

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

SEP 25 2023

STATE

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2020-GS-08-01764

STEPHEN MICHAEL RIVERS

VS. CLERK OF COURT
BERKELEY COUNTY, SC

AKA: Stephen M Rivers, Stephen Michael Rivers

A/W#: 2020A0810200308

Race: White Sex: M Age: 44

Date of Offense: 03/20/2020

DOB: 02/10/1979 SS#: 250-73-2561

S.C. Code §: 16-03-0010

Address: 102 Pelican Lane

CDR Code #: 0116

City, State, Zip: Ladson, SC 29456

SENTENCE SHEET

DL#* 007599716 SID# SC01840818

*CDL Yes No CMV Yes No Hazmat Yes No

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF or PLEADS

TO: Voluntary Manslaughter

In violation of § 16-03-0050 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0217

NON-VIOLENT VIOLENT SERIOUS MOST SERIOUS Mandatory GPS § 17-25-45 (CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: As indicted, Lesser Included Offense, Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury. (def.'s initials)

The plea is: Without Negotiations or Recommendation, Negotiated Sentence, Recommendation by the State.

ATTEST:

Julie Rochester
Julie Rochester, Assistant
Solicitor

79314
SC Bar #

Stephen M. Rivers
Defendant

E. M. ...
Attorney for Defendant
100788
SC Bar #

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the State Department of Correction County Detention Center,

for a determinate term of 20 ⁰ ⁰ ⁰ days/months/years Time Served Youthful Offender Act not to exceed ___ years

and/or to pay a fine of \$___; provided that upon the service of 11 days/months/years Time Served and or payment

of \$___; plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with **probation** for _____

months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run CONCURRENT or CONSECUTIVE to sentence on:

The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDOC 596 days/months

To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

The Defendant Shall be Released from County Detention Center.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922 and § 16-25-30 it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of § 16-25-20 or § 16-25-61 (Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

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PTUP after _____ months/years

And Other Terms Listed Below:

- Substance Abuse Counseling Completion of GED Random Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Attend Voc. Rehab. Or Job Corp No Contact with Victim Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- Mental Health Counseling May serve W/E beginning: _____
- Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 Public Service Employment _____ days/hours
- Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.
- Other: _____

RESTITUTION: **Deferred** **Def. Waives Hearing** **Ordered**

Total \$ _____ plus 20% fee: _____ \$ _____

Payment Terms: _____ Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient: _____

*Fine:		\$ _____
Fine may be pd. in equal consecutive weekly/monthly pmts. of	\$ _____	Beginning _____
§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)		\$ _____
§14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)	\$100	\$ <u>100</u>
§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)	\$100	\$ _____
§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)	\$12	\$ _____
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)	\$25	\$ _____
§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)	\$25	\$ <u>25</u>
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)	\$150	\$ _____
§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)	\$41	\$ _____
§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)	\$50	\$ _____
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)	\$40/ea	\$ _____
3% to County (if paid in installments)	TBD	\$ <u>3.75</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees	\$500	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund	TBD	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ <u>128.75</u>

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk: J Hill
Court Reporter: Yvestre Torres

Presiding Judge: [Signature]
Judge Code: 2746
Sentence Date: 9/25/23

JLR/0366690
WITNESSES

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

[Handwritten Signature] 6088

AGENCY CASE NUMBER

2020-03002750

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2020A0810200308

DATE OF ARREST

03/20/2020

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

John W. Wiers
Foreperson of Grand Jury

10/7/20
Date:

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

DOCKET NO. 2020-GS-08-01764

The State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

OCTOBER TERM 2020

THE STATE

VS.

STEPHEN MICHAEL RIVERS
W/M DOB: 02-10-1979

Indictment for

MURDER

SC Code: § 16-03-0010

CDR Code: 0116

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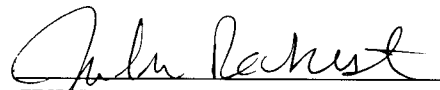
INDICTMENT

At a Court of General Sessions, convened October 2020, the Grand Jurors of Berkeley County present upon their oath:

MURDER

That in Berkeley County, South Carolina on or about March 20, 2020, the defendant, Stephen Michael Rivers with malice aforethought did kill and murder Heath Watkins by means of a gunshot, and Heath Watkins did die in Berkeley County as a proximate result thereof on or about March 20, 2020 in violation of §16-3-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976) as amended.

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



JULIE ROCHESTER
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR