

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Petitioner,


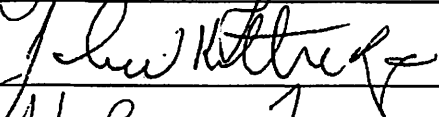

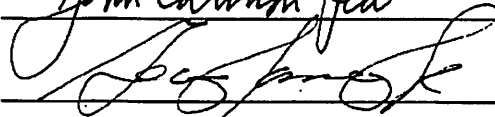

v.

Jeroid John Price, Respondent

Appellate Case No. 2023-000614

ORDER

The parties have jointly filed a request, which we construe as a petition for a common law writ of certiorari, asking that this Court unseal the record of the criminal proceedings associated with General Sessions indictment number 2003-GS-40-2295. We grant the petition and issue a writ of certiorari. We direct the Clerk of Court for Richland County to unseal the records relating to indictment number 2003-GS-40-2295, and make all such records public.

	C.J.
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Columbia, South Carolina
April 20, 2023

cc: The Honorable Robert E. Hood
Byron E. Gipson, Esquire
James Todd Rutherford, Esquire

The State of South Carolina

Byron E. Gipson
Solicitor

April Sampson
Deputy Solicitor



Curtis Pauling
Deputy Solicitor

Dan Goldberg
Deputy Solicitor

SOLICITOR'S OFFICE
Fifth Judicial Circuit

April 19, 2023

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SC SUPREME COURT

VIA EMAIL

Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty
Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: State v. Jeroid J. Price, C.A. No 2003-GS-40-2295

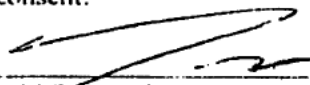
Dear Chief Justice Beatty:

We hereby request for the Supreme Court to release and unseal the Order in the above entitled case. If you have any additional questions or concerns, I can be reached at ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

By: 
Byron E. Gipson
Fifth Circuit Solicitor

I consent:


Todd Rutherford, Esquire

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
)	FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)	
)	Warrant Number: H283316
The State of South Carolina,)	Indictment Number: 2003GS402295
)	
vs.)	ORDER REDUCING SENTENCE
)	
Jeroid Price,)	
)	
<u>Defendant.</u>)	

This Matter comes before this Court by Defendant, through his undersigned attorney, J. Todd Rutherford, who petitions this Court to Reduce the Defendant's Sentence:

The Court finds the following facts to exist in this case:

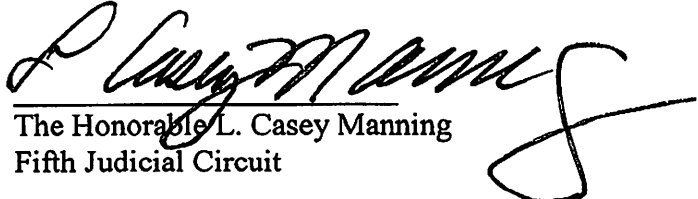
1. That the Defendant was convicted of Murder with Warrant No. H283316/Indictment No. 2003GS402295 on December 19, 2003 and came to the South Carolina Department of Corrections on December 23, 2003.
2. That the Defendant was sentenced to a sentence of thirty-five years in prison by The Honorable Reginald I. Lloyd and has served approximately nineteen years to date.
3. Upon motion of the Solicitor in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §17-25-65.
4. An account of Defendant's cooperation is contained in an addendum attached to this Order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the sentence be reduced from thirty-five years to nineteen years.

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IT IS SO ORDERED:

This 30 day of DEC, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina


The Honorable L. Casey Manning
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Addendum

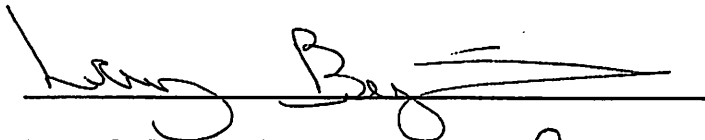
Defendant assisted the Department of Corrections (hereinafter "DOC") by putting them on notice that a dangerous inmate had escaped one of their facilities. Unbeknownst to the DOC, Inmate Jimmy Lee Causey, had escaped custody and been on the run for three days. Defendant's cooperation put the DOC on notice of Inmate Causey's escape and led to his eventual capture.

EXHIBIT 1

This is a sworn affidavit by Larry P. Benjamin (07-06-1962)

