

ALABAMA YMCA YOUTH JUDICIAL ***2026 COMPETITION CASE***

STATE OF ALABAMA
v.
JORDAN PIKE

Bad Things Happen to Shady Dealers

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While the YMCA strives for accuracy in all things, the nature of mock trial requires that certain technical aspects of the case be simplified or that reality in some instances must fall away to dramatic license due to the limited amount of time available for trials and the limited number of witnesses available.

CASE INTRODUCTION

Kennedy Lyon was a low-level marijuana dealer in Cartersville, Alabama, until her arrest on a felony warrant in 2022 following what Kennedy claimed was a robbery by a former client. The Cartersville Police Department seized her phone during her arrest, and from the information in her phone, were able to identify a number of Kennedy's clients, suppliers, and other dealers. Kennedy was offered a misdemeanor plea deal and left Cartersville after the acquittal of her alleged robber.

Brady "Butch" Pike was one of Kennedy's suppliers and was arrested and imprisoned because of the information gleaned from Kennedy's phone. Butch was released on parole in November 2024 and resided with his sibling, Jordan Pike. The Pike siblings are very close, with a sibling motto of "Ride or Die." On June 8, 2025, Butch learned that Kennedy Lyon had returned to Cartersville and was renting a room from a house on Elm Street. Later that night, taking Jordan's car and gun, Butch went to Kennedy's residence, shooting and killing her. After the shooting, Butch gave the gun to his friend, Skyler Boyle, and left Cartersville. Butch's current whereabouts are unknown.

The State has charged Jordan Pike with complicity to murder, alleging that Jordan provided Butch with the address or provided the gun or car that Butch used to kill Kennedy. Jordan will claim that Butch killed Kennedy entirely on his own without Jordan's knowledge.

The State has made a plea offer to Jordan of twenty years in prison (the minimum sentence) if Jordan pleads guilty as charged to Complicity to Murder. Jordan offered a counteroffer to plead to Facilitation to Murder with a one-year sentence, credited with time served in the county jail awaiting trial. The counteroffer was rejected. Jordan asserted the right to a speedy trial, acknowledging that this trial would commence before Butch has even been apprehended. The matter is now set for trial.

SETTING

This case takes place in Alabama, but in a fictional city and county. Cartersville and Lincoln County have populations of 60,000 and 100,000 respectively. Witness surnames, as well as surnames for several non-witness characters, are fictional.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
LINCOLN CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTEETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO. 25-CR-1000

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROSECUTION

v.

JORDAN PIKE

DEFENDANT

WITNESS LIST

FOR THE STATE:

1. Billie Anderson - Landlord / Hypnosis Advocate
2. Skyler Boyle - Friend of Brady "Butch" Pike
3. Detective Carmen Webster - Detective Assigned to Investigate Lyon's Murder

FOR THE DEFENSE

1. Peyton Clark - Gas Station Attendant
2. Lou Robertson - Private Investigator
3. Jordan Pike - Defendant

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INDICTMENT NO. 25-CR-1000
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v.

INDICTMENT

JORDAN PIKE

DEFENDANT

DOB: 05-04-1996

SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX

Complicity in Murder, Ala. Code § 13A-2-23

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT 1: That on or about June 8, 2025, and before the finding of the Indictment herein, in Lincoln County, Alabama, the above Defendant committed the offense of Murder (Complicity) when Brady Pike killed Kennedy Lyon, that prior to the killing the Defendant had solicited, commanded, or engaged in a conspiracy with Brady Pike to kill Kennedy Lyon or that the Defendant had aided, counseled, or attempted to aid Brady Pike in planning or committing the offense, and that in doing so, the Defendant intended that Kennedy Lyon would be killed.

Against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

MALLORY JONES
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA

The following appeared as witnesses for the State:
Det. Carmen Webster, Cartersville Police Department

A TRUE BILL

/s/ Logan Murphy

FOREPERSON

July 1, 2025

Presented by the foreperson of the Grand Jury to the court, in the presence of the Grand Jury and received by me and filed in open Court on this 1st day of July, 2025.

/s/ Ethan Huffaker, Clerk

Arraignment: July 8, 2025, at 8:30 am

Bail: \$250,000, Full Cash

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JORDAN PIKE DEFENDANT
ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO REDUCE BOND

This matter is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Reduce Bond. The State opposes any reduction in the amount of bond, noting the gravity of the offense charged. Motion having been made, the Court, having considered the arguments of the parties as well as the applicable law and the Court being otherwise sufficiently advised, denies the Motion.

The Defendant is charged with Complicity to Murder in relation to the death of Kennedy Lyon. This Court has yet to hear evidence at trial, and at this stage the Defendant is presumed innocent. However, in order to explain its ruling, the Court must lay out the factual background of this case as well as the nature of the offense.

On June 8, 2025, Kennedy Lyon was shot and killed at her home in Cartersville, allegedly by Brady "Butch" Pike (hereinafter "Butch") who is the older brother of the Defendant. Lyon was a low-level drug dealer in Cartersville who was arrested in 2022 after she was the victim of a purported robbery.¹ Coincident to her arrest, Lyon's phone was seized and law enforcement was able to discover the identities of numerous drug suppliers and buyers in

¹ An individual by the name of Blake Hart was arrested and charged with Robbery in the First Degree as a result of that incident. That case was tried in this Court. *State of Alabama v. Hart*, Case No. 22-CC-00240. Hart was ultimately acquitted of that charge.

Cartersville. Butch was one of Lyon's suppliers and ultimately charged with and imprisoned on various trafficking charges. The Defendant was not implicated in any trafficking and maintained employment for several years as a youth counselor. The State alleges that both Butch and the Defendant harbored a heavy grudge against Lyon, blaming her for Butch's incarceration.

The State alleges that, on the date of Lyon's death, both Butch and the Defendant learned through a mutual acquaintance that Kennedy had returned to Cartersville where she resided.

While what was said and discussed between the siblings is hotly contested, and admittedly some can only be proven by inference, it is largely undisputed that later in the evening, Butch drove the Defendant's car to Lyon's residence and shot her using the Defendant's pistol.² While not witnessing the shooting itself, Lyon's landlord saw Butch arrive at their residence (Lyon rented a room in her landlord's house) in a blue Mustang and confront Lyon. The landlord was able to identify Butch from a photo lineup. A blue mustang registered to the Defendant was later found abandoned in Alabama. Butch has not been located.

In charging the Defendant with Complicity to Murder, the State does not allege that the Defendant actually shot Lyon; instead, they contend the Defendant had solicited, commanded, or engaged in a conspiracy with Butch to kill Lyon, or that the Defendant had aided, counseled, or attempted to aid Butch in planning or committing the offense, and in doing so, the Defendant intended that Lyon would be killed. The Court is mindful that complicity is not a separate offense, but rather an alternative theory of the charged offense. In other words, although the Defendant did not fire the weapon that killed Lyon, if the State is able to prove complicity to commit murder, the Defendant is just as liable for murder as Butch - and

² As Butch was a convicted felon, he was not allowed to own a firearm. It is undisputed that the Defendant owned a Glock 19 9mm pistol. It is also undisputed that a Glock 19 9mm pistol was later given to an acquaintance of Butch to hide following the murder and that pistol was later confirmed to be the weapon that killed Lyon.

subject to the same penalties. While murder itself is a capital offense, the State has specifically stated it does *not* intend to seek the death penalty. However, that simply means that the Defendant is facing a total exposure of twenty to fifty years or life in prison.

Again, while this Court has not heard the evidence, it is important for this Court to note what the State's burden exactly is. The State must prove that (1) Butch murdered Kennedy Lyon under Ala. Code § 13A-6-2; (2) the Defendant intended to promote or assist the commission of the killing of; and (3) the Defendant either (a) procured, induced, or caused the killer to commit the murder, (b) aided or abetted the killer in committing the murder, or (c) had a legal duty to prevent the murder and intentionally failed to do so. For example, if the jury believed that the Defendant provided Butch with the car *or* the gun *or* directions to Lyon's residence (or any combination thereof) with the intent that Butch kill Lyon, that is sufficient for a conviction under complicity. The State need not prove some long-planned conspiracy; in fact, "conspiracy" under the complicity statute only requires that the State establish the Defendant and Butch acted in concert to achieve the death of Lyon and that one of them completed that objective.

The Parties have also indicated that they will stipulate lesser-included instruction of conspiracy to commit murder. Ala. Code § 13A-4-3 (1975). Conspiracy to commit murder differs from complicity in that the State needs to prove that (1) Butch intended that the murder of Kennedy Lyon be committed; (2) the Defendant agreed with another person that the murder of Lyon would be committed, and (3) one of the conspirators performed an overt act to further the agreement in killing Lyon. The main difference is that complicity to murder requires proof that the defendant intentionally aided or encouraged the commission of the murder itself. On the other hand, conspiracy to commit murder requires proof of an agreement and an overt act, but the murder need not actually occur.

Under conspiracy, the Defendant's exposure is only one to five years in state prison.

In determining bail, the Court must consider (a) sufficiency to ensure compliance with the conditions of release set by the court; (b) not oppressive; (c) commensurate with the nature of the offense charged; (d) considerate of the past criminal acts and the reasonably anticipated conduct of the defendant if released; and (e) considerate of the financial ability of the defendant. The Court is mindful that the Defendant has a very scant criminal record: a single misdemeanor conviction at the age of eighteen. The Court also notes that the Defendant is now unemployed, having been terminated as a youth counselor and has appointed counsel. However, measured against the seriousness of the offense (where the Defendant is facing a possible life sentence), the current bond amount is sufficient to ensure compliance with conditions of release, is not oppressive, and commensurate with the nature of the offense. Thus, the Court will not reduce the Defendant's bond.

For the foregoing reasons **IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Defendant's Motion to Reduce Bond is **DENIED**.

This the 1st day of October, 2025.

/s/ William C. Mattingly
Hon. William C. Mattingly, Judge
Lincoln Circuit Court

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

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LINCOLN CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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INSTRUCTION NO. 1
UNANIMOUS VERDICT

The verdict of the jury must be unanimous and signed by one of you as the Foreperson. You may use the verdict form provided at the end of these Instructions in writing your verdict.

INSTRUCTION NO. 2
PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE

The law presumes a defendant to be innocent of a crime and the Indictment shall not be considered as evidence or have any weight against the Defendant. You shall find the Defendant not guilty unless you are satisfied from the evidence alone and beyond a reasonable doubt that the Defendant is guilty. If upon the whole case you have a reasonable doubt that the Defendant is guilty, you shall find the Defendant not guilty.

INSTRUCTION NO. 3
DEFINITIONS

“Complicity” - Means that a person is legally accountable for another person’s criminal conduct if, with the intent to promote or assist the commission of the offense, the person: (1) procures, induces, or causes another person to commit the offense; (2) aids or abets another person in committing the offense; or (3) having a legal duty to prevent the offense, fails to make a legally required effort to prevent it.

“Intent” - A person acts intentionally when the person’s purpose is to cause that result or to engage in that conduct.

INSTRUCTION NO. 4
COMPLICITY TO MURDER

You will find the Defendant guilty of Complicity to Murder under this instruction if, and only if, you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt all of the following:

- A. That in Lincoln County on or about June 8, 2025, and before the finding of the indictment herein, Brady “Butch” Pike killed Kennedy Lyon;
- B. That the defendant intended to promote or assist the commission of that murder;

AND

- C. That the defendant intentionally aided, abetted, induced, procured, or caused another person to commit the murder.

INSTRUCTION NO. 5
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

If you do not find Jordan Pike guilty of Complicity to Murder, under Instruction No. 5, you will find the Defendant guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Murder under this instruction if, and only if, you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt all of the following:

- A. That in Lincoln County on or about June 8, 2025, and before the finding of the indictment herein, the Defendant intended that the crime of murder of Kennedy Lyon be committed;
- B. That the Defendant knowingly agreed with one or more other persons that a murder would be committed;
- C. That at least one member of the conspiracy committed an overt act in furtherance of the agreement;

AND

- D. That the overt act was committed for the purpose of carrying out the objective of the conspiracy.

VERDICT FORM

We, the jury, find the Defendant, Jordan Pike, guilty of Complicity to Murder under Instruction No. 4.

Foreperson

OR

We, the jury, find the Defendant, Jordan Pike, not guilty of Complicity to Murder under Instruction No. 4, but guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Murder under Instruction No. 5.

Foreperson

OR

We, the jury, find the Defendant not guilty.

