. MCFADDEN: BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

LT. BONNETTE: HAS ANYONE PROMISED YOU ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: HAVE YOU BEEN THREATENED OR COERCED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT?

J. MCFADDEN: NO SIR.

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LT. BONNETTE: ALRIGHT THIS CONCLUDES THE STATEMENT OF JERODE
MCFADDEN TAKEN AT THE LAKE CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT ON FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2006. AND
THE TIME IS NOW 10:25 A.M.

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MR. MRS./MS. Jerode MCFADDEN
NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT

- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS STATEMENT IS BEING TAPE RECORDED? (Y)/N
- DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS STATEMENT BEING TAPE RECORDED? Y/(N)
- ALLEGED SUBJECT ONLY
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED OF YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS? (Y)/N
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS? (Y)/N
- FOR THE RECORD, I AM GOING TO ADVISE YOU OF THESE RIGHTS AGAIN.
- ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE US A STATEMENT AT THIS TIME CONCERNING THE MATTER IN QUESTION? (Y)/N
- DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE YOU COULD ADD TO THIS STATEMENT? Y/(N)
- IS THIS STATEMENT TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE? (Y)/N
- HAS ANYONE PROMISED YOU ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT? Y/(N)
- HAVE YOU BEEN THREATENED OR COERCED IN ANYWAY TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT? Y/(N)

THIS CONCLUDES THE STATEMENT OF Jerode MCFADDEN, TAKEN AT
THE LAKE CITY POLICE DEPT. ON 5th DAY OF January, 20 06.
THE TIME IS NOW 10:25 (AM)/PM.

1 towel with blood was not found. They took some towels out
2 of his room but there were no towels blood that was found.

3 But Jarrod McFadden said that Mr. Singletary was burning
4 up a towel and maybe something else outside his house.
5 None of that was ever found. There was a knife that was
6 found. It was a little folding knife, I guess, about that
7 long called a spider, spider knife. Was found in a ditch
8 about 40 feet from Mr. Christmas's body, and it had blood
9 on it, DNA that matched Mr. Christmas.

10 THE COURT: What is the length of the blade on this
11 so-called knife?

12 MR. CLEMENTS: I think the blade was probably about that
13 long.

14 THE INVESTIGATOR: Three-and-a-half inches.

15 MR. CLEMENTS: Three-and-a-half inches. He was stabbed.
16 As Mr. Singletary said, he was stabbed twice in the chest
17 area, one punctured aorta. His face was severely beaten
18 and stomped and looked like the neck might have been
19 stomped and ear almost ripped off where -- not ripped
20 completely off but skin split -- but he was severely
21 stomped and beaten.

22 THE COURT: Do you have photographs of this?

23 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I do.

24 THE COURT: Let's put them into the record. It's
25 necessary and essential to have a full justifiable record

1 in regard to plea so I'm taking the precaution to do all
2 of this.

3 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, these are pictures of the
4 knife, pictures of Mr. Christmas where he was found, and
5 pictures of the clothes that were found, Your Honor.

6 (Items shown to defense counsel).

7 MR. CLEMENTS: They do have some of Sergeant Debra
8 Williams' notes on them, but those are probably the
9 easiest way to put them into evidence is with all these
10 photos that are like six or five to a sheet.

11 MR. MCLAURIN: Okay, all right. Mark them as a unit,
12 Ms. Court Reporter?

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, sir, State's.

14 (WHEREUPON, State Exhibit No. 1, photographs, was
15 marked for identification and admitted into evidence.)

16 THE COURT: Let the record show I have the photographs
17 depicting the knife, specifically the knife in its
18 entirety, the knife in regard to the blade and the type of
19 blade. I have photographs in regard to the victim with
20 injuries that are, of course, in reference to his face and
21 his chest. The location of the puncture wounds in the
22 chest, they're located in proximity to the aortic valve.
23 And my statement about that is made because I know where
24 the aortic valve is in a person having sustained open
25 heart surgery with a valve being replaced, a metallic

1 department by Officer Burton delivered to the county jail
2 Mr. Singletary made the statement to Officer Burton, why
3 you taking him, he didn't have anything to do with this,
4 speaking about Jarrod McFadden. Mr. Burton said they had
5 some other conversation in the back seat but the radio and
6 road noise he didn't hear what they were saying, but when
7 they were leaving he did hear Mr. Singletary ask him that
8 question. Mr. McFadden was offered a polygraph. He
9 passed it as telling -- being truthful about what
10 happened, that he didn't have anything to do with fighting
11 Mr. Christmas, hitting Mr. Christmas, stabbing Mr.
12 Christmas, or anything about that. But what he did do,
13 what he was guilty of was misprision of a felony; that he
14 didn't come forward, didn't call any attention, didn't try
15 to help the man in any way.

16 We had DNA on sweat pants that were worn by
17 Mr. Singletary, a hat, baseball cap, that was found in his
18 room. The sweat pants were found underneath the house. A
19 nylon jacket that was found underneath the house also had
20 Mr. Christmas' DNA. And there were socks outside the shed
21 that also had Mr. Christmas' DNA, all at Mr. Singletary's
22 residence where he lived with Fannie Singletary. There
23 were several individuals that saw him when he came back to
24 Ms. Ettaphine Burgess's trailer, that he had blood on it,
25 well he had blood on his shirt. A shirt wasn't found. A

1 clothes underneath Ms. Singletary's trailer that Mr.
2 Rontell Singletary had taken off and put those bloody
3 clothes under the trailer, found some bloody socks in a
4 shed or by a shed. And ultimately, they were submitted to
5 SLED, tested for DNA, and came back to Wade Christmas'
6 DNA. They ended up talking to Jarrod McFadden. He was
7 also arrested and charged. He was going to testify. He
8 was in jail for a long period of time; then finally, he
9 agreed that he would take a polygraph. He told his story
10 of what Mr. Singletary did when he came back to the
11 trailer and that is he went, said, I beat this guy up and
12 went and saw him and he thought he was still alive at the
13 time. Later Mr. Singletary told them I went back and
14 killed him. And he wanted to know why you did that and he
15 said, well, I just felt like I had to. I guess, I don't
16 know, my theory is perhaps he didn't want to be identified
17 and thought the man could identify him. Mr. McFadden said
18 he got a couple of stories from Mr. Singletary about why
19 he did it. He said it didn't really make sense. One was
20 about the guy was trying to get dope from him and he
21 didn't have any dope. And the other was the guy said
22 something, about you tried to rob me so he followed him
23 but he wasn't sure exactly why it happened but
24 Mr. Singletary told him about what happened.
25 When they were both taken from the Lake City police

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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Governor



ROBERT M. STEWART
Chief

January 9, 2006

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

TO: File 33-06-0005
FROM: Special Agent Shelby L. Lary
RE: Interview of Clarissa Burgess
COUNTY: Florence

On January 9, 2006, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Special Agent Shelby L. Lary and Lake City Police Department Detective Sergeant Debra Williams interviewed Clarissa Burgess at her residence of 122 Westover Street, Lot 4 in Lake City, South Carolina in reference to a Death Investigation. Burgess witnessed Rontrell Singletary with blood on his clothing. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Burgess voluntarily stated the following: That Rontrell Singletary came to her residence and he had blood on a towel that was wrapped around his neck. Burgess stated she questioned Singletary about the blood on his towel and Singletary stated to her that it was barbeque sauce. Burgess stated that Singletary came to her residence to get Jerode McFadden before Singletary and McFadden left together. Burgess stated that McFadden left her residence with a wrench in his pocket that kept falling out and McFadden kept trying to hide the wrench from her.



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Burgess full name is Clarissa Qne Burgess; Address: 122 Westover Street, Lot 4, Lake City, South Carolina 29560; Telephone: (843) 394-3564; Race/Sex: Black/Female; D.O.B.: 11/21/1982; SSN: 250-53-1787; Unemployed.

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January 9, 2006

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

TO: File 33-06-0005
FROM: Special Agent Shelby L. Lary
RE: Interview of Lakeisha Graham
COUNTY: Florence

On January 9, 2006, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Special Agent Shelby L. Lary and Lake City Police Department Detective Sergeant Debra Williams interviewed Lakeisha Graham at her residence of [REDACTED] in Lake City, South Carolina in reference to a Death Investigation. Graham witnessed Rontrell Singletary with blood on his clothing. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Graham voluntarily stated the following: That Rontrell Singletary came to her residence and he had blood on a towel that was wrapped around his neck. Graham stated she questioned Singletary about the blood on his towel and Singletary stated to her that it was barbeque sauce. Graham stated that Singletary came to her residence to get Jerode McFadden before Singletary and McFadden left together. Graham stated that McFadden left her residence with a wrench in his pocket that kept falling out and McFadden kept trying to hide the wrench from her.



Graham's full name is Lakeisha Monique Graham; Address: [REDACTED] Lake
City, South Carolina 29560; Telephone: (843) 394-3564; Race/Sex: Black/Female; D.O.B.:
[REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED] Unemployed.