In January of 2017 I was an inmate in the South Carolina Department of Corrections at Lieber Correctional institution assigned to Ashely-B-Cell-53. The following statement is true and to the best of my knowledge and recollection. One day in the middle of January while I was working as the head ward-keeper along with other ward-keepers. I noticed Mr. Price and Unit Manager Jordan Williams was out this morning cleaning when the agency search team entered the building. At this point the other inmates that were in their cells became very upset because the team were in our area. Me and the other ward-keepers were told to return to our cells. Once we were inside our cells the team started to search on the second floor. I believe they started with cell 34 and they became very upset and agitated they started to cause problems for the team to the point Unit Manager Williams called off the team in fear it was becoming too dangerous for the team. Once the team left and the inmates came back out there was an altercation in the downstairs day room where I saw Mr. Price defuse the altercation while I went to get the Unit Counselor Stags off the wing. When the altercation was defused a group of inmates belonging to the Folk Nation had a meeting and after their meeting word got out that they planned to attack Unit Manager Williams, Unit Counselor Stags and Officer Miller. So when they locked down for count---myself, Mr. Price and a few more ward-keepers was out cleaning up I went to the manager's office where I saw Unit Manager Williams, Unit Counselor Stags and Officer Miller and Sgt Williams along with Mr. Price was also present when I warned Unit Manager Williams of the danger if he let the dorm back out after count. They were informed about the meeting the Folk Nation had yet still after the count cleared they allowed everyone back out. At this point there was several inmates moving around in a very aggressive manner. I escorted Unit Manager Stags and Officer Miller off the wing. Unit Manager Williams came off the wing a little later with some other inmates and Mr. Price escorted them. They then called our dorm out for dinner. After we returned from dinner the staff basically stay out in the sally port. I then went to my cell#53 to watch the news and other shows. About an hour later Mr. Price came into my cell and told me you not going to believe what's going on? I said what? Mr. Price said he needed my help to stop it. As I came out of my cell I looked in the corner and

seen about 7-8 inmates punching and stomping Officer Miller while one inmate was standing over him with a shank. That's when Mr. Price yelled stop, get off him! Mr. Price and myself started to pull the inmates off of Officer Miller. Once we got all of them off of him Mr. Price picked him up and asked him to open cell #52 where there was a few inmates locked in. Once Officer Miller opened the door Mr. Price told them he needed their help to get Officer Miller downstairs. They said yes and started walking Officer Miller down the stairs with Mr. Price holding Officer Miller by the arm. Once downstairs Mr. Price walked him toward the door and told him to run off the wing. As Officer Miller was going to the door an inmate that was hiding hit him in the head with a broom stick but Office Miller was able to get out thanks to Mr. Price and myself for saving Officer Miller life. As far as my part in saving Officer Miller I was rewarded with parole, but as I was rewarded Mr. Price was and is being punished for saving Officer Miller life to this very day.



Larry P. Benjamin

Chris J. Leaks
Sworn before *Chris J. Leaks*
28th day of *November* 2018
County of *Richland*
State of *South Carolina*

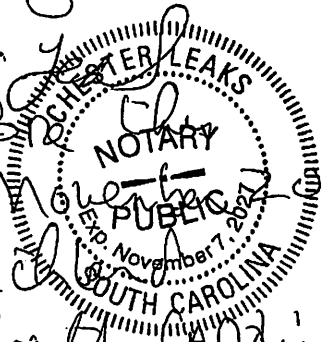


EXHIBIT 2

Asia Marie Love

DOB 9/12/1981

Employed at SC Department of Corrections 3/23/2006-10/13/2011

In March 2010 while working at Lieber Correctional Institution I responded to a first respond call at the Edisto Unit. When I arrived on the scene Sgt. Albert Mack was taking inmate Danny Thompson away. I walked into the unit to talk with Officer Sally Fowler and she explained to me the following event:

Inmate Danny Thompson was on medical lock for something he did earlier in the day and Officer Fowler said she went to let his cellmate in the room and at that time Inmate Thompson pushed the door open to run out of the room. At that point Inmate Thompson came out of the room and Officer Fowler said she pulled her gas and aimed it at him but missed Inmate Thompson with the spray of gas. Officer Fowler stated that she then took off running down the stairs and Inmate Thompson came behind her. She then ran toward the sally port door where she saw Inmate Thompson coming behind her with a broom stick. She then stated that when she reached the sally port she fell down and Inmate Thompson was standing over her about to hit her with the broom stick when Inmate Jeroid price came out of no-where and tackled Inmate Thompson to the ground. Officer Fowler then stated that her radio was not working so Inmate Price took Inmate Thompson out of the unit and held him down until first respond arrived.

Officer Sally Fowler stated to me several times that she wanted Inmate Price to receive an award a time reduction for saving her life. She talked to several of our supervisors about this but nothing has happened. That's why I'm writing this because this is what she wanted and what I feel Inmate Jeroid Price deserves.

Asia Marie Love


January 15, 2019

State of South Carolina County of Dorchester

I certify this to be the original document signed before me on this

23 day of January, 2019



My Commission Expires 9/2026

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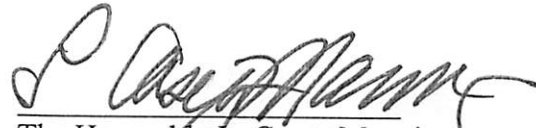
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Indictment Number: 2003GS402295

Order sealed this 30th day December of 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED:


The Honorable L. Casey Manning
Fifth Judicial Circuit

This 30 day of DEC., 2022
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Re Hood
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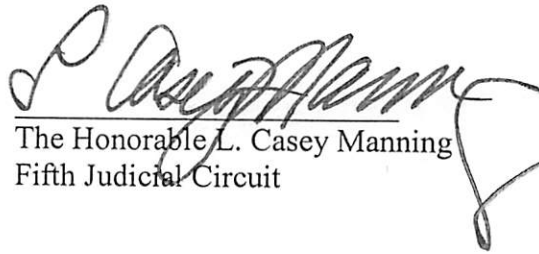
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