Foreperson

Instruction given this
_____ day of _____, 2026
Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Lincoln Circuit Court

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STIPULATIONS

The State and the Defendant have stipulated as follows:

1. The parties stipulate that all exhibits included are authentic and accurate in all respects. No objection to the authenticity of exhibits shall be honored. Furthermore, any exhibit may be offered in either color or black and white format. If an exhibit is presented in black and white format, a witness may still refer to the color of any portion of an exhibit that is in color in the original exhibit.
2. All signatures on witness affidavits and documents are authentic. If asked, a witness must acknowledge signing the document(s) on the date(s) thereon. The witness affidavits are deemed to have been given under oath or affirmation.
3. The parties agree that any and all issues under the Federal and Alabama Constitutions have been raised and addressed prior to trial.
4. The parties agree that Brady "Butch" Pike is "unavailable" under Rule 804(a).
5. The parties agree that a blue Mustang is owned by and registered to Jordan Pike. Any witness with knowledge of ownership or registration may so testify at trial. Any witness who knows that a blue Mustang is owned by or registered to Jordan Pike may testify that the vehicle depicted in Exhibit 6 is that blue Mustang. The parties further stipulate that the location depicted in the photograph in Exhibit 6 is of the parking lot of the Alabama Welcome Center located off of Interstate 20 (I-20) in Birmingham, AL..
6. The parties agree that the Alabama State Police Forensic Laboratory determined that after ballistics match testing, the shell casings found at 2301 Elm Street on June 8, 2025, are consistent with having been fired from the Glock 19, 9 mm pistol recovered from Skyler Boyle's apartment. Any witness with knowledge of these facts may so testify.

7. The parties stipulate that Lou Robertson's private investigator license was suspended by the Alabama Board of Licensure as the Board found that Robertson held himself out to be a member of law enforcement and that such suspension is effective through June 30, 2026. Any witness with such knowledge may so testify, but those witnesses need not testify that they agree with the Board's finding.
8. The parties agree that the Defendant has put the Defendant's general moral character at issue. Because mock trial rules do not allow for rebuttal witnesses, the State may offer evidence attacking the Defendant's general moral character in its case in chief in accordance with the Rules of Evidence.
9. The parties stipulate that photograph Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate representation of the porch on 2301 Elm Street, Cartersville, Alabama. The parties stipulate that Exhibit 1 is admissible in its current form and waive any objections to its introduction if introduced through a witness with knowledge of its contents.
10. The parties stipulate Exhibit 2 is a true and accurate transcript of the 9-1-1 call placed by Billie Anderson on June 8, 2025. The parties further stipulate that the custodian of the record has personal knowledge that the record was made at or near the time of the call, that the transcript is true and accurate, and that recording the call was a regular practice, and waive any requirement that the custodian so testify. The parties agree that anyone with personal knowledge of this exhibit may so testify that the exhibit is true and accurate. However, the parties **do not** waive any other objections to Exhibit 2.
11. The parties agree that Exhibits 4, 14, and 15 are certified copies of their respective judgments of the Lincoln Circuit Court and Lincoln District Court and agree that the parties need not call any deputy clerk of the Lincoln County Circuit Court to testify as such. However, the parties **do not** waive any other objections to introduction of said exhibits.
12. Due to the nature of mock trial, the parties stipulate that the photographs in Exhibits 5, 6, 7, and 8 may be introduced in lieu of actually offering those items in open court. The photographs may be offered as exhibits either in color photographs or black and white photographs. Parties may not use, create, nor offer as evidence recreations of those photographed items in those exhibits. The parties waive any objections to chain of custody, however, the parties **do not** waive other objections to those exhibits.
13. The parties stipulate that the gun depicted in the photograph in Exhibit 5 is a Glock 19, 9mm pistol that was owned by Jordan Pike and that any witness with knowledge may so testify.
14. The parties stipulate that Exhibit 9 is a true and accurate copy of the text messages between Jordan Pike and Brady "Butch" Pike according to the search parameters in the report. The parties stipulate that the text messages from that report are the only relevant text messages between Jordan Pike and Butch Pike. The parties agree that the custodian of

that record has personal knowledge that the record is true and accurate and has not been altered, and the parties further waive any requirement that custodian so testify. The parties stipulate that anyone with personal knowledge of the contents of that record may testify that the record is true and accurate. The parties **do not** waive any other objections to Exhibit 9.

15. The parties stipulate that Exhibit 13 is a true and accurate transcript of the phone call between Jordan Pike and Peyton Clark recorded by the Lincoln County Detention Center on September 15, 2025. The parties stipulate that the custodian of the record has personal knowledge that the record was made at or near the time of the call, that the transcript is true and accurate, that making the record of the call was a regular practice, and the parties waive the requirement that any such custodian so testify. The parties agree that anyone with personal knowledge of the contents of the call may testify that the exhibit is true and accurate. The parties **do not** waive any other objections to Exhibit 13.
16. The parties stipulate that Exhibit 10 is a true and accurate copy of the reprimand issued to Detective Carmen Webster from the Cartersville Police Department and Exhibit 12 is a true and accurate copy of the letter of dismissal issued to Lou Robertson from the Cartersville Police Department. The parties stipulate that the custodian of the record has personal knowledge that those records were made at or near the time of the date of the respective letters, that each letter is true and accurate and has not been altered, and that the parties further waive any requirement that the custodian so testify. The parties stipulate that anyone with personal knowledge of the contents of either letter may testify that specific letter is true and accurate. The parties further waive any hearsay objections to each letter, but **do not** waive any other objections.

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DEFENDANT

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This trial will be treated as bifurcated and this proceeding concerns guilt only. There will be no penalty phase.
2. No witness may refuse to answer any question - and no attorney may instruct a witness not to respond - based upon the witness's Fifth Amendment Rights. It will be presumed that Jordan Pike executed an affidavit against the advice of counsel, however no party may make any reference to the fact that the Defendant executed an affidavit against counsel's advice.
3. The State must assert a theory of Complicity to Murder under Ala. Code § 13A-2-23 (Complicity) and Ala. Code § 13A-6-2 (Murder). The Defense must argue for acquittal. However, in closing arguments, the parties may, *but are not required*, to argue a conspiracy theory under Ala. Code § 13A-4-3 in the alternative as a lesser-included offense. As such, evidence regarding conspiracy is relevant (though may be inadmissible for other reasons).
4. The jury instructions provided will be the instructions given to the jury at trial. Other than the included conspiracy instruction, the jury will not be instructed on any lesser-included offenses, nor may any team argue any lesser-included offenses. Teams also are not allowed to argue that a conspiracy instruction should not be given. In addition, for mock trial purposes, it will be presumed that the presiding judge will have read the instructions to the jury prior to closing arguments. Teams are free to reference the jury instructions in closing arguments but are not required to do so. Notwithstanding Instruction No. 1, for mock trial purposes, the verdict of each trial will be determined by a unanimous verdict or read; rather the outcome of each trial shall be determined solely based upon the scoring procedures set forth in the tournament rules. However, in the Championship Round at the State Championship Tournament, the presiding judge will read the "verdict" as a means of announcing the winner of the 2026 State Championship. In such a case, the "verdict" will be deemed to be in favor of the party prevailing under mock trial scorekeeping rules and procedures and need not be unanimous.

5. No team may cite the Case Introduction nor the Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Reduce Bond during trial, nor may any team use either document for impeachment. The Case Introduction and the Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Reduce Bond are provided solely to assist teams in understanding the issues in this case.
6. This case will be governed by the Alabama Rules of Evidence; however, the State does not need to give pretrial notice to the defense of intent to offer evidence pursuant to Rule 404(b) and no defense team may argue lack of notice pursuant to Alabama Rule of Evidence 404(c). However, admissibility of such evidence must still conform with Rule 404(b) and the case law provided in these materials.
7. Teams are prohibited from making objections pursuant to the Federal or Alabama Confrontation Clauses or under *Crawford v. Washington*, 541 U.S. 36 (2004) and its progeny. However, teams are not prohibited from objecting to evidence based upon the Alabama Rules of Evidence or case law provided in these materials.
8. The Order on Motion to Reduce Bond is included solely to help students understand the issues in this case. The Order may not be referenced or cited at trial.
9. The Lincoln Circuit Court has entered the following orders. None may be amended or re-litigated at trial.
 - a. Prior to trial, the defense filed a Motion in Limine to prevent the State from offering any testimony from Billie Anderson that was the result of hypnotic induction or hypnotic recovery. The Court has applied a totality of the circumstances; such evidence is admissible.
 - i. The defense may offer evidence regarding flaws in the use of hypnosis - both in the practice of hypnosis itself or the specific instance of hypnosis used on Billie Anderson. Because Anderson is a practitioner of hypnosis to some degree, the defense may offer that evidence through the cross-examination of Anderson. The defense need not call a separate expert to do so. However, such questioning goes to the weight that the jury will give such evidence rather than to its admissibility.
 - ii. Nothing in this order is intended to prevent the defense from questioning Anderson regarding bias or perception.
 - b. The Defendant's Motion in Limine under Rule 403 to exclude any photographs of Kennedy Lyon's body after having been shot is granted. The risk of unfair prejudice of those photographs substantially outweighs the provocative value of those photographs. As such, the Defendant shall not ask any witness about the absence of any such photographs.

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STATUTES AND CASE LAW

Except where indicated, the statutes, Rules of Criminal Procedure and case law provided come from the holdings of real Alabama statutes and cases. With regards to statutes, in some instances, only relevant portions of a statute will be provided. Ellipses or footnotes will indicate deleted portions of statutes. The use of masculine pronouns in any statute is only because these statutes are reproduced verbatim and shall apply to any person regardless of gender. For mock trial purposes, teams are limited only to the statutes or portions of statutes found here.

With regards to cases, internal citations within case law are omitted for brevity. For mock trial purposes, teams are only allowed to quote and use the cited excerpts below during trial. Citations are provided in case interested teams wish to read those cases in full, as a solely educational exercise. Any “not to be reported” case (i.e. with a Westlaw or WL citation) are to be treated as “reported” cases - and thus citable and carrying precedential weight - for mock trial purposes.

TEAMS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM USING ANY AUTHORITY OTHER THAN THE ALABAMA RULES OF COMPETITION, THE ALABAMA RULES OF EVIDENCE, AND THE PROVIDED AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE PROBLEM.

STATUTES

Ala. Code 13A-2-2 Definitions—Definitions of Culpable Mental States

The following definitions apply in the Alabama Penal Code

- (1) “Intentionally” - A person acts intentionally with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute defining an offense when his purpose is to cause that result or to engage in that conduct.
- (2) “Knowingly” - A person acts knowingly with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware his conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists.
- (3) “Recklessly” - A person acts recklessly with respect to a result or to a circumstance which is defined by statute as an offense when he fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the result will occur or that the circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation. A court or jury may consider statutes or ordinances regulating the defendant’s conduct as bearing upon the question of criminal negligence.
- (4) “Criminal Negligence” – A person acts with criminal negligence with respect to a result or to a circumstance which is defined by statute as an offense when he fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the result will occur or that the circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation. A court or jury may consider statutes or ordinances regulating the defendant’s conduct as bearing upon the question of criminal negligence.
 - (a) **Ala. Code § 13A-2-23 – Criminal Liability Based Upon Behavior of Another-Complicity.** (1) A person is legally accountable for the behavior of another constituting a criminal offense, if,, with the intent to promote or assist the commission of the offense: He procures, induces or causes such other person to commit the offense; or
 - (b) He aids or abets such other person in committing the offense; or
 - (c) Having a legal duty to prevent the commission of the offense, he fails to make an effort he is legally required to make.

Ala. Code 13A-4-3 – Criminal Conspiracy Generally²

- (1) A person is guilty of criminal conspiracy if, with the intent that conduct constituting an offense be performed, he or she agrees with one or more persons to engage in or cause the performance of the conduct, and any one or more persons of the persons does an overt act to effect an objective of the agreement.
- (2) Criminal conspiracy is a:
 - (a) Class D felony if an object of the conspiracy is a Class C felony

² The remainder of this statute is omitted.

Ala. Code § 13A-6-2—Murder

- (1) A person commits the crime of murder if he or she does any of the following:
 - (a) With the intent to cause the death of another person, he or she causes the death of that person or of another person.
- (2) Murder is a Class A felony; provided, that the punishment for murder or any offense committed under aggravated circumstances by a person 18 years of age or older[...] is death or life imprisonment without parole, which punishment shall be determined and fixed as provided by Article 2 of Chapter 5 of th[e Alabama Code] or any amendments thereto. The punishment for murder or any offense committed under aggravated circumstances by a person under the age of 18 years, as provided by Article 2 of Chapter 5, is either life imprisonment without parole, or life, which punishment shall be determined and fixed as provided by Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title or any amendments thereto and the applicable Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Ala. Code 13A-5-6 – Sentences of Imprisonment for Felonies.

- (a) Sentences for felonies shall be for a definite term of imprisonment, which imprisonment includes hard labor, within the following limitations:
 - (1) For a Class A felony, for life or not more than 99 years or less than 10 years.
 - (2) For a Class B felony, not more than 20 years or less than 2 years.
 - (3) For a Class C felony, not more than 10 years or less than one year and one day.
 - (4) For a Class D felony, not more than five years or less than one year and one day.

CASE LAW

The following statements are generalized statements of law, not exact quotations.

BURDEN OF PROOF:

In re Winship, 397 U.S. 358 (1970)

The prosecution bears the burden of proof as to each element of an offense, and each element must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Manuel v. State, 711 So. 2d 507 (Ala. Crim. App. 1997)

The State bears the burden of proving all the elements of a crime and it is improper to shift that burden to the defendant.

DeBruce v. State, 651 So. 2d 599 (Ala. Crim. App. 1993), *aff'd*, 651 So. 2d 624 (Ala. 1994) It does not improperly shift the burden of proof to the defense if a prosecutor comments on tactics, comments on evidence, or comments as to the falsity of a defense position during closing arguments.

Circumstantial Evidence

White v. State, 546 So. 2d 1014 (Ala. Crim. App. 1989)

Circumstantial evidence is evidence that makes the existence of a relevant fact more likely than not.

Ward v. State, 610 So. 2d 1190 (Ala. Crim. App. 1992)

The State need not produce direct proof of a crime; the State can prove all of the elements of an offense by circumstantial evidence.

Dolvin v. State, 391 So. 2d 133 (Ala. 1980) Although circumstantial evidence must do more than point the finger of suspicion, the

State need not rule out every hypothesis except beyond a reasonable doubt.

Dolvin v. State, 391 So. 2d 133 (Ala. 1980)

Worded simply, the standard to which circumstantial evidence must conform is that it be of such nature and based upon the whole case, it would not be clearly unreasonable for the jury to find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Morton v. State, 154 So. 3d 1065 (Ala. Crim. App. 2013) Intent can be inferred from the actions of the accused and the surrounding circumstances. The jury has wide latitude in inferring intent from the evidence.

Spicer v. State, 65 So. 972 (Ala. 1914); *Bowden v. State*, 538 So. 2d 1226 (Ala. 1988) “Motive” is the inducement, reason, cause, or incentive for the doing of an act. Although motive is not an element of a criminal prosecution, nevertheless, evidence of motive is relevant and admissible to prove conduct consistent with the motive, as well as willfulness or criminal intent.

Capote v. State, 323 So. 3d 104 (Ala. Crim. App. 2020); *Magwood v. State*, 494 So. 2d 124 (Ala. Crim. App. 1985), *aff’d*, 494 So. 2d 154 (Ala. 1986) Lying to the police regarding the circumstances of a crime constitutes circumstantial evidence of consciousness of guilt and hence guilt itself.

CONSPIRACY

Greer v. State, 563 So. 2d 39 (Ala. Crim. App. 1990) Conspiracy requires proof of an agreement coupled with the requisite criminal intent. Mere presence, association, or knowledge is insufficient unless the State proves that the defendant intended to further the unlawful objective.

Zumbado v. State, 615 So. 2d 1223 (Ala. Crim. App. 1993) To establish conspiracy, the State must prove that the defendant intentionally entered into an agreement to accomplish the unlawful purpose. The criminal intent necessary for the object offense is an essential component of the conspiracy charge.

Ex parte Simmons, 649 So. 2d 1282 (Ala. 1994) Accomplice liability attaches when a defendant intentionally assists or encourages the commission of the subject offense. The focus is on whether the defendant intended to promote or assist the criminal conduct. A defendant need not personally carry out the attack if he intentionally aids its commission.

COMPLICITY

Sanders v. State, 423 So. 2d 348 (Ala. Crim. App. 1982) Participation in a crime need not be proven by direct evidence of an express agreement. A “community of purpose” may be formed in a moment and may be inferred from the conduct of the parties and the surrounding circumstances.

COMPLICITY: ACTUS REUS

Ex parte Simmons, 649 So. 2d 1281 (Ala. 1994) Accomplice liability may arise from a defendant’s participation in a broader course of criminal conduct and does not necessarily depend upon proof of a single, discrete act causing the injury. Rather, liability attaches where the defendant intentionally promotes or assists the criminal conduct of another.

REASONABLE DOUBT

Ex parte Gradford, 699 So. 2d 149 (Ala. 1997) Trial courts shall prohibit counsel from *any* definition of “reasonable double” at any point in the trial. It is not intended by this holding that counsel cannot point out to the jury which evidence, or lack thereof, creates reasonable doubt, but all counsel shall refrain from any expression of the meaning of the phrase “reasonable doubt.”

DEFENDANT’S SILENCE

Ex parte Pippens, 661 So. 2d 961 (Ala. 1993)

The State may not use a defendant’s pre-arrest silence as substantive evidence of guilt. However, the State may use a defendant’s silence for impeachment purposes should a defendant decide to testify.

QUESTIONS REGARDING ANOTHER WITNESS’S CREDIBILITY

Cason v. State, 515 So. 2d 719 (Ala. 1987)

With few exceptions, it is improper to require a witness to comment on the veracity of another witness. A witness’s opinion about the truth of the testimony of another witness is not permitted. Neither expert nor lay witnesses may testify that another witness or defendant is lying or faking. That determination is for the jury alone.

Cason v. State, 515 So. 2d 719 (Ala. 1987) It does not violate Alabama law when a witness merely testifies that he or she has a different recollection or different understanding regarding a conversation a witness testified about. Witnesses often have different recollections of conversations and it is up to the jury to decide which witness is more credible. Alabama law is only violated if a witness says that the prior witness lied when testifying about the conversation.

HEARSAY

Ala. R. Evid. 801(a), (c)

The term “assertion” for the purposes of the hearsay rule means a “statement or expression of a fact, condition, or opinion.”

Tillis v. State, 469 So. 2d 1367 (Ala. Crim. App. 1985) If an out-of-court statement is offered only to prove that the statement was made, that statement is not hearsay

Ala. R. Evid. 801(a), (c) Questions, orders, and threats are not hearsay as they are not declarations of fact and therefore are not capable of being true or false. In essence, such “statements” contain no assertion. Thus, they are not offered to prove the truth of the matter and are not hearsay.

Ex parte Melson, 775 So. 2d 904 (Ala. 2000) There is no “investigative hearsay” exception to the hearsay rule. However, not all testimony from a police officer regarding statements from a witness are hearsay. A police officer is allowed to testify about information furnished only when it tends to explain the actions taken by that officer and the taking of that action is an issue at trial, particularly information that leads to the development of the defendant as a suspect. In that instance, the testimony is not hearsay, as the out-of-court statements are not offered for their truth, but to explain why the officer acted in the way he or she did. The testimony may not be used, however, to prove the facts relayed to the officer.

Middleton v. Lightfoot, 885 So. 2d 111 (Ala. 2003)

Under Rule 403, “unfair prejudice” means that the evidence is harmful beyond its normal probative force. Evidence is only unfairly prejudicial if it appeals to the jury’s sympathies, arouses its sense of horror, provokes its instinct to punish, or otherwise may cause a jury to base its decision on something other than the established propositions of the case.

Ala. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E); Radford v. State, 715 So. 2d 866 (Ala. Crim. App. 1998)

To qualify as a statement by a co-conspirator under Rule 801(d)(2)(E), the proponent must show that (1) there was a conspiracy; (2) the defendant was part of that conspiracy; and (3) the statement was made in furtherance of the conspiracy.

GOLDEN RULE ARGUMENTS

Allen v. Mobile Interstate Piledrivers, 475 So. 2d 530 (Ala. 1985)

“Golden rule” arguments, i.e. arguments where counsel asks the jury to place themselves or members of their families or friends in the shoes of a party or witness, are improper.⁵

⁵ While objections are not permitted in opening or closing statements, scoring judges are allowed to factor improper argument in their scoring. Whether an individual judge does so, and to what extent, is up to each individual scoring judge.

1 AFFIDAVIT OF BILLIE ANDERSON

2 My name is Billie Anderson and I have spent all of my 67 years as a resident of Cartersville.
3 The night of June 8, 2025, was the worst night of my life. That was the night that maniac
4 shot and killed my tenant, Kennedy Lyon.

5 For some background, in the fall of 2023, I retired as a victim advocate from the New Dawn
6 House, a victim advocacy non-profit here in Cartersville. A victim advocate is a professional
7 that offers support and guidance for victims of crimes. This can include many things such as
8 providing referrals for therapeutic services, explaining the legal system and victims' rights
9 to victims, offering moral and emotional support to victims during and after any legal
10 process (particularly if a witness needs to testify), and advocating for legislation to help
11 crime victims. I am also a trained hypnotist, and I would use hypnosis to help victims handle
12 post-traumatic stress. While I loved my job, the stress wore on me. The stress is part of the
13 reason why I never married or had children. When I lost my father in August of 2023 and
14 inherited my childhood home at 2301 Elm Street, I knew that there was something else I
15 could do to support crime victims; offer space in my home to those victims who had trouble
16 finding housing. At least, I did so until someone was murdered on my front porch.

17 If Elm Street sounds familiar, it's because the Castlen House that burned down a few years
18 ago is also on Elm Street. Don't get me wrong, it's not like I was within a stone's throw of the
19 Castlen House. My house is much further down and in a rougher neighborhood. Despite
20 that, the neighbors here are friendly and I never felt unsafe.

21 What a lot of people don't know is that most crime victims have criminal records
22 themselves and with a criminal record, those victims have difficulty finding housing, jobs, or
23 getting re-established in society. Many landlords are reluctant to rent to people with
24 criminal records, even victims. It's a shame really, it's like being victimized twice having so
25 many doors slammed in one's face. Because I'm not married and because my house has far
26 more space than is needed for a single person, I decided to open up my home and rent a few
27 bedrooms to those who need it. I even applied for and received a grant from the Amos Floyd
28 Charitable Foundation to help with rent subsidies and helping tenants purchase necessities.
29 A lot of these tenants have little more than a couple changes of clothes. Also, many of my
30 tenants just needed a short rental to help them get on their feet, so I offered month-to-
31 month leases.

32 It may seem hypocritical, but I did not rent rooms to just anyone. I screened tenants to make
33 sure they did not have any violent felony convictions, any violent misdemeanors, or a
34 history of committing domestic violence. I never really checked to see if my policies violated
35 any fair housing laws. My leases also included requirements that tenants refrain from using
36 illegal drugs or bringing firearms into my home. Of course, if a tenant had a felony

conviction, was on probation or parole, or on pretrial release, they were not allowed to have firearms anyway.

Contrary to stereotypes, the overwhelming majority of my tenants with criminal records were respectful, followed the rules, and tried to improve their lives. In turn, I would try to get them in contact with employers, and I would act as an employment reference and landlord reference. I used the grant money to help my tenants get clothes for interviews. Further, I would work with them in gaining confidence in everyday matters such as opening and maintaining a checking account, budgeting, etc. I was astonished how many of my tenants never opened a checking account! Also, I am by no means a Michelin-star chef, but a lot of my tenants enjoyed me teaching them how to cook. Some of them even taught me new recipes!

Because most of my tenants were looking for something short term, I had a number of tenants come and go. I provided furnished bedrooms, so it was not a big deal for tenants to move out and for me to have rooms prepared quickly for new tenants. It was through this that Kennedy Lyon became my tenant.

I actually knew Kennedy already from when I was a victim advocate. Kennedy had been a low-level drug dealer a number of years ago. In 2022, she was lured out to LaRue Park by one of her regular buyers under the guise of buying marijuana. The client robbed her at gunpoint. A park employee who saw part of the robbery called the police, and when the police responded, Kennedy was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant. This kind of thing - a drug dealer being robbed and the police arresting a victim - happens far more often than people think.

Kennedy reported the robbery, and the client, named Blake Hart, was arrested. Kennedy went to a drug rehab and was offered a plea on a misdemeanor drug charge on condition that she testify against Hart. I was with Kennedy when she took the plea, and sat through the robbery trial against Hart in support of Kennedy. Hart was acquitted which understandably upset Kennedy.