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LT. BONNETTE: ALRIGHT, MR. SINGLETARY YOU HAVE ALREADY SERVED WITH A WARRANT, MURDER WARRANT. YOU, YOU KNOW WHAT INCIDENT IT IS. I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHAT DEALINGS DID YOU HAVE WITH THAT INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON WESTOVER STREET ON THE FOURTH WITH THE HOMICIDE?

2 ~~1~~ R. SINGLETARY: ALRIGHT, UM, I WAS COMING FROM MY HOUSE. I CAME AROUND THE CORNER. HE WAS STANDING UP, HE WAS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT IS YOU THE GUY WHO ROBBED ME OR WHATEVER AND I WAS SAYING NO. AND I KEPT WALKING TOWARDS NEXT DOOR. AND THEN HE GRABBED ME AND THEN WHEN HE GRABBED ME THAT WHEN I STARTED TO STRUGGLE. AND I HIT HIM IN THE FACE A COUPLE OF TIMES. AND THEN WE GOT, WE GOT ON THE GROUND AND STRUGGLED. AND THEN HIS BLOOD GOT ON MY COAT. AND THEN I KICK A FEW TIMES THEN SOME BLACK GUY CAME AROUND THE CORNER. AND I LEFT AND WENT TO THE [INAUDIBLE] HOUSE AND GOT JERODE AND TELL HIM WHAT WENT ON. AND WHEN JERODE CAME BACK, THE MAN WAS STILL ON THE GROUND ALIVE.

LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. YOU, YOU SAID YOU HIT HIM IN THE FACE A COUPLE OF TIMES, HOW DID, HOW DID YOU HIT HIM IN THE FACE.

R. SINGLETARY: WITH MY HAND.

LT. BONNETTE: WITH YOU HAND? YOU HIT HIM IN, IN THE FACE WITH YOUR HAND?

R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR. AND THEN I WENT AND TOLD JERODE WHAT HAPPENED.

LT. BONNETTE: UH HUH

2 + R. SINGELTARY: AND THEN WE CAME BACK. AND JERODE ASKED WHY WE FIGHTING, I TELL HIM CAUSE HE ACCUSING ME ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] ROBBERY.

LT. BONNETTE: SO YOU ALL GOT INTO A FIGHT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT YOU ROBBED HIM. WHEN DID HE, WHEN DID HE SAY HE ROBBED YOU, WHEN WAS HE ROBBED?

1 courtroom.

2 THE COURT: And they are now seated in the jury box?

3 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes, Your Honor. Your Honor, on
4 January 4th, 2006, Wade Christmas -- everyone called him
5 Wade -- was at WC Dennis's bar in Lake City. And
6 according to Rhonda Floyd, who worked there as bartender,
7 he frequented that establishment very often and she would
8 many times give him a ride home. I think he lived in the
9 Scranton area; is that correct?

10 THE INVESTIGATOR: Camp Branch area.

11 THE COURT: Camp Branch area.

12 MR. CLEMENTS: And he was there at Lake City at WC's bar
13 and he had been there since late that afternoon and this
14 was sometime around, I think, 9:30 or 10:00. And he told
15 Ms. Floyd he was going to go to a friend's house,
16 Mr. Hammond, whose nickname is Dope, and he would be back
17 before she closed and she was going to give him a ride
18 home. She said he didn't have any money because she had
19 just bought him a drink because he didn't have any money.
20 But he took off walking in that -- and she never heard
21 from him again. He got to the area of Gaddy Street in
22 Westover Street in Lake City which was just a few blocks
23 way, he was walking. And that's where his body was found
24 outside of a trailer that was lived in by Mr. George
25 Russell. Law enforcement talked to him. He had been in

1 his trailer watching the ball game drifting on and off
2 asleep, wake up, go back asleep, wake up, go back asleep,
3 never heard anything, never saw anything. But it was
4 outside his trailer. Also at the same time there were
5 many other people that the State were gonna call that were
6 present at Ms. Ettaphine Burgess's trailer, which was
7 close by there, and she goes by Delphine. And she was
8 there with her daughters and several other people. And
9 Jarrod McFadden came there, and he was there getting his
10 hair loosened. And Rontell Singletary came and he was
11 there and they had been drinking some. I think everybody
12 was kind of partying a little bit. Ms. Burgess told me
13 that Mr. Singletary did something or said something she
14 thought was disrespect in her house so she put him out.
15 And Jarrod stayed and was having his hair loosened. And
16 at some time period past -- she wasn't sure how long; the
17 other witnesses weren't sure how long -- that Rontell
18 Singletary came back to the house and they wouldn't let
19 him in, but he wanted Jarrod. So Jarrod ended up going
20 outside and stayed gone for a while and then came back.

21 But when they saw Rontell Singletary when he came to
22 the house, he had what appeared to be blood on him and
23 some said he had blood on his clothes. Some said he had
24 blood on a towel and asked him about it; he said it was
25 barbecue sauce. But I think Jarrod McFadden came back to

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LT. BONNETTE: HOW CLOSE DID MCFADDEN GO TO MR. CHRISTMAS?

R. SINGLETARY: HE WALKED, I SAY ABOUT I WAS TO HIM AND HE WAS, THE DUDE WAS STILL MOVING.

LT. BONNETTE: HE WALKED HOW CLOSE TO HIM?

1 + R. SINGLETARY: HE WALKED LIKE ALL THE WAY TO HIM.

LT. BONNETTE: ALL THE WAY UP TO HIM. AND WHAT DID HE SAY?

2 + R. SINGLETARY: HE JUST LOOKED. HE WAS LIKE WHAT HAPPENED. I WAS LIKE I HIT HIM IN THE FACE A COUPLE OF TIMES AND KICKED HIM. AND HE WAS LIKE YOU BETTER UM, TAKE THAT COAT CAUSE YOU GOT BLOOD ON YOU OR WHATEVER. SO I TOOK MY COAT OFF. AND MR. MCFADDEN WAS LIKE WELL LET ME GET MY BIKE. I FIXING TO GO TAKE MY BABY THE PAMPERS.

3 LT. BONNETTE: DID MR. MCFADDEN HELP YOU AT ALL? DID HE HIT THE MAN OR ANYTHING WHEN YALL WENT BACK DID HE HIT, ASSAULT MR. CHRISTMAS OR ANYTHING?

4 R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.

5 LT. BONNETTE: DID HE HELP YOU HIDE ANY OF THE BLOODY CLOTHES OR ANYTHING?

6 R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.

7 LT. BONNETTE: HE DIDN'T HELP YOU?

8 R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.

LT. BONNETTE: BUT HE DID GO THERE AND HE DID SEE MR. CHRISTMAS INJURED?

R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.

9 + LT. BONNETTE: WHEN YOU SAY TRYING TO GET UP, WAS HE ON HIS KNEES, ON HIS ALMOST ON HIS FEET OR, OR HOW WAS HE TRYING TO GET

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R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.

LT BONNETTE: SO OKAY. KEEP ON.

1 + R. SINGLETARY: AND THEN I PUNCHED HIM AND THEN I SLAMMED HIM IN THE GRASS OR WHATEVER. WE STRUGGLED. AND THEN I HIT HIM A COUPLE MORE TIMES. THEN I KICK HIM. THAT WHEN ANOTHER PERSON COME AROUND THE CORNER. AND I WENT AT JERODE. AND HE WAS OVER THERE GETTING FIXING TO FIGHT UM, SOME DUDE.

LT BONNETTE: WAIT A MINUTE, YOU SAY YOU KICKED HIM, HOW MANY TIMES, YOU KICKED HIM OR YOU STOMPED HIM.

R. SINGLETARY: STOMPED HIM

LT BONNETTE: HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU STOMP HIM?

R. SINGLETARY: THREE TIMES. AS BEST I CAN REMEMBER.

LT BONNETTE: ALRIGHT.

R. SINGLETARY: AND THEN I WENT AT JERODE. AND THEN THAT WHEN ME AND JERODE CAME BACK

LT BONNETTE: YOU STOMPED HIM WHERE AT NOW?

2 + R. SINGLETARY: IN THE HEAD. AND THEN WHEN ME AND JERODE CAME BACK HE WAS STILL THERE MOVING. AND THEN JERODE TELL ME TO TOOK MY COAT OFF. I WENT AND TOOK THAT OFF. THEN I TOOK MY PANTS OFF WITH IT. AND THEN JERODE LEFT AND TAKE HIS UM KID THE PAMPER AND THAT WHEN I CAME BACK OUT I SEE YALL OUT THERE. THE POLICE.

LT BONNETTE: OKAY, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE YOU COULD ADD TO THIS STATEMENT THAT YOU LEAVING OUT, THAT YOU NEED TO TELL US MR. SINGLETARY. ANYTHING. I MEAN, I GONE GIVE YOU A CHANCE NOW. IF YOU LEFT ANYTHING OUT, IF YOU ARE NOT TELLING THE WHOLE TRUTH, I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE RIGHT NOW JUST TO GO BACK AND DO THAT AT THIS POINT.

1 thinking it might be someone that was drunk and they might
2 know who it was. When they got there they saw a body with
3 a face that was just beaten and stomped and blood all over
4 it, and the two ladies ran off hysterically screaming back
5 to their trailer.

