

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
vs.)
JEROID J. PRICE)
DEFENDANT.)
_____)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MOTION TO UNSEAL ALL RECORDS
RELATED TO THIS CASE

INDICTMENT: 2003-GS-40-2295

RICHLAND COUNTY
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To: Defendant, Solicitor Byron Gipson, Joanna Delany, Attorney for Defendant and Todd Rutherford, Attorney for Defendant

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on or about April 18, 2023 at 12:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this motion may be considered, the State of South Carolina, through its undersigned attorney, will move before the Administrative Judge for the Court of General Sessions for Richland County, for an order unsealing all sealed records of the court in reference to the above charge and defendant in the Richland County Courthouse, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

The State of South Carolina hereby moves this Court for an order to unseal all of the sealed documents related to this case and this defendant in the Richland County Courthouse.

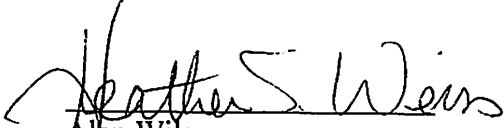
1. Defendant was convicted of Murder and sentenced to 35 years by Judge Reginald Lloyd in 2003.
2. Under South Carolina Code Section 16-3-20(A) a person must serve 30 years to life for murder and is not eligible for any credit that would reduce the mandatory minimum of 30 years.

3. Defendant was released on or about March 15, 2023, well before the 30 year minimum would have expired.
4. The victims were not notified of any hearing that would have affected the sentence in the murder case.
5. The Attorney General's Office handled the direct appeal and is currently involved in a Post Conviction Relief appeal defending the 35-year sentence imposed by Judge Lloyd.
6. The office was never served with any motion nor order nor was it ever made aware of any proceeding or circumstances which would have reduced the defendant's sentence.
7. The records regarding this release are currently under seal at the Richland County Courthouse.
8. The Attorney General's Office is unable to assess potential statutory and constitutional violations related to this release without the ability to review all of the documents under seal.

The State respectfully requests the following relief:

1. That the records pertaining to this case be unsealed for the limited review of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.
2. Within 24 hours, this court decide whether to seal again any part of the record or release it completely.

I SO MOVE:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line drawn across the middle of the letters.

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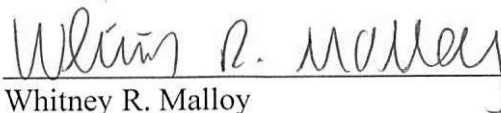
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, this 18th day of April 2023, served copies of a Motion to Unseal All Records Related to This Case on the following, by email:

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