After the trial, Kennedy ended up leaving Alabama for a while, but she got in trouble for shoplifting in Georgia. Apparently, she relapsed as well after the acquittal. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for a victim to relapse after a setback like the person who attacked you escaping justice. She spent some time in jail and came back to Alabama. However, Kennedy's parents cut her off, so she needed a place to rent. It only made sense that I leased a room to her. As of the night of her death, she was my only tenant, though I had a few new tenants set to move in a week later.

I do have to say I was a bit hesitant to rent to Kennedy at first. When she was arrested in 2022, the police seized her phone. From her phone, the police were able to identify a lot of her buyers and suppliers. Likewise, from her phone, the police were able to arrest a lot of people. In my experience, that made Kennedy a target. I've had to help several people in Kennedy's shoes come up with safety plans if their attacker or others with a grudge come

76 after them. I was concerned about getting caught in the middle of someone seeking revenge
77 against Kennedy.

78 Kennedy understood, but thought that because several years had passed since the trial, a lot
79 of people may have moved past getting arrested for being a contact on her phone. I could
80 tell Kennedy was sincere about wanting to put her past behind her. So she became my
81 tenant starting June 1, 2025.

82 To my knowledge, there had been no threats against Kennedy before June 8. However,
83 looking back on it now, there was a strange incident that happened the week Kennedy died.
84 Kennedy and I were outside on the front porch swing the evening of June 5, enjoying some
85 lemonade after dinner. The photograph in Exhibit 1 shows my porch and the swing, even
86 though that photograph depicts how they looked in the daytime. A driver from Swift Send,
87 Inc. (a local Amazon-like delivery company) pulled up with some new bedding and clothes I
88 ordered for Kennedy. I had gone a bit overboard with the grant money and gotten some
89 really nice luxury sheets; and had gotten a set for myself. Technically, I wasn't supposed to
90 use the grant money for something luxury or for myself, but I figured everyone deserves
91 something like that. Did the Amos Floyd Charitable Trust have the capacity to check every
92 single purchase?

93 While I was signing for the packages, the delivery driver did a double-take at Kennedy and
94 scowled. I had no idea what was going on. I asked the driver, "Is something wrong?" The
95 driver said, "No. No problem at all. Thank you very much." The driver left without saying
96 another word.

97 Puzzled, I turned to Kennedy and asked, "What was that about?" Kennedy answered,
98 "Nothing. Nothing at all. I don't even know who that person was." I thought she might be
99 lying, but I did not want to press it. Kennedy was trying to put her past behind her and I
100 wanted to support that.

101 On June 8, 2025, a Saturday night, Kennedy and I were enjoying some lemonade on the
102 porch again. It was a nice evening with a light breeze and fireflies dancing in the air. It was
103 so nice that we stayed out later than usual. Kennedy was talking about her job prospects
104 and overall plans for the future. Kennedy was really settling in at that point and I was glad I
105 could help with that. Sometime after 8:30, we ran out of lemonade and I went inside to
106 make some more.

107 The way the house is set up, the kitchen window is adjacent to the porch. I was able to see
108 the porch swing easily. The porch light was on too. The porch light isn't the brightest, but
109 you could still see pretty well at night. I would look up every now and then and see Kennedy
110 gently rocking the swing.

111 I want to make something very clear - I make my lemonade from scratch. I don't care what
112 Mrs. Rockcastle next door thinks; if she says that my lemonade tastes like it comes out of a
113 pouch then she's a liar! That means my lemonade takes more than a couple of seconds to
114 make. While I was making my fresh lemonade from scratch, a car pulled on the street up

115 alongside the house. The street lights were on, and while I am no car expert, it looked like a
116 blue Ford Mustang. The car depicted in Exhibit 6 is the car that I saw. I have a nephew with
117 a car just like it. I was not too concerned at first by the Mustang parking on the street along
118 the house; driveways are rare on Elm Street and it is not unusual for people to park on the
119 street. The car, however, was a bit unusual for the neighborhood.

120 I watched through the window as a man got out of the car and started walking towards the
121 porch. He was probably in his late twenties or early thirties, and as soon as he got on the
122 porch, he glared at Kennedy with a look of pure and utter rage. Kennedy was terrified.

123 Clearly this man knew Kennedy and was not here for a social visit. He did not notice me.
124 Kennedy stammered, "Butch... Butch Pike. How did you...?" The man cut Kennedy off, yelling,
125 "Shut up, snitch! I've been waiting for this!"

126 I had pulled out my phone and was dialing 9-1-1. I had just given my address to the 9-1-1
127 operator when I saw three flashes of light and three loud bangs. I ducked down and heard
128 footsteps run down the porch. Then I heard a car engine start and drive off.

129 After the car drove off, I got up and described to the 9-1-1 operator what I could see as I
130 rushed outside. Kennedy's breathing was fast and labored. She had blood on her stomach
131 and chest. Kennedy tried to say something, but it was hard to make out. It sounded like
132 "hold on" or "burden" or "Jordan." Exhibit 2 is a copy of the transcript of the call. I have
133 reviewed that transcript and it reflects verbatim my call with 9-1-1.

134 I don't have a clear memory of what happened before the police and paramedics arrived,
135 but I do recall sitting near the front door when they did arrive. Even though I insisted I
136 wasn't hurt, a paramedic gave me a look-over. The police didn't find anyone in my house,
137 which makes sense as I insisted that the man never got inside. Nor did they find the man on
138 my property. Of course not, because he drove off! Someone named Detective Webster asked
139 me to come to the police station for an interview and I agreed. While going to Det. Webster's
140 car, I saw Kennedy's body still lying on the swing and covered with a white sheet. Blood was
141 everywhere.

142 Having worked as a victim advocate, I was familiar with police interviews. I had never had
143 any contact with Det. Webster up to that point, but I had heard complaints from some of my
144 fellow victim advocates that Det. Webster can be a bit lazy. But if Det. Webster was assigned
145 to a murder case, I figured that Det. Webster couldn't be that bad at the job. I told Det.
146 Webster about Kennedy being my tenant and that I was making lemonade inside when a
147 man came and verbally attacked Kennedy before shooting her. I told Det. Webster it was a
148 man I had never seen before, but that Kennedy called him "Butch Pike." I also described the
149 blue Mustang that I saw. Det. Webster left briefly to prepare a photo lineup, essentially six
150 pictures of similar individuals to see if I could identify the shooter. I identified the fifth
151 photograph as the man I saw on the porch.

152 Det. Webster asked if Kennedy had expressed any concern or if anything unusual had
153 happened that week. I answered no. At that point, due to the stress of seeing Kennedy shot, I

154 had forgotten about the delivery driver scowling at Kennedy. Det. Webster gave me a card
155 and told me to call if I remembered anything else, and that I might need to come in for a
156 follow-up interview. I have counseled victims, so I understand how that goes. Sometimes
157 police discover new information and must check that new information against earlier
158 witnesses. And I know that once a victim has a chance to calm down and recover, they might
159 recall more things about a crime. Trauma and witnessing traumatic events can affect one's
160 memory and perception.

161 After the interview, I could not go home as my house was an active crime scene. One of my
162 old colleagues at the New Dawn House helped me get funds for a hotel room for a few days
163 and some fresh clothes. Once the crime scene was cleared and the blood was cleaned up, I
164 tried to go back home, but every time I went there, all I could think of was Kennedy being
165 shot. I ended up selling my house for a loss and moving into an apartment.

166 While I was at the hotel, I saw that a manhunt was underway for the man I identified as the
167 shooter. The news confirmed that his name was Brady "Butch" Pike. I'm surprised he wasn't
168 caught fairly quickly. A few days later, I also saw on the news that the police arrested Jordan
169 Pike, Butch Pike's sibling, for complicity to murder.

170 I actually know Jordan Pike, though not very well. Jordan was a youth counselor with Praxis
171 Youth Services which helps redirect at-risk youth from drugs and crime. New Dawn House
172 would collaborate with Praxis at times because we had clients in common. But my
173 interactions with Jordan were few and work related. In particular, I had a conversation with
174 Jordan at a social workers award ceremony in 2023. Jordan had actually won Youth Worker
175 of 2023 for excellence in youth programming. Over hors d'oeuvres at the reception
176 afterwards, I was making small talk with Jordan, and Jordan revealed having a sibling who
177 had gotten into a lot of legal trouble due to a "snitch," and that Jordan hoped the snitch
178 would "get what snitches deserve." That comment seemed out of place for someone who
179 had just won an award for helping young people stay away from crime, but I didn't think
180 much of it at the time. Jordan wouldn't be the first law-abiding family member that I have
181 come across who had blinders on, excusing the criminality of a relative and had misdirected
182 anger.

183 But it wasn't until I saw Jordan had been arrested that I put the pieces together and realized
184 the "snitch" Jordan referred to was Kennedy Lyon! After realizing that, I was disgusted with
185 Jordan. Jordan must have helped this Butch Pike! It's disheartening and disgusting to see
186 someone who works with our youth enabling - and even helping - a violent criminal!

187 I should have called Det. Webster once I realized a connection between Butch Pike, Jordan
188 Pike, and Kennedy, but then I thought Det. Webster must have already figured that out by
189 arresting Jordan. However, there were two things I later recalled and I called Det. Webster
190 about. First, about a month after the initial interview, I recalled that I had forgotten to
191 mention the delivery driver incident.

192 Secondly, when I was told by the prosecutor handling my direct examination that I would
193 need to prepare an affidavit in this case, I wanted to be absolutely sure I did my best to
194 recall everything important. So I consulted a hypnotherapist to help recall the events of the
195 night of the murder.

196 Because I am a trained hypnotist myself, I understand quite well how hypnosis can help
197 memory. A lot of people think hypnosis works like how they see in movies - someone
198 swinging a watch chain back and forth saying, "You will be very sleepy" and making
199 someone cluck like a chicken or rob a bank with no memory of such. In reality, you can't be
200 forced to do something against your will or even enter a hypnotic state against your will.

201 Hypnosis works by bringing the subject to a "trance state." This just means that the
202 hypnotherapist brings the subject to a state of relaxation but the subject is also very
203 focused. It's very hard to describe how that state feels; I compare it to a feeling of being half
204 awake and half dreaming. Once hypnotized, the hypnotherapist can walk the subject
205 through the events being recalled. Hypnosis can also be used to help subjects who have
206 been crime victims develop coping skills and to help calm the nervous system while
207 working through painful memories and events.

208 The latter part was my exclusive use of hypnosis to help crime victims. As a victim advocate,
209 I urged for the use of hypnosis to help with memory recall, but the police department and
210 State attorney's office balked, claiming that there may be evidentiary challenges to
211 testimony recalled through hypnosis and that there are no licensing requirements for
212 hypnotherapists in Alabama. Indeed, not every state allows hypnotically recalled testimony,
213 but Alabama is an exception. And simply because a state does not require licensing does not
214 mean a hypnotist isn't trained! I certainly went through 120 hours of classroom training
215 and about that much in supervised training!

216 I do acknowledge that there are concerns that hypnosis can create a risk of confabulation or
217 distorted memories. These are not "false" memories in the sense that the subject is lying
218 about having memories; instead confabulation means that the subject believes he or she has
219 memories of events that never occurred. This often occurs when the hypnotherapist
220 suggests events or the subject fills in memory blanks with information acquired after the
221 traumatic event. This is why it is best to use hypnosis quickly after the events of the crime.
222 There are also studies that suggest that hypnosis can result in "memory hardening," or
223 where the hypnotized subject has increased in memories retrieved, even if those memories
224 are not accurate. Even though it would have been better to undergo hypnosis soon after the
225 murder, I decided it was worth the risk to undergo hypnosis.

226 While ordinary protocol would have the hypnosis session recorded, mine was not. I had no
227 interest in reviewing that session and reliving Kennedy's murder more than absolutely
228 necessary. In any event, I think the decision as to whether a session is recorded should lie
229 with the victim. Under hypnosis, I recalled everything of the events of June 8 as I have
230 written so far, but recovered one new memory. Right before Kennedy was shot, while I was
231 dialing 9-1-1, I recalled Butch Pike yelling, "Jordan said to give you this!" I recalled there

232 were other statements by both Butch and Kennedy, but even under hypnosis could not
233 clearly recall those statements. That happens at times; even hypnosis can't ensure perfect
234 recall. Now that I think about it, I wish I had one of those doorbell cameras. Maybe that
235 might have caught those statements. Still, I'm proud I was able to recall what I did.

236 After the session, I called Det. Webster, leaving a voice mail regarding this new information.
237 After all, this shows that Jordan Pike was involved in helping Butch Pike kill Kennedy. And
238 this makes sense given Jordan's comments at the awards reception. I never got a call back
239 from Det. Webster.

240 The Pike siblings not only killed Kennedy Lyon, but destroyed my life as well. I lost my home
241 and through that, the opportunity to help others. What's worse is that the Amos Floyd
242 Charitable Trust insisted on doing an audit on my purchases with the grant money after I
243 sold the house. They noticed the luxury sheets I bought for Kennedy and myself. I guess they
244 do check every penny. I received a letter telling me I am now ineligible for any future grants
245 and they might even start legal action to recoup the grant money! I can't afford that! I doubt
246 they would have been found out if Butch Pike never killed Kennedy.

247 Kennedy was not perfect, but she did not deserve to be killed. The only silver lining in this
248 case is that I hope it can help to show the value of hypnosis in victim memory recall. I plan
249 on having my old colleagues at the New Dawn House lobby the local police and prosecutors
250 to rethink their stance on hypnosis. Maybe even introduce a bill in the Legislature to expand
251 its use. I just hope this minor issue regarding the grant money doesn't get in the way of that.
252 Some of my own former coworkers are keeping their distance. But in the immediate future,
253 I am running through practice direct examinations and cross-examinations with volunteer
254 attorneys at the New Dawn House in preparation for trial. I need to make sure I am well
255 prepared to do my part to hold the people responsible for Kennedy's death responsible.

256 I am familiar with the following exhibits: Exhibit 1, the photograph of my porch and swing
257 set; Exhibit 2, a transcript of the call I placed to 9-1-1 on June 8, 2025; Exhibit 3, the letter I
258 received from the Amos Floyd Charitable Foundation about my grant; and Exhibit 6, the
259 photograph of the blue Mustang I saw, though I do not know where that photograph was
260 taken. I swear or affirm the truth of the statements of this affidavit. Before signing this
261 affidavit, I was told it should contain everything I know may be relevant to my testimony,
262 and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit
263 if anything new occurs to me up to and until the moment before opening statements in this
264 case.

265 /s/ Billie Anderson

266 STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF LINCOLN

267 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY BILLIE ANDERSON, THIS 2nd DAY OF
268 SEPTEMBER, 2026.

269 /s/ Patricia Trigg

270 Notary Public, Alabama State at Large My Commission Expires: _ 5/23/2027 _

271 Notary ID Number: _ 99999

1 AFFIDAVIT OF SKYLER BOYLE

2 My name is Skyler Boyle. I am 31 years old. Let me start off by saying that I wish I wasn't in
3 this position. By that I mean I wish I didn't have to testify at all. Brady "Butch" Pike was a
4 good friend and now I have to testify against his sibling, Jordan Pike. I'm sure Butch would
5 hate me for this, and I am certain Jordan does. But I'm just fulfilling the terms of my plea
6 deal. And everyone knows Butch killed Kennedy Lyon. And that Jordan helped him.

7 I met Butch back in 2018 when we were both working for Savory Celebrations, a catering
8 company here in Cartersville. Neither of us were very ambitious in school (we graduated
9 the same year but from different schools), but catering wasn't a bad job when you work
10 events where people tip well. Butch and I hit off pretty well, and hung out quite a bit on and
11 off the job. However, catering was not Butch's only source of income - Butch was also a drug
12 dealer. Don't get me wrong; Butch was by no means any sort of international drug lord;
13 more like a middle-man supplier to some of the dealers in town.

14 He went by "Butch" because he hated the name Brady, and he thought "Butch" made him
15 sound "tough." Butch was not one of those who would normally start a fight, but if he
16 thought he was disrespected, he had no trouble beating someone up. He would also brag
17 about being in certain violent events to make himself sound more intimidating, if only to
18 discourage people from "messing" with him. For example, Butch claimed he had killed
19 Jimmy Hopkins for snitching. Jimmy was a police informant who was killed in 2020 in the
20 parking lot of the Warehouse, that martial arts arena in Cartersville. However, Jimmy
21 wasn't killed by Butch; Jimmy was killed in a robbery gone wrong. Butch wasn't involved.
22 However, a number of people believed it because Butch was notorious for hating "snitches."
23 That being said, Butch had a great sense of humor and was fiercely loyal to his friends.

24 Butch's drug dealing came to a halt in the spring of 2022 when Kennedy Lyon was arrested
25 in LaRue Park. I had met Kennedy a few times from catering jobs (she occasionally worked
26 at Savory Celebrations) and from parties. I didn't know her too well, but I knew she was a
27 low-level marijuana dealer as some of my other friends were her clients. Kennedy claimed
28 to have been robbed in a drug deal gone wrong, but she got arrested herself after the
29 robbery when the police responded and found out she had an outstanding warrant. That
30 whole episode and the trial of her robber were all over the news.

31 However, when Kennedy was arrested, the police seized her phone and found the contact
32 information for her clients and suppliers. For a bit, it was the only thing my friends could
33 talk about, including Butch. After all, Butch was one of Kennedy's suppliers. Then the
34 hammer fell; Butch ended up getting arrested and charged with several counts of felony
35 drug trafficking. I am not a lawyer and I don't know all the specifics, but Butch ended up
36 taking a plea deal where he could serve all of his sentences together. I was in court to
37 support him when he was sentenced. He was standing handcuffed in an orange jump suit

38 while the judge refused to consider probation and told Butch that he would be going to
39 prison. Butch was released on parole in a little over a year, time for Thanksgiving 2024.

40 It is almost cliché to say, but prison changed Butch. He was no longer the humorous, fun guy
41 he was before he was arrested. He became sullen and angry, fixated on how much he hated
42 Kennedy. I completely get it; from what I understand, Kennedy went to rehab and only
43 received a slap-on-the-wrist misdemeanor while Butch went to real prison. All because
44 Kennedy was stupid enough to get arrested and have her phone seized by the police. I think
45 a lot of people felt that way. However, a lot of our friends wanted nothing to do with Butch
46 anymore after he was released, largely because he would go on and on about how much he
47 hated Kennedy. More than once, I heard Butch talk about how he wanted “revenge.”

48 Butch’s parents died while he was in prison and when he was released, Butch had only one
49 family member to turn to - his younger sibling, Jordan. Jordan was a year younger than
50 Butch and me. While Butch and I were never good students, Jordan was just the opposite
51 with good grades and a full college scholarship. Jordan could have left Cartersville and made
52 a lot of money, but instead Jordan wanted to work with at-risk youth to steer them away
53 from a life of crime. Jordan had a job as a youth counselor, though I don’t know the specifics.
54 However, I suppose Jordan was good at it, because Jordan won several awards for youth
55 counseling programming - including Youth Counselor of the Year for 2022. Jordan also
56 maintained a squeaky-clean legal record, though I think Jordan might have had a minor
57 hiccup in the distant past. But since then, Jordan has not even had so much as a speeding
58 ticket. Wish I could say the same!

59 Butch and Jordan were very close. Their sibling motto is “Ride or die,” or at least they say
60 that to each other a lot. I thought it always sounded cool, and I took it to mean that they
61 would always support each other. Better than the relationship I have with my brother!
62 Before Butch went to prison, he would always talk about how he was proud of Jordan and
63 he would keep Jordan safe. I recall one time at a party where all three of us were there,
64 there was some guy arguing with Jordan and acting like he was about ready to hit Jordan.
65 Butch stepped in and slammed the guy against a wall, about to punch him. Jordan pulled
66 Butch away, telling Butch, “He’s not worth it. Not worth going to jail over.”

67 Once Butch was released from prison, he moved into the house Jordan rented. I would go
68 over there to hang out with Butch and also Jordan. Butch and Jordan’s relationship seemed
69 stronger than ever. I don’t think Jordan cared too much for me, but I think Jordan was glad
70 that Butch still had one of his old friends hanging around. Jordan also tried to help find
71 Butch find employment, though it wasn’t easy because a lot of places won’t hire convicted
72 felons. That frustrated Jordan quite a bit - though Jordan’s frustration was at the employers
73 who wouldn’t hire Butch. Butch ended up having to take a lot of temp agency jobs.

74 Butch did not have a car of his own. He would take public transportation to those temp jobs
75 or would borrow Jordan’s car if Jordan wasn’t using it. Jordan had an awesome car, a blue
76 Mustang. Exhibit 6 is a photograph of that Mustang. I have always wanted a car like that.

77 Jordan worked in a not-so-great area of town, so Jordan kept a gun and some ammunition in
78 the glove compartment. I know this because when Butch needed to borrow the car, Jordan
79 would have to remove the gun and ammunition. That's because Butch was a convicted felon
80 and he was not allowed to possess firearms. If he was stopped by the police while driving
81 with the gun in the car, Butch would get arrested and sent back to prison.

82 I learned about those consequences because one time when I was riding with Butch, he
83 went to get something out of the glove compartment and noticed the gun and ammunition.
84 Jordan must have forgotten to take it out of the car. Butch got really nervous and drove
85 around as carefully as possible, explaining that he could go to prison if he was pulled over
86 while the gun was in the car. That was a very rare occurrence, because to my knowledge,
87 Jordan has only forgotten to remove the gun a handful of times, usually when Butch needed
88 to go somewhere in a hurry. I've been at the house when Jordan removes the gun; it gets
89 stored in a dresser in Jordan's room near the door.

90 Going back to Kennedy Lyon, I have to say it was a shock when I saw that she was back in
91 town. I was working as a delivery driver for Swift Send, a delivery company. A few days
92 before Kennedy died, I was delivering a package on Elm Street when I saw Kennedy on a
93 porch swing. I had to do a double-take and make sure it was her. The package was
94 apparently for someone else at the house. The person was signing for the package when I
95 said, "Kennedy? Back in town?" Kennedy acted like she didn't hear me. I awkwardly thanked
96 the person signing for the package and left. As I was leaving the person who signed asked
97 Kennedy, "Someone you know?" I never heard an answer.

98 A few days later, on Saturday June 8, 2025, I had the day off and had plans to hang out with
99 Butch at his home. We had plans to watch television. Netflix had a new true crime series
100 that had just dropped. That was our favorite genre. I got there in the late morning and
101 Jordan was there too. When I saw that both of them were at home, I couldn't help myself but
102 had to spill the tea about Kennedy. Before I even sat down, I told them, "You won't guess
103 who's back in town - Kennedy Lyon!"

104 Butch's face turned a shade of purple that I had never seen. Jordan looked angry too, and
105 said icily, "I know you didn't say that snitch was back in town." "Snitch" was how Jordan
106 referred to Kennedy. I know Jordan blamed Kennedy for Butch's criminal record and
107 imprisonment. Jordan hated Kennedy just as much as Butch. That sentiment by Jordan
108 always seemed out of character to me. After all, Jordan worked with youth to keep them out
109 of legal trouble, but blamed Kennedy for what happened to Butch. It was as though Jordan
110 completely forgot Butch was a drug supplier. I never told Butch to his face, but he really
111 brought his legal problems on himself. Again, I wish my brother was just as supportive!

112 I told both of them that I saw Kennedy while delivering packages and that Kennedy was at a
113 house on Elm Street. Jordan then asked me, "So what was that address again?" I had not said
114 a specific address and asked why. Butch answered instead, saying "I don't want to go there
115 by accident and do something I shouldn't." Jordan nodded and said, "Exactly." It took me a

116 few minutes, but I went through my delivery records on my phone and found the address
117 for Jordan and Butch - 2301 Elm Street.

118 Butch was not tech savvy and not as good at using his phone to find addresses or driving
119 directions, so it didn't surprise me to see Jordan, rather than Butch, typing the address into
120 their phone. By not tech savvy, I mean Butch was near useless when it came to things other
121 than calling or texting. I have had to send Butch links with driving directions or type an
122 address into Butch's phone myself. He was quite helpless. Once Jordan had the address and
123 location on the screen of Jordan's phone, Jordan showed the phone to Butch, saying, "Now
124 you know where not to go!" Butch nodded.

125 After that, we started watching that new true crime series. I know this is going to sound bad,
126 but we would often laugh at what was happening to the victims in those shows. It's largely
127 because the acting was so bad. We would also make comments about how certain people we
128 disliked should be subject to what happened to the victims in those true crime shows.
129 Horrible of us, but I know we aren't alone in that! You just need to scroll through social
130 media to find people doing the same thing.

131 On that Saturday, one of the episodes we saw involved someone getting revenge on a snitch.
132 I remember Jordan saying, "Revenge on a snitch? What an idea!" We all laughed. A little later
133 in the show, we got to the part where the killer shot the snitch. The acting was over the top
134 terrible. Not to mention the victim in that episode kind of looked like Kennedy. Jordan says,
135 "Hey Butch! Maybe you'll bump into Kennedy sometime!" And Jordan winked at me. Butch
136 said, "Don't tempt me!" Then I acted like I had been shot, as overly dramatic as was
137 happening in that episode. We were all laughing pretty hard at that point. I didn't think
138 much of it at the time, but it's one of those things that jumps out at you later.

139 We watched a couple more episodes while Jordan and Butch kept making jokes about
140 Kennedy being a victim. It was funny at first, but soon started getting stale. After a couple of
141 hours, a friend of Jordan's, Peyton Clark, stopped by. I don't know Peyton very well, except
142 that Peyton was one of Jordan's former youth counseling clients. Even though an adult now,
143 Jordan was still mentoring Peyton. I was getting bored with the Kennedy references, so I
144 used Peyton's entrance as my excuse to leave. I think Butch could tell I was getting
145 uncomfortable because Butch said, "Come on, is all this Kennedy talk getting to you?" Jordan
146 added, "Yeah Skyler, we're just kidding." I made a half-hearted excuse that I wasn't feeling
147 well and told Butch he should come by my apartment later if he didn't have any plans. As I
148 was leaving, I heard Peyton say, "Oh no, what about Kenendy this time?"

149 I also need to mention, because I was asked before writing this affidavit, that I never noticed
150 any strange person or car that seemed out of place as I was leaving Butch and Jordan's
151 house. Apparently some private investigator who got involved in this case saw me leaving. I
152 never noticed any private investigator, nor did one ever come talk to me.

153 Later that night, Butch called me, saying he was turning in my apartment complex, and that I
154 needed to come outside right away. He hung up before I could ask him to explain, but the
155 tone of his voice indicated that whatever was going on was serious. I went outside and saw

156 Jordan's Mustang. The interior dome light was on, and I could see that Butch was by himself.
157 I went around to the passenger side, and Butch rolled down the window. I saw Butch's shirt
158 covered in blood!

159 Butch looked panicked and sweaty. He was breathing slowly, like he was trying to hold it
160 together. I asked Butch "What's going on?" Instead of answering me, Butch opened the glove
161 compartment and I saw Jordan's gun and an ammunition box. I was shocked though I
162 thought Jordan must have forgotten to remove the gun again before letting Butch use the
163 car.

164 Without saying anything, Butch took the gun out of the glove compartment and shoved it in
165 my hands, saying, "It's better you don't know. Just get rid of it." I asked, "Is this Jordan's gun?
166 Does Jordan know about this?" Butch didn't answer my question, but looked around for
167 some reason and said, "If anyone asks, I want you to tell them Jordan had nothing to do with
168 this. I don't want Jordan getting in any trouble." I asked again, "Does Jordan know about
169 this?" Butch didn't answer my question. He just rolled up the window and sped off. Looking
170 back, I'm surprised Butch only handed me the gun, not the ammo box as well. I guess he was
171 only thinking about the gun.

172 I didn't know what to do, so I took the gun inside my apartment and hid it in a shoe box and
173 towel under my bed. A few hours later, a news alert came across my phone saying that
174 Butch was wanted for murder! It all made sense - Butch must have killed Kennedy! And left
175 me holding the murder weapon!

176 Jordan called later that night. I asked Jordan, "What did Butch do??!!!" Jordan didn't answer
177 but instead asked if I had heard from Butch. I didn't know what Jordan knew or if Jordan
178 was involved, so I lied and told Jordan I had not heard from Butch since leaving their house.
179 Jordan paused and said, "Good. All of our talk about Kennedy today? Just forget anything we
180 talked about." Before I could respond, Jordan hung up. That was the last time I talked to
181 Jordan.

182 I took the next few days off work and hunkered down in my apartment, hardly sleeping or
183 eating. I had no idea what to do. I know I should have called the police, but what would they
184 say? Would they think I had something to do with the murder?

185 I kept refreshing my phone for updates. During that time, the police never found Butch. I
186 saw where Jordan's Mustang was found in Alabama and there was a manhunt in progress.
187 To this day, Butch has not been found. I have no idea where he would be now or even if he is
188 still alive.

189 Several days after the murder, a Detective Webster and some officers came to my
190 apartment. Det. Webster said it was known that I was a friend of Butch and asked if I would

191 go to the police station to answer some questions. I stupidly agreed. I should have said no
192 and gotten a lawyer.

193 I was full of dread on the way to the police station. The feeling of dread was made worse by
194 the fact that Det. Webster never said a word to me on the car ride. Once at the police station,
195 Det. Webster took me to an interview room, had me sign a Miranda waiver, and asked if I
196 had any contact with Butch before or after the murder. I lied and said I had not seen Butch
197 for at least a week before the murder and definitely not since. Det. Webster just stared at me
198 for what seemed like an eternity, then told me coldly, "I know you actually had contact with
199 Butch that night."

200 I started crying as soon as Det. Webster said that. As far as I know, no one in the apartment
201 complex had seen Butch and me. There are no exterior cameras at my apartment complex.
202 Did they pull my phone records? But it was clear the police knew. No way out now.

203 I told Det. Webster almost everything I mentioned in this affidavit about going to the Pike
204 house the day of the murder and Butch coming by my apartment that evening. The only
205 thing I left out was Peyton coming by as I was leaving and seeing Kennedy on Elm Street a
206 few days before. I guess I forgot when I was spilling my guts; when I was doing so, it was
207 more word vomit than any coherent retelling of events.

208 Det. Webster asked for consent to search my apartment to retrieve the gun, and I agreed. I
209 was left handcuffed in the interrogation room until Det. Webster returned. I was placed
210 under arrest for Tampering with Physical Evidence. I was given a court-appointed lawyer
211 who was able to work out a plea agreement to Tampering with Physical Evidence as
212 charged for a five-year sentence with prosecutors recommending probation. Part of the deal
213 required that I testify against Jordan and Butch if necessary.

214 My lawyer explained that Det. Webster had actually pushed the prosecutors to charge me
215 with Complicity to Murder as well for giving Kennedy's address to Butch and Jordan, but
216 that the prosecutors thought there would be problems with proving I wanted Kennedy
217 dead. I certainly did not want Kennedy dead! I don't understand the legalities, but my
218 lawyer explained that if I had been charged with complicity to murder, I would be looking at
219 twenty to fifty years in prison or life! I also learned that Det. Webster had lied to me when
220 telling me that the police knew that I had contact with Butch. I couldn't believe that police
221 could lie to you in an interrogation, but my lawyer said they can and do, which is why you
222 should always refuse to answer questions and ask for a lawyer.

223 I wish I had never run into Kennedy that week or let Butch and Jordan know Kennedy was
224 back in town. I never would have given Jordan or Butch that address if I thought they were
225 going to kill Kennedy! And I know Butch hated Kennedy, but I never thought Butch would
226 go so far as to kill her! He had been in prison once, and did not seem eager to go back!

227 What surprises me more is that Jordan would go along with it. Jordan was the squeaky
228 clean, award winning youth counselor that helped kids stay out of trouble! But Jordan's own

229 hatred towards Kennedy, Jordan's statements the day of the murder, Butch having the car
230 and gun- it only points in one direction.

231 I am now a convicted felon and have to deal with that for the time being. Not only that, I was
232 fired from my delivery job, and like Butch, it has been hard finding a job as a felon. At least
233 my conviction can get expunged at some point, which was a point my lawyer made in
234 advising me to take the plea deal. And in pleading guilty, I have taken responsibility for my
235 part in all of this. Jordan and Butch need to face the consequences for their roles.

236 I am familiar with the following exhibits: Exhibit 1 the photograph of the porch of 2301 Elm
237 Street, though I do not know who took that photograph or when; Exhibit 4, a copy of
238 judgment following my plea of guilty; Exhibit 5, photographs of my bedroom floor with the
239 shoebox I hid the gun Butch gave me as well as photograph of the gun in the shoebox; and
240 Exhibit 6, the photograph of Jordan's Mustang, though I do not know where that photograph
241 was taken. I swear or affirm the truth of the statements of this affidavit. Before signing this
242 affidavit, I was told it should contain everything I know may be relevant to my testimony,
243 and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit
244 if anything new occurs to me up to and until the moment before opening statements in this
245 case.

246 /s/ Skyler Boyle

247 STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF LINCOLN

248 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY SKYLER BOYLE, THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
249 2026.

250 /s/ Patricia Trigg

251 Notary Public, Alabama State at Large My Commission Expires: _ 5/23/2027 _

252 Notary ID Number: _ 99999

AFFIDAVIT OF DETECTIVE CARMEN WEBSTER

My name is Carmen Webster, and I am 35 years old. I am currently a detective with the Cartersville Police Department in the violent crimes divisions. In 2018, I received a Bachelors of Science in Police Science from the University of Alabama and was hired at the Cartersville Police Department as a patrol officer. In 2023, I was promoted to detective in the Narcotics Division, and in May 2025, I was transferred to the Violent Crimes Division. A lot of people do not understand the difference between what a patrol officer does and what a detective does. While both are sworn police officers, broadly speaking, a patrol officer is more of a "first responder," being called out to crime scenes, taking reports, etc. A detective leads a further investigation, if necessary, by interviewing witnesses and suspects, supervising collection of evidence, reviewing records, and other matters to determine if a crime was committed and who committed it. Patrol officers may take on some of those responsibilities, such as interviewing witnesses, but in more involved cases, that is done at the direction of a detective. The detective also turns the findings over to prosecutors who are responsible for charging suspects and presenting the case in court.

On the evening of June 8, 2025, I was called out to 2301 Elm Street in response to a shooting. I arrived there at about 9:00 p.m. When I arrived, uniformed officers had secured the scene and paramedics were administering aid to a potential witness, Billie Anderson. The shooting victim, Kennedy Lyon, a 28-year old female, was deceased. The shooter had apparently fled the scene, having driven off. It was reported to me that officers had searched the house at 2301 Elm Street and the surrounding yards as a precaution and had not found the shooter or any sign of the shooter. I assigned several uniformed officers to canvas the neighborhood to see if there were any further witnesses or if there were any doorbell cameras that might have footage of the shooting or the shooter's escape. No other witnesses were found, nor was any camera footage found. There was no doorbell camera at Anderson's residence.

I was somewhat familiar with Lyon from my earlier days as a patrol officer and narcotics detective. Lyon had been a marijuana dealer who was arrested in 2022 on an outstanding warrant after she claimed to have been robbed by someone buying narcotics from her. Lyon's phone was seized at the time of her arrest, and it became a goldmine of information about her suppliers and customers. I had never met Lyon, nor was I involved in the prosecution against her, but I was involved in investigating a number of her contacts.

It was later confirmed that Lyon's cause of death was three gunshot wounds to her chest and abdomen and her death was classified as a homicide (meaning the death was the result of the actions of another person). Officers searching 2301 Elm Street found three 9 mm shell casings on the front porch. No weapon was recovered the night of June 8, 2025, but the shell

casings were collected and cataloged in case a potential murder weapon was later discovered and could be a match to them.

Once the paramedics had medically cleared Anderson, I asked Anderson to accompany me to the police station for an interview. Proper police procedure in these cases is to attempt to interview witnesses to a crime as soon as possible as their memories are still fresh, though the academy taught that the stress of being a crime victim or witnessing a crime can lead to possible gaps in memory. Even so, I had pressing concerns - the shooter was still at large, and I needed to get as much information as possible so we could locate and apprehend the shooter quickly.

At the police station, I realized that I recognized Anderson as a victim advocate from the New Dawn House, though we had never personally worked together. There was some talk around the precinct that Anderson was a hypnosis fanatic, thinking it was some magic cure for trauma and wanted us to start using it to help witnesses unlock repressed memories. The Cartersville Police Department specifically forbids detectives from using hypnosis because of concerns that it could unduly influence memory and cause us to lose a case if a judge throws out hypnosis testimony. I know that Alabama allows the use of hypnotically recalled memory, at least under some circumstances, but the State Attorney's office here does not want one of our cases to be the one that causes the Alabama Supreme Court to decide otherwise!

Anderson had apparently been Lyon's victim advocate in 2022, but I learned from the interview that Lyon was now Anderson's tenant. Anderson explained that after dinner, the two of them were having lemonade on the front porch swing when they ran out of lemonade. Anderson went inside to make more (very insistent that it was made from scratch), and a blue Mustang pulled up in front of the house. Anderson then explained that a man in his late twenties or early thirties angrily confronted Lyon. Anderson was calling 9-1-1 during the confrontation when the man shot Lyon.

I asked if Anderson knew the shooter. Anderson claimed to not know the shooter personally, but that Lyon called the shooter "Butch Pike." From my narcotics days, I knew of a Brady Pike who went by the nickname "Butch." I guess it made him sound tough. Because the defendant in this case also has the last name Pike, I will refer to them by first name (Jordan and Butch) for clarity. Butch was a drug supplier and dealer who supplied Lyon with her product in the past. After Lyon was arrested, Butch was identified as a dealer and supplier and arrested from information gleaned from Lyon's phone. A records check indicated that Butch was on parole. I put together a photographic lineup packet where I took Butch's driver's license photograph and photographs from five other people who looked similar to see if Anderson could identify the shooter. When presented with the packet, Anderson chose the fifth photograph (Butch's photograph) as the shooter.

I asked Anderson if Lyon was aware of any threats towards her or if Lyon had acted odd the week of the shooting. Anderson was not aware of any threats and said Lyon was not acting

77 odd. I gave Anderson my card with instructions to call me if anything else came to mind, and
78 told Anderson that I might be in contact if we needed to clarify any information.

79 I ran a vehicle records check and found a blue Mustang was registered to a Jordan Pike. The
80 registration address was 3642 Meier Lane. That address was also Butch's last known
81 address from parole records. I had an All Points Bulletin (a radio message to all Cartersville
82 officers of a suspect and vehicle) put out for Butch and the blue Mustang. Even though by
83 this point it was past 11:00 pm, I decided to go out to 3642 Meier Lane to interview any
84 residents. I also brought some uniformed officers in case Butch was there.

85 Neither Butch nor the Mustang were at the house when I arrived. I made contact with
86 Jordan Pike, Butch's younger sibling. I actually recognized Jordan as a youth counselor at
87 Praxis Youth Services, winning several awards for youth programming. I didn't know Jordan
88 personally, and really only recognized the name. I realized it was the same Jordan Pike
89 when I saw a couple of those awards on the wall in the living room of the Pike residence.

90 Jordan was reluctant to talk to me at first, though I figured at the time it was because Jordan
91 might be in shock as it was all over the news that Butch was wanted for murder. Jordan
92 confirmed that Butch lived at the address and confirmed owning a blue Mustang. Jordan
93 said that Butch borrowed the Mustang from time to time and did so that night, with plans to
94 get some fast food and maybe see some friends. When I asked what friends, Jordan claimed,
95 "I don't know for sure." Jordan also claimed having no contact with Butch after he left with
96 the car. Jordan admitted that Butch had a grudge against Kennedy Lyon, but denied
97 knowing about any plan by Butch to confront or hurt Lyon.

98 Because Butch was a convicted felon and not legally able to own firearms, I asked Jordan if
99 either sibling had a gun. Jordan denied having a gun and claimed Butch did not either. I gave
100 Jordan my card and told Jordan to call me immediately if Butch made contact. Based on
101 Jordan's answers at the time, I had no reason at that moment to suspect Jordan had any
102 connection to the murder. After all, Jordan was an award-winning youth counselor, not
103 someone you would expect would be spinning a web of lies.

104 The next day, I received a call that an abandoned blue Mustang with a license plate
105 matching Jordan Pike's Mustang had been found in the parking lot of the Alabama
106 Welcome Center off Highway I-20 in Birmingham, AL. These welcome centers are rest areas
107 where motorists can stop for a break or use the bathroom on long trips. When I arrived, the
108 car had been secured by the Alabama Highway State Patrol. In searching the car, I found a
109 box of 9mm ammunition but no firearm. On the floorboard, I found a receipt for the Speedy
110 Spout, which is a full-service gas station in Cartersville. The receipt was dated June 8, 2024.
111 Butch Pike had still not been located. I took photographs of the car, the ammunition box and
112 the receipt. Those are Exhibits 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

113 After arranging for the Mustang to be returned to Cartersville, I decided to see if I could
114 identify and interview any of Butch's associates. From Butch's social media, I found that

115 Butch was close friends with an individual named Skyler Boyle. I went to Boyle's apartment
116 and asked Boyle to come down to the station for an interview. Boyle agreed.

117 On the way to the police station, Boyle was very nervous. We rode in silence. I figured Boyle
118 knew something but wanted to get Boyle into a controlled environment before I started
119 asking questions. I also figured being left to stew on the car ride would help Boyle. Silence
120 has its uses.

121 Once at the police station, I escorted Boyle to an interview room, and asked Boyle to sign a
122 waiver of Miranda rights. I began the interview asking if Boyle had any contact with Butch
123 since the murder. Boyle said nervously, "I haven't seen Butch or heard from Butch for more
124 than a week." I had the impression Boyle was lying but I had nothing to back it up. So after a
125 couple minutes of excruciating silence (excruciating for Boyle, I mean), I gambled and told
126 Boyle, "I know you had contact with Butch that night." Yes, that is a lie, but lying is a
127 completely legal interview technique, though I try not to do so. However, Butch was still on
128 the loose and we were under pressure to try to find him. Boyle started crying and explained
129 how Butch came by that night in the blue Mustang, handed Boyle a gun out of the glove
130 compartment, and asked Boyle "to get rid of it."

131 What interested me is what Boyle had to say about Jordan. Boyle explained that Jordan
132 blamed Kennedy for Butch's convictions and incarceration. Boyle also explained going to
133 the Pike residence earlier on the day of the murder to watch television. Upon arriving, Boyle
134 admitted to providing Lyon's address to the Pikes, and that Jordan looked up the directions
135 to Lyon's residence. Boyle also explained that Jordan owned a firearm that is normally
136 stored in the glove compartment of the Mustang, though Jordan normally removes it and the
137 ammunition when Butch borrows the car. When Jordan does so, the gun and ammunition
138 are stored in Jordan's room. Boyle said the gun Butch handed over was Jordan's gun. Boyle
139 further mentioned that while watching true crime shows, all three of them had made
140 references to Lyon's death.

141 Furthermore, when Butch handed over the gun, he told Boyle, "If anyone asks, I want you to
142 tell them Jordan had nothing to do with this. I don't want Jordan to get into any trouble."
143 Boyle insisted that Butch never specifically said whether or not Jordan had anything to do
144 with Lyon's death. Boyle also said that Jordan called later that night, asking if Boyle had any
145 contact with Butch. Boyle admitted lying to Jordan saying that there had been no contact
146 with Butch, and in response, Jordan told Boyle to forget anything the three had said about
147 Lyon that day.

148 Boyle consented to police searching the apartment for the gun. While I left Boyle handcuffed
149 in the interview room, supervised by an officer, I went with uniformed officers to Boyle's
150 apartment. Under a bed, I found a shoe box with a Glock 19, 9 mm pistol wrapped in a towel.
151 I took photographs of the shoebox and pistol; those are reflected in Exhibit 5, A check of the
152 magazine showed that three rounds had been fired. I had enough to charge Boyle with
153 Tampering with Physical Evidence for taking and hiding the gun, so when I returned to the
154 police station, Boyle was placed under arrest for that offense.

155 The pressure was on for the Cartersville Police Department to find Butch and charge
156 anyone who assisted him. Chief Daugherty was asking me every day for status updates. I did
157 speak with prosecutors about the possibility charging Boyle with complicity to murder
158 because Boyle provided Lyon's address to the Pike siblings. The State Attorney's
159 office declined, believing there was little to no evidence that Boyle provided the address
160 with the intent that Butch would kill Lyon. I agree it would be difficult to prove, but I did not
161 think impossible. I don't get the final say, unfortunately. Instead, Boyle was offered a plea
162 deal with a recommendation for probation to testify against the Pike siblings. I was not
163 happy about Boyle avoiding prison, but I understand Boyle's testimony is crucial to the case.

164 While the specifics of that plea deal were being worked on, I sent the gun off to see whether
165 the shell casings found at the scene matched the gun located in Boyle's apartment. The gun
166 was found to be a match for the shell casings, confirming that the gun Butch gave to Boyle
167 was the murder weapon. It was also clear that Jordan had lied about owning a gun, and that
168 Jordan's gun was the murder weapon. I also obtained text message records from Jordan's
169 cell phone provider for June 8, 2024, showing that Jordan had also lied to me about not
170 having any contact with Butch that night.

171 I concluded that Jordan had helped Butch murder Kennedy Lyon. Given the pressure the
172 police department was under, I spoke with prosecutors about charging Jordan with
173 complicity. Based on Jordan's own animosity towards Lyon, as well as providing the
174 address, car, and gun to Butch, I was able to obtain an arrest warrant against Jordan for
175 complicity to murder. I arrested Jordan at the Pike residence and attempted to interview
176 Jordan about involvement in Lyon's murder as well as the lies Jordan told me. Jordan
177 declined to speak with me further and asked for an attorney.

178 I am aware of the "investigation" done by private investigator Lou Robertson. Robertson is a
179 disgraced ex-cop trying to use this high-profile case to make a name as some premiere
180 investigator. It's more like Robertson wants revenge for being fired and personal enjoyment
181 by embarrassing the Cartersville Police Department. Robertson was involved in one of my
182 Narcotics division cases. I was overly eager and didn't check out a possible alibi the
183 defendant had. Supposedly that defendant was at work when a drug deal went down, and
184 the defendant's employer had video evidence of the defendant at work. I thought the
185 employer was covering for the defendant and never checked to see if any video footage
186 existed. I still say the video footage was very grainy and that you couldn't really tell that it
187 was the defendant on camera. The jury acquitted, and Robertson gloated in my face, and I
188 received a verbal reprimand for not investigating the alibi. The prosecutor thought that my
189 work was solid though, but sometimes juries do what they do. And the vast majority of
190 cases I work end in plea agreements. That shows I do a pretty good job, or else they would
191 not plead guilty.

192 I am aware that Robertson claims to have personally seen Butch leave the Pike residence
193 looking sneaky, gun in hand. There's nothing to back that up other than Robertson's own
194 word, though I never did send any officers to interview the residents on Meier Lane to see if
195 they could confirm or deny that account.

196 I am also aware Robertson interviewed an attendant at the Speedy Spout who apparently
197 waited on Butch prior to the murder. I don't know the contents of that interview other than
198 Robertson gloating that "it shows Webster messed up." I am loathe to say it, but I am
199 embarrassed that Robertson got to the Speedy Spout ahead of me. I had planned to call
200 there the week after Jordan's arrest, but it slipped my mind after I had been sent to follow
201 up on an unsubstantiated report that Butch was back in town. Turns out, some supposed
202 psychic was trying to help the police with a tarot card reading of Butch's whereabouts; a
203 complete goose chase. All sorts of crazies come out of the woodwork with high profile cases.

204 Even still, I later called the Speedy Spout after Robertson's interview to see if I could speak
205 to Clark myself. Instead of Clark, I spoke with a supervisor who told me that a "police
206 detective" had already been there to interview Clark. That surprised me, as I was unaware
207 of any other detectives from the police department working this case. I was going to be mad
208 if I had been reassigned without my knowledge. There are rumors among the detectives
209 that the mayor was pressuring Chief Daugherty to replace me.

210 Instead, the supervisor told me the "police detective's" name was "Lou Robertson." I became
211 angry because private detectives are forbidden by law to claim they are law enforcement.
212 However, I asked the supervisor if there was any security camera footage from the night of
213 June 8, but I was told that the footage had already been deleted. I am aware from our own
214 Information Technology people that there is a decent chance such footage can be recovered
215 even after deletion, but I didn't want to spend the time and resources and possibly tell the
216 Chief that it was all for nothing. The Chief wanted results, not excuses.

217 I reported Robertson's conduct, identifying as a "police detective" to the Alabama Board of
218 Licensure for Private Investigators. I also asked the State Attorney's office to
219 present charges for Impersonating a Peace Officer, which is a felony, to the grand jury. The
220 State Attorney's office did so, but the grand jury declined to indict Robertson. At
221 least the Board took my complaint seriously, and Robertson is suspended until June 30,
222 2026.

223 I never ended up interviewing Clark, even though Clark was on probation and easy to find. I
224 obtained a transcript of a jail phone call between Clark and Jordan. Apparently they knew
225 each other and were close. Jordan even refers to Clark as a "guardian angel." Who knows
226 what make-believe story Clark would tell me.

227 Even so, Chief Daugherty is not happy that I didn't interview Clark. I think it would have
228 been fruitless, but she disagrees. As a result, I received another reprimand, a written one
229 this time. I'm worried if there is an acquittal I might get demoted back to patrol officer.