6 They immediately started their process of securing
7 the crime scene, called Florence County Sheriff's
8 forensics. They called investigators on-call. They
9 called SLED. Sergeant Williams and Lieutenant Bonette,
10 they responded from Lake City police. Chief Brown, who
11 was Captain Brown at that time responded. Shelby Larry
12 responded. And they talked to people out on the scene and
13 some of them that were in the crowd that kind of gathered
14 around outside out -- the fire department also came,
15 helped rope off the area and secure the area. And the
16 people gathered and some of them said they saw Rontell
17 Singletary back there but had changed clothes. There was
18 one person, Ms. Celette Graham who told, I believe,
19 Sergeant Debra Williams that they better check out Rontell
20 Singletary because she had seen him earlier, he had blood
21 on his clothes and changed his clothes. They went to his
22 mother's house and she said, well, he'd been by here,
23 changed clothes, said something about he might be going to
24 jail tonight. And they began to investigate.

25 They got a search warrant. They found bloody

1 the house; Rontell never did.

2 There were some people got in an argument, and I
3 think it was Mr. McFadden. He said it was me and another
4 guy arguing and Ettaphine Burgess called the police and so
5 he left. Rontell Singletary saw him again, told him to
6 leave. And so I'll get a little bit more detail on what
7 Jarrod McFadden told us Rontell showed him and told him in
8 a little bit. But they left and the police were called
9 and Jerry Gainey went out and Filyaw, Sergeant Filyaw — I
10 think he's here. They went to go to the disturbance; but
11 when they got there Ms. Burgess said everything was okay,
12 they quit arguing, the people had left. And so they left.

13 Another citizen, Mr. Sauls, Mr. Maurice Sauls, had
14 driven by and seen a body laying in front of a trailer
15 there on Gaddy Westover Street close to the corner,
16 thought he saw blood. He saw the police coming and he
17 thought oh, they're going there so I won't say anything.
18 But they rode past and they were going to Ms. Burgess's
19 where the disturbance was. So he cut the block, turned
20 around and come back. And he stopped one of the officers,
21 and I think it was officer Gainey, said there's somebody
22 laying down over there by this trailer, looks like that he
23 might have blood on him, I don't know if it they're hurt
24 or drunk, whatever. So Mr. Gainey, Officer Gainey, got
25 Ms. Burgess and one of her daughters to go with him

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1 * LT. BONNETTE: LEFT THE STOMPING OUT THE FIRST TIME AND I WANT TO KNOW THE EXTENT TO HOW YOU BEAT THIS MAN. I WANT TO KNOW WHERE THOSE STAB WOUNDS CAME FROM. CAUSE LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING SON. I ALREADY GOT THE WEAPON. I JUST NEED YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH. I GOT THE WEAPON. THE WEAPON IS IN OUR POSSESSION. THE KNIFE IS IN OUR POSSESSION. WE GOT IT FROM THE SCENE.

2 * R. SINGLETARY: I DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT STABBED.

LT. BONNETTE: COME ON NOW. YOU KNOW, YOU ARE JUST NOT TELLING. I MEAN ALREADY, YOU ALREADY SAID YOU STOMPED HIM. I MEAN, HEY. THAT PUTS YOU AT THE SCENE AND THAT PUTS YOU RIGHT THERE AS A SUSPECT. THE ONLY SUSPECT. YOU SAYING MR. MCFADDEN DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

R. SINGLETARY: NO. CAUSE I WENT [INAUDIBLE] ACROSS THE STREET.

3 LT. BONNETTE: WHEN YOU WENT TO MR. MCFADDEN, DID YOU, DID YOU HAVE BLOOD ON YOU?

4 R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.

5 LT. BONNETTE: YOU DID.

6 R. SINGLETARY: ON MY COAT.

7 LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU MADE CONTACT WITH MR. MCFADDEN? DID YOU TOUCH HIM OR GRAB HIM OR ANYTHING?

8 ~~3~~ R. SINGLETARY: I HAD GRAB HIM CAUSE HE WAS FIXING TO FIGHT SOMEBODY ELSE. SO I GRAB HIM AND WAS TELLING HIM AND WE WENT ON. AND HE WAS LIKE WHY YOU GOT BLOOD ON YOU OR WHATEVER. AND I WAS LIKE THE OLD MEAN DUDE AND I FIGHT CAUSE HE CLAIM HE HAD ROBBED HIM.

LT. BONNETTE: DID YOU, DID YOU GET ANY ON HIM WHEN YOU GRABBED HIM?

R. SINGLETARY: I AIN'T EVEN KNOW.

13:35:01

CAD Incident Detail

USER BS

CAD Incident: 2006-00001518
Phone : 843 394-1780
Name : BURGESS, DELFINE
Address : 122 WESTOVER ST
Community: LAKE CITY
Jurisdctn:
Intersect: S MORRIS ST
SubDivisn:
Apt: LT4 Bldg:

ESN : 0122
Law : LCPD
Fire : LCFD
EMS : FEMS ST5
Rescue:

Disp : C
Source: 911

LP LC M5 R
LCP S SPD
LCF SLF
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CAD Call Times

Incoming 911 : 01/04/2006 23:18:44
Call Created : 01/04/2006 23:18:48
Call Send Time : 23:19:49
Call Dispatch Time: 23:20:35
Call Enroute Time : 23:20:35
Call Arrival Time : 23:24:35
Call Clear Time : 04:21:20
Call Closed : 01/05/2006 04:21:20

Created By: MMM
Sent By : MMM
Event : S21 2
Law :
Fire :
EMS :
Rescue:

Pos:008 TERM 8
Action:
Language:

Original Dispatch Remarks:

S21 SUBJ IN HER FRONT YARD REFUSE TO LEAVE STATES
THAT SHE DOESNT KNOW WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE

Narratives

Narrative By: RRJ 01/04/2006 23:29
OFC REQUESTING 1052 IN REF TO A SUBJ LAYING ON THE GROUND ADVISED THAT IT WAS
A 1010 ON IF THE SUBJ WAS BREATHING 9E1

Narrative By: RRJ 01/04/2006 23:45
OFC ADVISED TO NOTIFY 1060

Narrative By: KAS 01/05/2006 00:20
LCPD REQ COUNTY FOREN TO RESPOND COCKFIELD WAS PAGED.

Narrative By: KAS 01/05/2006 00:42
S113 ADVISED

Narrative By: KAS 01/05/2006 02:01
PER 50 SEND MEDIC 12

Vehicle Information

UNIT	DEPT	STATUS/DSP/CASE	LOCATION/REMARK	USER	DATE	TIME
509	L05	ENR		RRJ	01/04	23:20:35
509	L05	ONS		RRJ	01/04	23:24:35
521	L05	ONS		RRJ	01/04	23:27:58

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LT. BONNETTE: OKAY, MR. SINGLETARY, I WANT YOU TO SIT BACK AND THINK. CAUSE I, I MEAN I GOT STATEMENTS ALREADY. AND I GOT A WITNESS THAT YOU WERE ASSAULTING THIS MAN.

R. SINGLETARY: I SWEAR I DIDN'T.

1 + LT. BONNETTE: SO YOU WENT AND GOT JERODE TO GO LOOK AT THE MAN.

2 + R. SINGLETARY: WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT WENT ON HE ASKED WHERE THE DUDE WAS AT. AND I LIKE OVER THERE. AND WE WENT AND LOOKED [INAUDIBLE]

3 + LT. BONNETTE: HOW DID YOU KNOW HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

4 + R. SINGLETARY: HE WAS MOVED, HE WAS GETTING UP OFF THE GROUND. AND THEN THAT WENT JERODE TOLD ME TO TAKE MY COAT OFF CAUSE I HAD BLOOD ON IT.

LT. BONNETTE: HE WAS GETTING UP OFF THE GROUND. LET ME ASK YOU THIS. HOW, HOW DID MR. CHRISTMAS GET THOSE STAB WOUNDS?

R. SINGLETARY: I COULDN'T EVEN TELL YOU THAT. I DON'T KNOW.

LT. BONNETTE: MR. SINGLETARY, COME ON NOW, WE DONE PLACE YOU, WE DONE PLACE YOU HERE AT THE SCENE. YOU TOLD US YOU ALL GOT INTO A PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION. WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS I WANT YOU TO THINK. I'M GONE ASK YOU THESE QUESTIONS AGAIN. I WANT YOU TO THINK. IF YOU ARE NOT TELLING ME THE TRUTH, JUST GO AHEAD ON AND, AND TELL ME THE WHOLE TRUTH. IT WILL BE A MUCH EASIER PROCESS IF YOU JUST TELL ME THE WHOLE TRUTH. CAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU AT THE SCENE. YOU ALREADY AT THE SCENE. YOU SAY YOU, YOU ASSAULTED HIM. NOW THIS VICTIM WHEN WE GOT TO THE SCENE WAS, HE GOT HIT IN THE FACE WITH MORE THAN JUST A FIST.

R. SINGLETARY: I HIT HIM WITH MY HAND, THAT'S ALL I KNOW CAUSE [INAUDIBLE]

LT. BONNETTE: AND THE ONLY THING YOU HIT HIM WITH IN THE FACE WAS

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NOT TO SCALE



Suspect's
Clothing

run 11/11
sing 11/11
MY
Home

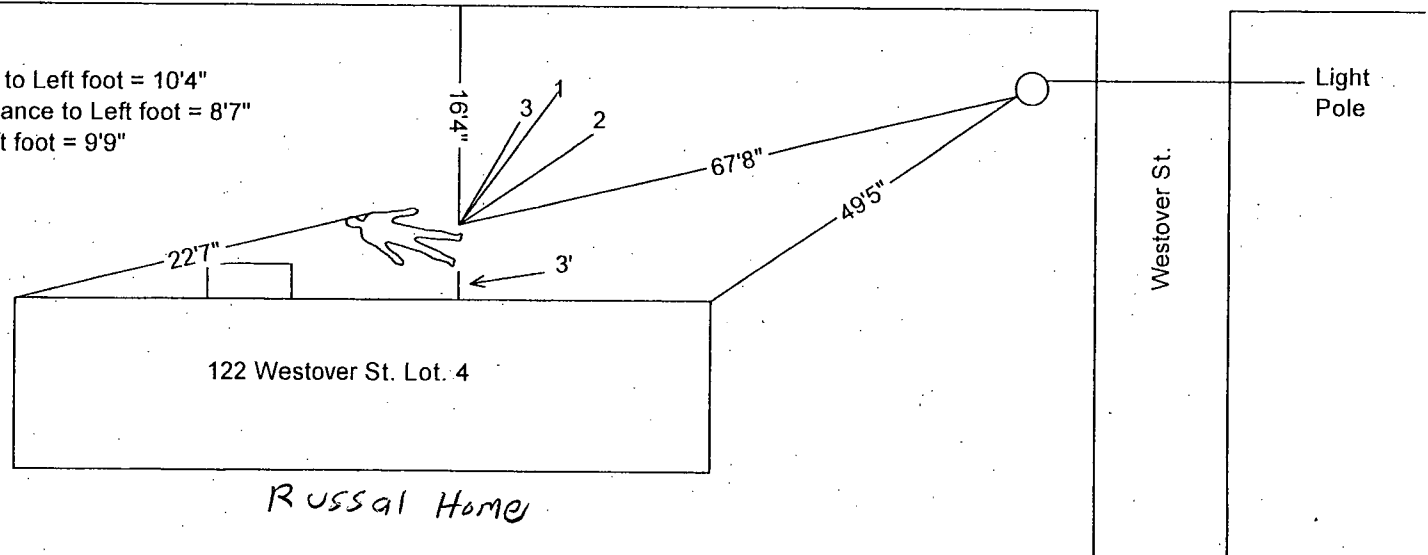
115 Westover St.
Lot 1 B

Socks

Delphine's resident
122 Westover St.
Lot 4

Gaddy St.

- #1 (pair of sunglasses) distance to Left foot = 10'4"
- #2 (pack of Kool Cigarettes) distance to Left foot = 8'7"
- #3 (blue ink pen) distance to Left foot = 9'9"



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R. SINGLETARY: HE HAD MADE ME TAKE OFF WHEN I CAME UP HERE.

LT. BONNETTE: WHAT SHOES DID YOU HAVE ON BEFORE YOU PUT THOSE FLAPS ON THAT NIGHT?

R. SINGLETARY: NONE. NOTHING BUT THEM FLAPS.

LT. BONNETTE: YOU HAD THEM ON ALL DAY?

R. SINGLETARY: UM HUM.

LT. BONNETTE: NO, NO, COME ON NOW.

R. SINGLETARY: I HAD THEM ON ALL DAY.

1 LT. BONNETTE: WHAT COL. HOW MANY PAIRS OF SNEAKERS DO YOU OWN?

R. SINGLETARY: I GOT THEM AND I SOME WHITE REBOKS.

LT. BONNETTE: WHERE WHITE REBOKS AT?

R. SINGLETARY: AT HOME.

LT. BONNETTE: WHERE AT?

R. SINGLETARY: IN MY CLOSET

AGENT LAREY: YOU HAD THOSE WHITE REBOKS ON?

R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.

AGENT LAREY: YOU SURE?

R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.

2 X SGT. WILLIAMS: SO AFTER YOU AND MR. CHRISTMAS FOUGHT, YOU WENT HOME AND CHANGED CLOTHES?

2 X R. SINGLETARY: I TOOK THE COAT OFF.

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- 1 X SGT. WILLIAMS: AND NOT THE SHIRT, JUST THE COAT.
- 2 X R. SINGLETARY: YES MA'AM
- 3 X SGT. WILLIAMS: AND YOU DIDN'T CHANGE SHOES, SOCKS, NONE OF THAT?
- 4 X R. SINGLETARY: NO MA'AM
- LT. BONNETTE: PANTS OR NOTHING?
- 5 X R. SINGLETARY: PANTS I DID.
- 6 X LT. BONNETTE: YOU CHANGED PANTS?
- 7 X R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.
- LT. BONNETTE: YOU CHANGED PANTES AND JACKET AND WHAT ELSE?
- R. SINGLETARY: THAT'S IT.
- SGT. WILLIAMS: DID YOU HAVE A HAT OR SOMETHING ON YOUR HEAD?
- R. SINGLETARY: NO MA'AM
- SGT. WILLILAMS: DOO RAG OR ANYTHING?
- R. SINGLETARY: NO MA'AM
- 8 + LT. BONNETTE: LET ME ASK YOU THIS, DID YOU MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO, TO BURN ANY OF THE CLOTHES YOU HAD ON?
- 9 + R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.
- 10 + AGENT LAREY: YOU SURE?
- 11 + R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.
- 12 + AGENT LAREY: WHA....
- 13 + R. SINGLETARY: BURN NOTHING I HAD ON.

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- 1 X LT. BONNETTE: THE BROWN PANTS YOU HAD ON, WERE THEY NEW OR, OR DID THEY HAVE ANY KIND DAMAGE ON THEM OR WHAT?
- 2 + R. SINGLETARY: NO THEY WASN'T NO PANTS.
- 3 LT. BONNETTE: WELL THEY HAD HOLES IN THEM OR ANYTHING?
- R. SINGLETARY: UH UM, NOTHING BUT HOLES IN THE POCKETS.
- LT. BONNETTE: THEY, THEY AIN'T HAD LIKE MAYBE CIGARETTE BURNS OR ANYTHING ON THEM?
- R. SINGLETARY: I AIN'T SURE.
- LT. BONNETTE: HOW YOU KNOW A PAIR OF PANTS YOU GOT AND YOU DON'T KNOW IF IT HAD CIGARETTE BURNS.
- R. SINGLETARY: I AIN'T...
- LT. BONNETTE: WERE THEY RIPPED ON THE POCKET OR ANYTHING? THEY WERE DAMAGED AT ALL.
- R. SINGLETARY: NOT AS I KNOW OF. NO, IN, INSIDE THE POCKET.
- 3 X LT. BONNETTE: OKAY. ALRIGHT. YOU HAD, YOU GOT THE SAME SOCKS ON AND EVERYTHING. I MEAN YOU, YOU KEPT ALL THAT ON?
- 4 X R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.
- 5 SGT. WILLIAMS: WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE COAT WHEN YOU TOOK THE COAT OFF?
- R. SINGLETARY: I HAD PUT IT UNDER MY MOMMA HOUSE.
- SGT. WILLIAMS: UNDER THE HOUSE?
- R. SINGLETARY: YES
- SGT. WILLIAMS: THE FRONT PART OR THE BACK PART?

1 be that he did that. But he didn't actually stab the
2 victim, which is actually what cause the death is the
3 stabbing. So that was going to be the other argument.

4 Q Of course, not knowing what the final result would
5 be. But what was your assessment of the likelihood a
6 conviction?

7 A Well, I did not think it was very good that we would
8 not be successful with the trial and he would be convicted
9 is what my professional impression of his case was.

10 Q And he could have been convicted -- he could have
11 received a life sentence at that point?

12 A That was the big thing that he was a relatively young
13 man and we went through those issues and felt like if you
14 went ahead and pled guilty, which he wanted to do that he
15 could get out and he would still be -- I think we said
16 maybe in his 40's or 50's somewhere in there at least.

17 Q Were you aware of any favorable witnesses that you
18 would have considered calling?

19 A There were no favorable witnesses. He had mention at
20 one point maybe there was some witnesses. He went --
21 according to his testimony, he went back out and observed
22 the victim after the stabbing. And I thought that was
23 contrary to reason and so we were trying to explore
24 possibly did any witnesses see him out there after the
25 stabbing at the scene of the murder and we were not able

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LATENT PRINTS DEPARTMENT

Captain Billy Brown
Lake City Police Department
202 Kelley Street
Lake City, SC 29560

January 11, 2006
SLED Lab No: L06-00416
Your Case No: 0600017
Incident Date: 01/04/06
(S) Singletary, Rontell
(S) McFadden, Jenode Romel
(V) Christmas, Jimmy Wade

This is an official report of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Forensic Services Laboratory and is to be used in connection with an official criminal investigation. These examinations were conducted under your assurance that no previous examinations of person(s) or evidence submitted in this case have been or will be conducted by any other laboratory or agency.

Robert M. Stewart, Chief
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

ITEMS OF EVIDENCE:

- ✱ Item 9: One "Spyderco G-2" stainless steel knife found in ditch

RESULTS:

NO VALUE for identification.

- Item 9.1: Swab sample collected from Item 9

RESULTS:

Sample collected and forwarded to DNA for examination

- Item 9.2: Swab sample collected from Item 9



1 can do is put you back where you were before you entered
2 your guilty plea. Were there any other charges dismissed
3 as a result of this plea or was it just the murder charge
4 that he was facing?

5 MR. SPENCER: There might have been a weapons
6 charge too. I'll double check that.

7 THE COURT: Bottom line is, Mr. Singletary --
8 please stand when I'm talking you, sir. Any charges that
9 may have been dismissed, those will all come back. The --
10 I'm assuming as part of the plea agreement the State
11 agreed to recommend the 30 year sentence or recommend the
12 minimum. They are not bound by that recommendation. In
13 other words, if I send you back, they can seek a life
14 sentence. You understand that?

15 MR. SINGLETARY: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: All right. And understanding that,
17 you do still wish to go forward with your PCR?

18 MR. SINGLETARY: Well, today I'm not ready
19 because I ain't had time to discuss a lot of things with
20 my lawyer.

21 THE COURT: Well, there's no motion to continue.
22 Are you ready to go forward, Ms. Clark?

23 MS. CLARK: I'm prepared to proceed.

24 THE COURT: I don't understand why you're not
25 ready.

1 the case who was also going to testify against
2 Mr. Singletary implicating him as the one who killed the
3 victim. And they had two or three other witnesses that
4 particular evening that said that Rontell Singletary came
5 over to their mobile home and had blood on his clothes.
6 And so based on those things, we -- those were the cons, I
7 guess.

8 Q All right. And you've heard some of Mr. Singletary's
9 earlier testimony in which he's claiming that there was a
10 failure on some part to actually ascertain whether or not
11 his witnesses were going to testify against him. Do you
12 recall the circumstances regarding that? Did you see any
13 witness statements?

14 A Yes, SLED was involved in this case and it was one of
15 the best work ups I had seen on a case. When SLED gets
16 involved, they give you every statement that they have.
17 And so I had a copy of every witness, every statement that
18 already been transcribed. And, of course, I gave that to
19 Mr. Singletary. We reviewed that together. So he was
20 well aware of what each witness on this particular case
21 was going to say in writing which is -- you don't get that
22 a lot, but we did on this case.

23 Q Regarding the plea negotiations, did -- are you aware
24 of any type of plea or agreement for 15 years for
25 manslaughter?

1 Q And did you involve him in the preparation of the
2 case?

3 A I did. We meet numerous times. Yes, we did.

4 Q And after reviewing the file and seeing the case as a
5 whole, what influence or what influenced you regarding
6 maybe entering into a plea agreement versus taking the
7 case to trial?

8 A Well, as in with any client, we discussed the pros
9 and the cons of his case, the good points and the bad
10 points and weighed our options. And we came up with a
11 decision mutually between us that this was the best route
12 to go is to work out the plea.

13 Q And what were some of the cons that made the plea
14 agreement the best way, if you can recall?

15 A Yeah, he had given them a statement which implicated
16 himself. And in the statement, he clearly put himself at
17 the scene. He indicated that he had stomped on the victim
18 and so he had himself at the scene. Then they were able
19 to discover his clothes up under the mobile home at his
20 mother's house. They had his mother give a statement
21 indicating that he came in that evening saying that he was
22 going to jail for a long time and he had blood on his
23 clothes. So they ended up like I said finding the blood
24 up under the mobile home. They did a DNA test. The DNA,
25 of course, it was his blood. They had the co-defendant in

1 (WHEREUPON, a pause in the proceedings.)

2 MS. CLARK: All right. No further questions.

3 MR. SPENCER: Your Honor, may it please the
4 Court.

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. SPENCER:

8 Q Mr. McLaurin, did you ever tell Mr. Singletary that
9 he was going to get 15 years for voluntary manslaughter?

10 A No, in fact just the opposite. I had told him the
11 murder situation and what the minimum time would be.

12 Q Minimum being 30 years?

13 A Thirty years, you're right.

14 Q Were you prepared to go to trial that day?

15 A I was. Yes, I was prepared.

16 Q And what was the defense you were going to pursue?

17 A Well, you know, the main testimony they had was the
18 co-defendant was going to testify against him. Of course,
19 we were going to try and impeach his testimony and try to
20 point the finger potentially at him as being the one who
21 committed the crime. There certainly were holes in that
22 argument, but that's one of the arguments we were going to
23 try to make in the case. And the other argument was going
24 to be that because he had admitted at least hitting him
25 and stomping on his face, the other argument was going to



CONSENT TO SEARCH

January 5, 2006
DATE

125 Westover ST. Lot 6
LAKE CITY, S.C. 29560
LOCATION

I, Fannie Singleton HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE
LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHO HAS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES TO ME AS LIEUTENANT

ERIC BONNETTE OF INVESTIGATIONS / CAPT. BROWN

THESE OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED BY ME TO SEIZE ANY ITEMS THEY CONSIDER
RELEVANT TO THEIR INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ON MY PREMISES. THIS
WRITTEN PERMISSION IS BEING GIVEN BY ME TO THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS
VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT THREATS OR PROMISES OF ANY KIND.

SIGNED Fannie Singleton

WITNESSES:

Sgt. Delora Williams

Lt. E. Bonnette

RETURN

I received the attached Search Warrant ON 01/05/06, and have executed it as follows:

On 01/05/06 at 125 Westover St, Lot 6 24 o'clock 9 a.m., I searched
LAKE CITY, S.C.
(the person) described in the warrant and (the premises)

I left a copy of the warrant with Fannie Singletary
Name of person searched or "at the place of search" with.
Together with a receipt for the items seized.

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the warrant:

FROM DOWELL'S BED ROOM: 1 Towel, 1 Baseball cap w/
Blood stains, 1 BOX CUTTER & 1 Kitchen Knife
UNDER MOBILE HOME: 1 PAIR BLOOD SOILED PANTS, 1 BLOOD SOILED
COAT (BLACK IN COLOR) (BROWN IN COLOR E.B.)
SHED ATTACHED TO MOBILE HOME: 1 PAIR BLOOD SOILED SOCKS.

This inventory was made in the presence of Lt. Bonnette, Captain Brown & Agent Shelly
AND KARA

I swear that this Inventory is a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me on the warrant.

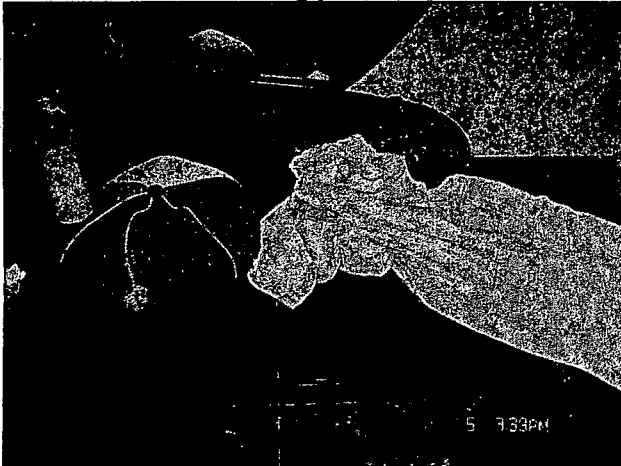
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day of January, 2006
Judith Henderson (L.S.)
Signature of Judge

Sgt. W. Debra Williams
(Signature of Officer Executing Warrant)

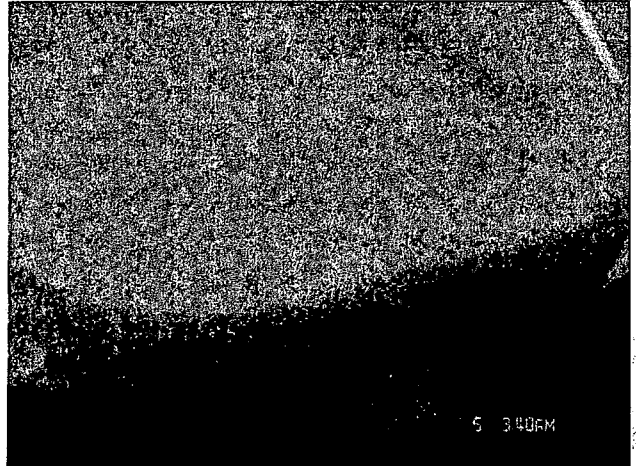
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 en @ 125 Westover
 Lake City, SC 29560

Taken by: Sgt. D. Williams



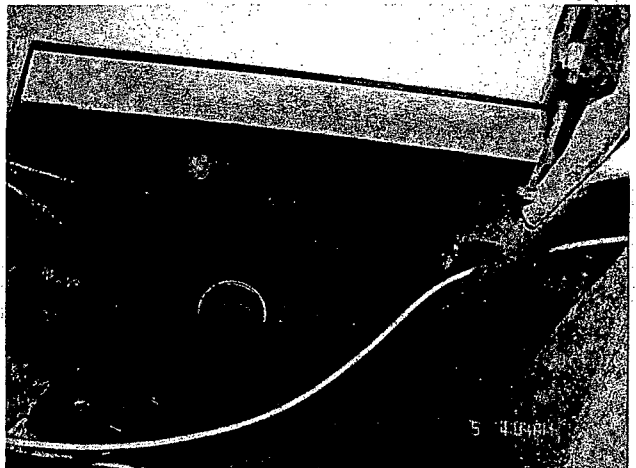
Ball Cap & towel
 (found in Subj. #1's bedroom)



Stain on back
 of ball cap



(2) Knives found in
 Subject #1 bedroom



Area in front of house
 where Coat & pants were
 found.



Area in front of house
 where Coat & pants were
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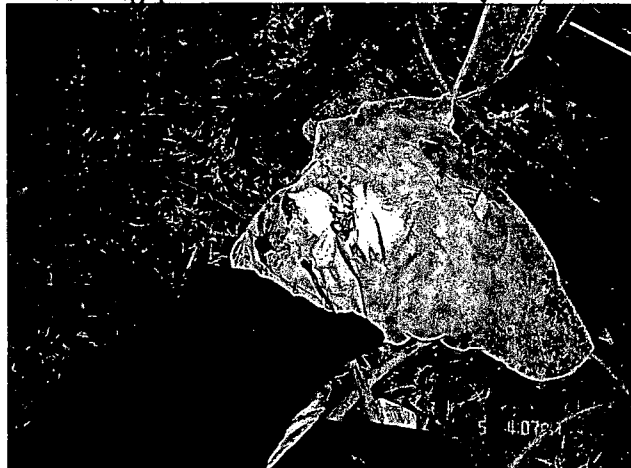


Area in front of house
 where Coat & pants
 were found.

06-00017-Murder
 Taken @ 125 West 10th St. Lake City, 29560 Taken by:
 Sgt. D. Williams



Area in front of house
 where coat & pants were
 found



Coat & pants
 (Subj. #1)



Pants (Subj. #1)



Pants (Subj. #1)



Coat (Subj. #1)
 appeared to be
 blood stained



Coat (Subj. #1)
 appeared to be
 blood stained

07-562

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF

IN THE COURT OF (Select one.)
☒ GENERAL SESSIONS ☒ FAMILY COURT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

State of South Carolina,
Plaintiff,

CASE NO.:
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Rowell vs. Singleton

☒ Defendant ☐ Juvenile.

☒ ORDER
☐ AMENDED ORDER
2007 DEC 19 PM 1:08
REEL SHEARIN
(Seal of SC)
FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

Offense(s):

It appears that the above named person is entitled to court-appointed counsel or a guardian ad litem.

It further appears that: (Select only one.)

- ☒ the public defender now represents another person involved herein and that a conflict would arise if that office represents the above-named individual.
- ☐ the public defender has indicated a possible conflict of interest or other good cause warranting the appointment of counsel based on:
- ☐ the public defender or court-appointed counsel has indicated that the named individual has now retained private counsel and is no longer entitled to appointed counsel.
- ☐ court-appointed counsel has claimed an exemption or has demonstrated good cause pursuant to Rule 608 warranting the appointment of new counsel based on:
- ☐ court-appointed counsel has obtained substitute counsel named below pursuant to Rule 608(h)(2); only the member who originally received the appointment and who sought substitute counsel shall receive credit for the appointment.

Therefore, it is ordered that *Charles STEVEN McLAURIN*, Esquire hereby is appointed as (Select only one.)

☐ counsel ☐ lead counsel (if capital PCR case)
for the above-named person. Counsel previously appointed is/are hereby relieved as counsel.

☐ (If Death Penalty PCR Case) It is further ordered that , Esquire, is hereby appointed as second counsel in this capital case.

The clerk of court is directed to forward a copy of this order to all persons entitled to notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17 DAY OF Dec, 2007

☒ Circuit Judge ☐ Clerk of Court

NOTICE: SC Supreme Court Order of September 29, 2006, requires appointed counsel entitled to payment from the Office of Indigent Defense (OID) to register the case online with OID within fifteen (15) days of this appointment at and further directs that reimbursement vouchers be submitted directly to SCCID and not to the trial judge or clerk of court. See SCCID website for further details.

CERTIFIED: *Paula Ottana*
CLERK OF COURT C.P. & G.S.
FLORENCE COUNTY, S.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA]

COUNTY OF FLORENCE]

The State of South Carolina,]

Plaintiff,]

-vs-]

Rontell Singletary,]

Defendant.]

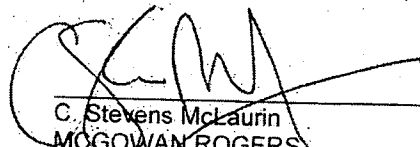
IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Warrant No.: I-331139

MOTION FOR BOND REDUCTION

2008 SEP 30 PM 3:51
FLORENCE COUNTY SC

Upon Motion of C. Stevens McLaurin, attorney for the defendant, we would ask the Court to reduce the defendant's bond. The defendant has been charged with murder and has been incarcerated since January 2006. Based on the foregoing, the defendant would request the Court to reduce his bond.


C. Stevens McLaurin
MOGOWAN ROGERS
229 South Coit Street
PO Box 1461
Florence, SC 29503-1461
843/669-6395

Florence, South Carolina,

September 30, 2008.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)

PLAINTIFF,)

-VS-)

RONTELL SINGLETARY,)

DEFENDANT.)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WARRANT NO. I-331139

FILED
2008 FEB -4 PM 4:24
CONIE REE-SHEARIN
CCJP & GS
FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

**MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE
BY THE PROSECUTION
PURSUANT TO RULE 5, SCRCRIMP**

NOW COMES THE DEFENDANT, RONTELL SINGLETARY, by and through his/her undersigned counsel of record, pursuant to Rule 5, SCRCrimP, and moves the prosecution to permit the Defendant to inspect and copy or photograph, including, but not limited to, the following, with the express provision that the duty of disclosure be a continuing one in the event that any such materials come into existence or become available after the initial disclosures:

- a) Any written or recorded statements made by the Defendant, or copies thereof, within the possession, custody, or control of the prosecution, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the prosecution;
- b) The substance of any oral statement which the prosecution intends to offer into evidence at the trial made by the Defendant, whether before or after arrest, in response to interrogation by any person then known to the Defendant to be a prosecution agent;

c) A copy of the Defendant's prior criminal record, if any, as is within the possession, custody, or control of the prosecution, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the prosecution;

d) All books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects, buildings or places, or copies or portions thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of the prosecution, and which are material to the defense, or are intended for the use by the prosecution as evidence in chief at the trial, or were obtained from or belong to the Defendant;

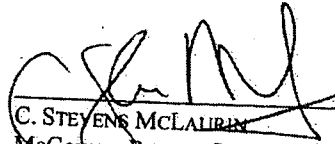
e) All results or reports of physical or mental examinations, and of scientific tests or experiments, or copies thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of the prosecution, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the prosecution, and which are material to the preparation of the defense or are intended for use by the prosecution as evidence in chief at the trial; and

f) The statement of any witness or prospective prosecution witness, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the prosecution.

The Defendant further moves that compliance with the foregoing request be made within ten (10) days from the service of this motion, and upon failure of the prosecution to so comply, the Defendant will move before the Presiding Judge of this Circuit, by Notice and Motion, for an Order prohibiting the prosecution from introducing at trial evidence not disclosed, and if the foregoing is denied, an Order permitting the discovery and inspection requested, or a continuance of the trial, or such Order as the Court in its discretion deems just under the circumstances.

For purposes of this Motion, the Defendant asserts that any item requested in Paragraphs a, b, c, d, e, and f above is material to the preparation of the defense in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



C. STEVENS MCLAURIN
McGowan, Rogers, Stewart, Hiller & McLaurin, PA
Post Office Drawer 1461
Florence, S.C. 29503
(843) 669-6395

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

February 4, 2008

STATEMENT OF RONTELL SINGLETARY

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- 1 + R. SINGLETARY: I DON'T KNOW, WHEN I CAME BACK, HE WAS STILL THERE. AND WHEN I WENT AND CHANGED MY COAT OR WHATEVER, AND CAME BACK OUT, THAT'S WHEN I SEE THE POLICE ON THE SCENE. AND THAT...
- 2 + LT. BONNETTE: WHAT WOULD I, WHAT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TELL YOU I GOT STATEMENTS FROM WITNESSES SAYING THAT YOU WENT AND YOU GOT A KNIFE AND YOU CAME BACK TO THE SCENE AND FINISH HIM OFF?
- 3 + R. SINGLETARY: NO, I DIDN'T.
- LT. BONNETTE: MR. SINGLETARY, DON'T LIE TO ME.
- R. SINGLETARY: I DIDN'T
- 4 x LT. BONNETTE: MR. SINGLETARY, HOW DID MR. CHRISTMAS GET THOSE STAB WOUNDS?
- 5 + R. SINGLETARY: I DON'T KNOW.
- 6 LT. BONNETTE: MR. MCFADDEN DID IT?
- 7 R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR.
- 8 LT. BONNETTE: HOW YOU KNOW THAT?
- 9 R. SINGLETARY: HE WAS ACROSS THE STREET.
- LT. BONNETTE: YOU SAY YOU DON'T KNOW.
- R. SINGLETARY: HE ACROSS THE STREET AT THE NEIGHBORS HOUSE GETTING HIS HAIR LOOSED THAT WHAT....
- 10 + LT. BONNETTE: YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK. I THINK HE CAME AND HE TRIED TO FINISH HIM OFF FOR YOU AND HE STABBED HIM. AND YOU KNOW AND YOU ARE NOT TELLING. OR EITHER, YOU WENT BACK, YOU STABBED HIM.
- 11 + R. SINGLETARY: NO SIR. I DIDN'T

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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RONTELL SINGLETARY,)
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DEFENDANT.)
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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WARRANT NO. I-331139

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED
AS COUNSEL

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CUNNIE REEL-SHEARIN
CCCP & GS
FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

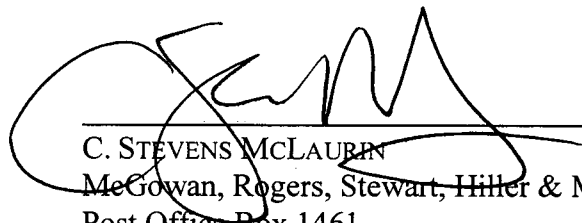
TO: E. L. CLEMENTS, III, SOLICITOR FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned as counsel for the Defendant, will move before the Presiding Judge of the General Sessions Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit as soon as counsel may be heard for an Order granting to counsel an order relieving him as counsel for this Defendant, Rontell Singletary.

The Defendant has advised Mr. McLaurin that he no longer desires his representation in this matter. Counsel has been unable to communicate with the Defendant which has negatively affected representation in this matter.

Wherefore, C. Stevens McLaurin moves the Court for an order relieving him as the attorney for the Defendant, Rontell Singletary.

I SO MOVE.


C. STEVENS MCLAURIN
McGowan, Rogers, Stewart, Hiller & McLaurin, PA
Post Office Box 1461
Florence, SC 29503
(843) 669-6395

March 5, 2008

CERTIFIED: A TRUE COPY
Doris Pauls Offner
CLERK OF COURT C.P. & G.S.
FLORENCE COUNTY, S.C.

1 THE COURT: The first motion I'll take up is the motion
2 that emanates from the Defendant where he is asking that
3 counsel be relieved. Is that correct, counsel?

4 MR. MCLAURIN: That's what I've been informed by
5 Mr. Singletary, Your Honor. He'd like to make that
6 motion.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Singletary, would you please stand up.
8 You now are making a motion to relieve your counsel in
9 this case?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Sir?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Why?

14 THE DEFENDANT: He lied to me several times and I asked
15 him to put in some other motions and he didn't.

16 THE COURT: We cannot hear you.

17 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, may we approach.

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 (WHEREUPON, counsel approached the Bench for an
20 off-the-record discussion.)

21 THE COURT: Jurors in the audience, I have a number of
22 motions to consider. The first one is a motion in regard
23 to excusal of the defense counsel. The second one relates
24 to Batson versus Kentucky and the third relates to a
25 motion concerning evidence in the case. Because of that

1 THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT: What say the Defendant?

2 MR. MCCLAURIN: We'll excuse this juror for this trial.

3 THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT: You've been excused for this
4 trial only, sir. You may return to your seat.

5 109, Jane Parks (white male). Does the State wish
6 to challenge this juror for cause?

7 MR. CLEMENTS: Madam clerk, what number was that again?

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT: 109.

9 MR. CLEMENTS: We do not. Thank you.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT: Does Defendant wish to
11 challenge this juror for cause?

12 MR. MCCLAURIN: No challenge.

13 THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT: Please have a seat in the
14 jury box, sir.

15 THE COURT: Ms. Parks, you need to use that seat at all
16 times since you're alternate number two. So there are
17 three designated seats as we try the case, the foreperson,
18 alternate one, alternate two. The rest of you may sit
19 anywhere other than those three designated seats. Jurors,
20 please, if you would go to your jury room now. I need to
21 take up matters of law and the bailiff must take up the
22 cell phones. You cannot take the cell into the jury room.

23 (WHEREUPON, the jury was removed from the
24 courtroom at 11:21 a.m., and the following proceedings
25 commenced in open court.)

1 I'm going to excuse you until 2:00 today. Please be back
2 in the courtroom at 2:00. All jurors are excused until 2.
3 No one leaving but jurors, no one but jurors.

4 (Pause while jury panel exits.)

5 THE COURT: All right, the motion is to relieve counsel.
6 Anything else that you would like to present to me,
7 Mr. Singletary? If so, please stand.

8 THE DEFENDANT: The only thing I say, Your Honor, he was
9 lie to me plenty of times, whatever, about he was going to
10 do this and do that and never did. He could have helped
11 me in my situation and I wish he not to stand trial with
12 me because this is a serious matter.

13 THE COURT: All right, have a seat.

14 State wish to be heard?

15 MR. CLEMENTS: Your Honor, I think at this stage of the
16 game this is a motion just for delay. Seems like we've
17 been through this situation with Mr. Singletary previously
18 and Mr. McKenzie — Mr. McLaurin was not relieved at that
19 time. He has done everything I expect to hear or get from
20 a defense attorney. Before being Solicitor I was a
21 defense attorney myself. I think he's done a very good
22 job to this point as far as I can tell. I know he's
23 prepared for trial. I know he has negotiated strenuously
24 on behalf of his client to try to get something different
25 than what I have offered. The offer I made based on the

1 evidence I have, I think Mr. McLaurin has presented the
2 evidence honestly to Mr. Singletary and I imagine
3 Mr. Singletary just doesn't like what he's heard, which is
4 the truth. And I know Mr. McLaurin has been honest with
5 him and let him know what we have, and I think he just
6 doesn't like that. I think he's just trying to delay this
7 process. We're ready to go forward.

8 THE COURT: Mr. McLaurin, would you like to put anything
9 on the record please?

10 MR. MCLAURIN: Judge, I feel like I've been through all
11 my pretrial motions that I have filed with the Court and
12 been through everything with Mr. Singletary, met with him
13 on I can't tell you how many occasions out at the jail.
14 And I feel like I've kept him informed about the status,
15 and we're ready to go forward but certainly will honor the
16 Court's wishes.

17 THE COURT: Anything further you'd like to put on the
18 record, Mr. Singletary? If so, please stand.

19 THE DEFENDANT: Well, I got a little something in here,
20 was saying he had put in for another trial or something,
21 but at the same time you done had recommend this court
22 date so I wonder why you lieing to me saying you put in
23 for another trial but never did file for none of that.

24 THE COURT: All right, thank you, please be seated.

25 Order: The general law in the state of South

STATEMENT OF RONTELL SINGLETARY
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LT. BONNETTE: Demeanor? How, how will, what was his appearance?

R. SINGLETARY: I ain't really know. I wasn't really paying him no attention.

LT. BONNETTE: You never stopped and talked to him or spoke, said hello or anything like that before?

R. SINGLETARY: Huh uh.

LT. BONNETTE: So on that night, you all got into the physical confrontation, you never really had any dealings with him?

R. SINGLETARY: Huh uh.

AGENT LAREY: Mr. Singletary, when you, when Mr. Christmas grabbed you said you stated that you hit him, correct? Was it open fist or closed fist?

R. SINGLETARY: Closed

1 AGENT LAREY: And when you stomped him, what kind of shoes did you have on?

2 R. SINGLETARY: Flaps

3 AGENT LAREY: You had on flaps.

4 R. SINGLETARY: Yes sir.

5 AGENT LAREY: You sure?

6 R. SINGLETARY: Yes sir.

AGENT LAREY: Did you have boots or sneakers on? Could it have been sneakers?

R. SINGLETARY: Had on some flaps with the ones in that bag where um,

STATEMENT OF RONTELL SINGLETARY
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1 LT. BONNETTE: COME AROUND THE CORNER FORM WHERE?

2 R. SINGLETARY: FROM MY HOUSE

3 LT. BONNETTE: OKAY.

4 R. SINGLETARY: AROUND THE CORNER TO THE STORE. HE WAS STANDING UP BY THE STOP SIGN. AND HE WAS SAYING SOMETHING AND HE WAS LIKE UM, YOU THE GUY WHO ROBBED ME? AND I WAS LIKE NO, I AIN'T ROBBED YOU OR WHATEVER. AND HE WAS SAYING SOMETHING ELSE. THEN HE GRABBED ME THEN WHEN I SNATCHED AWAY, HE STILL HOLDING ME AND I TURNED AROUND AND HIT HIM IN THE FACE A COUPLE OF TIMES. THEN I SLAM AND WE START TUSSLING OVER THE GROUND. AND THEN I START HITTING HIM IN THE FACE SOME MORE. AND THAT WHEN HE LEAN UP ON ME AND THAT'S WHEN HIS BLOOD GOT ON MY COAT. AND THAT'S WHEN I GOT UP AND START STOMPING HIM.

LT. BONNETTE: WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST LEAVE WHEN YOU GOT UP?

R. SINGLETARY: I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHEN THE OTHER GUY CAME AROUND THE CORNER THAT'S WHEN I HAD LEFT.

LT. BONNETTE: SO, WHAT AFTER YOU SLAM HIM ON THE GROUND AND YOU GOT UP AND YOU STOMPED HIM WASN'T HE ALREADY DISABLED WHEN YOU THREW HIM ON THE GROUND.

R. SINGLETARY: NO, HE WAS STILL MOVING.

LT. BONNETTE: COULDN'T YOU GET AWAY THOUGH?

R. SINGLETARY: YES SIR.

LT. BONNETTE; WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE?

R. SINGLETARY: I DON'T KNOW.

LT. BONNETTE: SO YOU DECIDED JUST TO STAY THERE AND JUST STOMP HIM

1 valve. The location of the scene and the site, more
2 photographs in regard to this individual depicting
3 serious, serious injuries to the face and to his chest.
4 The photographs prove with absolute certitude the type of
5 injuries that were inflicted upon this victim. State's
6 Exhibit Number 1.

7 Proceed.

8 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor,
9 Mr. Singletary was Mirandised, gave a statement putting
10 himself at the scene as I stated, said that he did beat
11 the man and hit him with his fist and stomped him, but at
12 that time denied that he stabbed him. He said some
13 unknown black male that he didn't know who they were came
14 around the corner so he left, and he thought that guy did
15 it. He told Mr. Jarrod McFadden that he did it. He's
16 told Your Honor here he stabbed him twice in the chest.
17 We believe that is what happened. What the State does not
18 know, Your Honor, is we do not understand the motive. We
19 do know based on autopsy that Mr. Christmas's blood
20 alcohol level was about a .30. I asked the lady,
21 Ms. Floyd, that was his friend that was the bartender,
22 asked if he ever got belligerent when he was drinking.
23 She said he could. We don't know if -- and Mr. McFadden
24 could not tell me either. He said Mr. Singletary gave him
25 two stories. We don't know if it was an attempt to buy

1 drugs or a drug deal gone bad or it was just an encounter.
2 We know Mr. Singletary was drinking quite a bit that night
3 as well; that by his own test-- statement he gave law
4 enforcement, also by statement of other witnesses, we
5 don't know if it was that fueled by alcohol, something was
6 said that caused this to occur. There's no explanation
7 for it. Of course, Your Honor, if we did have the
8 explanation of why it happened it would certainly not be
9 exculpatory of this type of situation. But we talked with
10 the family. We've made him the offer. If he pled guilty
11 to murder and did not make the family go through the
12 emotional cost of having to go through this trial that we
13 would be satisfied with 30 year sentence.

14 THE COURT: What about the officers that are standing
15 here? Full name please for the record.

16 THE INVESTIGATOR: Shelby Louis Larry.

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

18 THE INVESTIGATOR: I was employed with the -- I was a
19 special agent with the South Carolina Law Enforcement
20 Division at the time of this investigation. I was called
21 out to assist the Lake City Police Department with this
22 case in a combined effort with the -- I'm sorry, Sergeant
23 Williams and Lieutenant Bonnett. We were able to
24 determine that Rontell Singletary and Jarrod McFadden were
25 involved in this matter. And we were able to place them

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
(NOT UNDER ARREST)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Florence

DATE 1-9-06 PLACE LCPD

TIME STARTED 3:15 P. M.

PERSONALLY appeared before me Rhonda Floyd

, who states:

"My name is Rhonda Floyd and I am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to Detective/Sgt Williams + Ag. Lacey.

I understand that I am free to walk away without saying anything, and I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve. I am 31 years of age, having been born on Dec - 5 - 1974

I live at 11615 Colin Rd Lake City SC 29560

I completed the 10th grade in school and I can cannot read and write."

I went to work at WC'S Bar on Jan 4-06 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Christmas came in around 4:30 p.m. He sat with me and had a few beers until approximately 10:30 or 10:45 p.m.

Told me he was going to see a friend and he would be back before I closed the bar so I could give him a ride home. He never came back. Don't know anyone that would want to harm Mr. Christmas because he was a very likeable person.

Never been known to carry any weapons on him to my knowledge. The friend that he was going to see was a guy named Dope. He is a dark ^{R.F.} complexion ^{male} with no hair. R.F.

R.F.

R.F.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of 1 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

This statement was completed at 3:29 P.M. on the 9 day of Jan, 2006.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE
ME THIS 9 DAY OF JAN, 2006

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
My Commission Expires:

Rhonda Floyd
Signature of person giving voluntary statement

WITNESS: [Signature]

WITNESS: Walter Williams

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

Rhonda Floyd

To: Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC, 29201

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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Court of Appeals:

Please be advised that Ms. Patricia A. Howard have recently wrote to me in response to A letter that I have sent to her, asking Her did the Florence County Clerk of Court mailed or fax my notice of Appeal to either one of Yall, and she told me that no Appeal or notice of Appeal was filed with either courts under this case number 2019-CP-21-01587... So, Patricia from the Supreme Court of South Carolina told me to filed the notice of Appeal with your court, okay, I want to put this on record, the reason I didn't been filed the Notice of Appeal with the Court of Appeal is because I'm pro se, and I was under the ~~assup~~ assumption that the Florence County Clerk of Court was gonna send Yall a copy of the documents, because I had already filed the notice of Appeal with them. What gave me that assumption is, when I filed other notices to the Attorney General's Offices, with the Florence County Clerk of Court, that Court would fax the documents to the Attorney General's Office. But, after I was directed by an inmate that I had to send copies to all parties, that's what I did, so I'm sending you a copy of my notice of Appeal to be filed with your court so that I can receive an Appellate Review. Please! Please! Accept my notice of Appeal and have it filed, I'm begging you, because honestly, I'm innocent! I just don't understand how the courts work. I don't know if I have passed my filing date or not, but Please! I'm begging, HELP me out! I never committed a major crime a day in my life and I got sentenced like a career criminal. When the Assistance Attorney General Michael D. Davidson told me inside his final order of dismissal that I had to file and serve a Notice of Appeal within 30 days of the service of his order to secure a Appellate Review, I served the notice of Appeal on time with the Florence County Clerk of Court and had it filed, I never knew at that time, I suppose to have serve and filed one with your court, so, also in the letter, He told me that my attention is directed to Rule 227, SCACR, for the procedures following the filing and service of my notice of Appeal, I didn't have a clue of what He was talking about, and I had no way to actually find out! At the time I received the Attorney's General order, I was on LOCKUP at Broad-River institution on quarantine, no one coming in no one going out due to the Pandemic (Coronavirus). I had no access to no Law materials! Period! I had no way to search or look over Rule 227, SCACR.

After being released from lockup in December 2020, I came back into the General Population, but was still ~~too~~ lockdown, the unit that I was in only came out ~~may~~ maybe an hour to take shower, We couldn't go on the yard, meaning to medical, school, Law Library, Etc. so, again I was deprived of the legal material I need to see or look over, so, I decided to write to the Florence County clerk of court and I asked them, what was the last thing that the Attorney General had filed, was the final order of dismissal on 8-26-2020. She sent me the order ~~and~~ along with a form 4 sheet that had civil case, case number 2019-CP-21-01587 on it, someone said that it was a disposition form. I don't have it at this time, I sent it back to the Florence County clerk of court, asking them what do I do with it and explain it to me. What, I'm saying is A Year have passed and no one is telling me nothing, now, I'm asking your court to please accept my notice of Appeal and have it filed, I want to go Home! I already have served 15 years of my life in prison for a crime that I didn't even committed, I only got sentenced because I wouldn't told, Evidence didn't sentenced me! I was a young man who didn't know anything about the Law Books, and I got advantage taken of me, and in the process my speedy trial was violated, I was willing to go to trial then and I'm willing to go now to Prove that I didn't ~~did~~ committed the crime that I'm accused of. Another thing, I understand that I sent "A lot" of Paperwork to Yall, but I only did it because it's part of why this final order that was handed down by the Attorney General should not be final, so I'm asking the court to have ~~me~~ mercy on me and give me an Appellate Review and grant me some type of relief, I didn't committed no crime, I'm innocent! I need some Help, ~~I am not~~ I'm cold without shelter, Hungry with food, Naked without clothing, is there no Help for A Widow's son? Have ~~me~~ mercy on me I'm innocent, I want to go home, please file my notice of Appeal,

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