230 I will also say that I am not happy that Billie Anderson used hypnosis as a way to shore up
231 testimony. Again, I know Anderson is a huge proponent of hypnosis, but I would hate for
232 this case to be the test case on hypnosis in the Alabama Supreme Court. If I had been
233 consulted, I would have advised Anderson to avoid it, but what's done is done. I did receive
234 a voicemail from Anderson regarding the hypnosis. I didn't call Anderson back; I just passed

235 the information that Anderson underwent hypnosis and what was recovered to the
236 State Attorney's office. That's the only call or voicemail I ever recall receiving
237 from Anderson.

238 Butch Pike still hasn't been found. We have no leads as to where he is or even if he is still
239 alive. I know there are a lot of people who did not like Kennedy Lyon, and some that are
240 happy she is dead. However, Lyon is a crime victim, and those who were involved in her
241 death deserve to be brought to justice. While Jordan Pike is not the shooter, Jordan provided
242 the means for Butch to kill Kennedy Lyon and Jordan had plenty of animosity towards
243 Kenndy as well. The evidence shows all of this as well as all of Jordan's lies. In my
244 experience, lying to law enforcement is indicative of guilt. Innocent people stay quiet, but
245 they don't lie to the police. I have every confidence the jury will do the right thing and find
246 Jordan Pike guilty.

247 I am familiar with the following exhibits: Exhibit 1, which is the porch at 2301 Elm Street,
248 though not how it looked on the night of June 8, 2024; Exhibit 2, the transcript of the 9-1-1
249 phone call placed by Billie Anderson, Exhibit 4, the judgment following Skyler Boyle's guilty
250 plea; Exhibit 5, the photograph of the shoebox and gun found under Skyler Boyle's bed;
251 Exhibit 6, the photograph I took of Jordan Pike's Mustang when located at the parking lot of
252 the Alabama Welcome Center off of Highway I-20 in Birmingham, AL; Exhibit 7, the box of 9
253 mm ammunition I found in the glove compartment of Jordan Pike's Mustang; Exhibit 8, the
254 receipt from the Speedy Spout I found in Jordan Pike's Mustang; Exhibit 9, text messages
255 between Jordan Pike and Butch Pike on the night of June 8, 2025; Exhibit 10, the Letter of
256 Reprimand I received in this investigation; Exhibit 13, the transcript of the phone call
257 recorded by the Lincoln County Detention Center between Jordan Pike and Peyton Clark;
258 and Exhibit 14, the judgment

1 AFFIDAVIT OF PEYTON CLARK

2 My name is Peyton Clark and I am 23 years old. I am ashamed that I did not come forward
3 earlier in this case, especially since I owe Jordan Pike so much. I know it doesn't excuse me,
4 but I'm on felony probation and I was afraid of going to prison or losing my job if I got
5 involved in this case. I mean, look at what the police did to Skyler Boyle! I don't know the
6 specifics about the law, but my understanding is that Jordan is being prosecuted because
7 the police think Butch Pike used Jordan's car and gun to kill Kennedy, and that it was all
8 done with Jordan's encouragement! From the interactions I had with Jordan and Butch the
9 day of Kennedy's murder, as well as seeing Butch that night before the murder, I know
10 Jordan is completely innocent!

11 I met Jordan when I was a senior at Lincoln County High School. Jordan was one of those
12 youth counselors trying to get people my age to do all the right things, like staying in school,
13 not using drugs, and staying away from crime. Unfortunately, I didn't pay attention and
14 ended up with a felony record - due in part to Kennedy Lyon no less.

15 When I was in high school, grades were not my concern. The social scene was. I went to
16 parties and did all the things you were not supposed to do. At one party, I was introduced to
17 Kennedy Lyon. She was a marijuana dealer and I ended up being one of her customers.

18 I barely graduated high school in 2021. And because COVID was still in full swing, I had one
19 of those virtual graduations. I had no plans for college or technical school (not that there
20 would be any in-person classes for some time), and because everything was largely shut
21 down, I was not in a hurry to look for a job. My parents had one of those "essential" jobs, so
22 they were out of the house all day and working a lot of overtime. I spent my time watching
23 YouTube, playing video games, and yes, using drugs. I had no direction and no ambition.

24 My world came crashing down in the spring of 2022 when Kennedy Lyon was arrested. The
25 police ended up getting access to her phone and all of her contacts for supplies and buyers.
26 Apparently the police were mostly interested in the people who supplied Kennedy with
27 drugs for sale, but they also targeted Kennedy's regular buyers. And I happened to be a
28 pretty big customer!

29 Eventually, the police came looking for me. I guess they wanted to see if they could squeeze
30 any information about me regarding other dealers. Who knows. But when I was arrested,
31 the police didn't do a very good job finding all of the marijuana I had on my person, so I
32 decided I would keep quiet and try to sneak some into jail. Either I would use it myself or
33 trade for stuff in jail. That was not a smart idea; the marijuana was found on me once I got
34 to jail. I didn't think it would be that big of a deal, but I was charged with Promoting
35 Contraband in the First Degree, which is a felony! I learned from my lawyer later that if I
36 had said that there was still marijuana on me at intake into jail, I would have just been
37 charged with a misdemeanor possession charge.

38 I was in jail for the rest of 2022 while my lawyer worked out a plea deal for me. I ended up
39 pleading guilty as charged to Promoting Contraband in the First Degree in exchange for a
40 four-year prison sentence, but my lawyer was pretty sure I would get probation if I agreed
41 to go to drug rehab. I was able to get probation and went to rehab as promised.

42 The person who found the rehab place for me was Jordan Pike. Apparently Jordan's brother,
43 Butch, had gotten into trouble and gone to prison because he was one of Kennedy's
44 suppliers. Jordan considered me a "victim of Kennedy Lyon" just like Butch. After I got out of
45 rehab, Jordan helped me find a job as an attendant at the Speedy Spout, a full-service gas
46 station. It may be the last full-service station in Alabama. By "full-service," that means I
47 pump your gas, clean your windows, check your oil and tire pressure. The station will even
48 do basic maintenance like oil changes, but I was pretty much a pump attendant though the
49 owner is willing to help me get started with learning car maintenance. I may take him up on
50 that soon!

51 I was grateful for Jordan's help, because there are not a lot of places that will hire convicted
52 felons. I know Jordan's brother had a lot of difficulty finding work. It hurt Jordan a lot that
53 Butch was having such trouble because Jordan was very close to Butch. I understand that
54 Butch used to protect Jordan when they were younger, and Jordan was certainly protective
55 of Butch as an adult. Both their parents had passed away, and that made them even closer.
56 They had a sibling motto, "Ride or die." Jordan told me that was just a thing they have been
57 saying to each other since they were kids, similar to "I love you." I heard them say it to each
58 other a lot.

59 Jordan became something like an older sibling to me. Jordan would call me to see how I was
60 doing, invite me over for dinner, and would invite me to come talk to young people about
61 the dangers of drugs, highlighting what happened to me because I went down the wrong
62 path. Jordan was passionate about being a youth counselor, and I can easily see why Jordan
63 won professional awards. Jordan would use me as an example of showing that redemption
64 was possible, but highlighted that it would have been much easier for me if I stayed on the
65 straight and narrow path. It's certainly true.

66 Jordan thought everyone deserved grace and redemption with one notable exception -
67 Kennedy Lyon. Of course, that was due to Butch's arrest and incarceration. Jordan would be
68 the first to admit, particularly as a youth counselor, that Butch should never have gotten
69 involved with supplying drugs. But it just hits differently when the consequences fall on
70 those you love. I remember when Blake Hart was found not guilty of robbing Kennedy Lyon
71 in 2023, Jordan laughed and said, "Serves Kennedy right! I bet she lied about the whole
72 thing. But if she didn't, it would have been better if she had gotten shot." (Kennedy claimed
73 she had been robbed at gunpoint). I thought Jordan's statement went a bit too far, but I get
74 the sentiment. After all, my legal problems were the result of Kennedy. It was a very raw
75 subject for Jordan, one of the few subjects that would set Jordan off.

76 After the 2023 trial, Kennedy left town. I tried to put Kennedy out of my mind, and only
77 thought about her if Jordan mentioned her. I was just as surprised as anyone to find out in
78 June 2025 that Kennedy was back in Cartersville.

79 I found out on June 8, 2025, the day Kennedy was shot. I was scheduled to work that
80 evening, but I decided to stop by Jordan's house to hang out for a little while before getting
81 ready for work. I had not called ahead, but Jordan never minded me coming over
82 unannounced. A lot of times, we just watched television to relax. Butch lived at Jordan's
83 house and would sometimes watch television with us. We all have a liking for true-crime
84 shows, and a new series had just dropped on Netflix.

85 When I arrived, Skyler Boyle was leaving. I know Skyler is a good friend of Butch, but I don't
86 know Skyler very well myself. Skyler would sometimes be there while I hung out with
87 Jordan. While Skyler and I might have the occasional conversation, we never became
88 friends. In fact, I didn't care for Skyler, and just thought of Skyler as "Butch's friend." I got
89 the feeling that Skyler didn't like me either. Now that I know that Skyler betrayed Jordan
90 and Butch, I know my dislike was justified.

91 As I mentioned, Skyler was leaving as I got there. Apparently I was interrupting some
92 conversation as I was coming in. I didn't catch most of what was being said, but I know
93 Skyler was not happy about it. The only thing I caught was a reference to "Kennedy."
94 Despite the fact that it was a sore subject for Jordan, I couldn't help but ask, "Oh no, what
95 about Kennedy this time?" Jordan answered, "That snitch decided to come back to town."

96 I asked, "What do you mean?" Jordan replied, "Skyler saw Kennedy while delivering
97 packages over on Elm Street." Suddenly, Jordan's phone was in my face, with Google maps
98 open. The app was showing Kennedy's address and directions from Jordan's house to where
99 Kennedy lived. Butch then said, "Don't forget you need to put that address in my phone so
100 that I DON'T go there!" Butch was not very tech savvy. Jordan has often complained about
101 needing to input addresses into Butch's phone because Butch was hopeless at it. I don't
102 know if Jordan actually did put the address in Butch's phone; Jordan certainly did not while
103 I was there.

104 I responded, "Well, that's stupid of Kennedy. I can't imagine how many enemies she has in
105 Cartersville." Jordan responded, "At least three in this room!" All three of us laughed; it was
106 funny because it was true. I almost asked for the address so I would also stay away from
107 where Kennedy lived, but I decided not to do so. I wanted to think of Kennedy as little as
108 possible. And I certainly had no plans to confront Kennedy, much less do anything violent to
109 her. I've had my taste of jail - I don't plan on going back!

110 Kennedy was not mentioned again while I was at the Pike residence. We watched some of
111 that new crime series on Netflix. Apparently, Jordan, Butch and Skyler had already watched
112 a couple of episodes. We just continued where they left off, making comments on bad acting.
113 After a while, Butch asked Jordan, "Mind if I borrow the car later? I feel like going out

114 tonight." Butch did not have a car of his own, and Jordan owned a blue Mustang. Jordan
115 would let Butch use it if Jordan didn't have other plans.

116 Jordan replied, "Sure, I think a night out would be good for you. It needs gas, just use the gas
117 card. Remind me to get the gun and ammo out of the glove compartment." Jordan regularly
118 kept a gun in the car because Jordan worked in a bad part of town. However, I know as a
119 convicted felon myself that Butch is not allowed to possess a firearm or ammunition. Even
120 though the car and gun belong to Jordan, if Butch were to be pulled over while driving and
121 the police find the gun, Butch would be looking at some pretty harsh prison time. I know
122 from past experience that Jordan was pretty meticulous about making sure the gun and
123 ammunition were removed from the glove compartment. If Jordan had ever forgotten to
124 remove the gun or ammunition, I was not made aware of it.

125 After a couple of hours, I left to go home so I could get ready for work. When I left, Jordan
126 and Butch were still at the house. As far as I know, Jordan had not gotten the gun and
127 ammunition out of the car. As I was leaving, I noticed a car several houses down that
128 seemed out of place. It was a Hyundai Elantra and I thought I saw someone sitting in the
129 driver's seat with a camera. I don't know why it caught my eye. Whoever it was didn't seem
130 particularly interested in me. I thought about going back in to say something to Jordan and
131 Butch but decided not to. I just wanted to get home to get ready for work. Nor did I call the
132 police. Whoever it was, wasn't bothering me. And I try to talk to the police as little as
133 possible anyway.

134 In the early evening right before dusk, Butch came by the Speedy Spout in the Mustang,
135 wanting to fill up the gas tank. That wasn't unusual; Jordan always used Speedy Spout and
136 had a gas card here. Butch paid for the gas using the gas card as he always does.

137 As I was filling up the gas tank, Butch casually mentioned to me, "I might be taking a long
138 trip." I figured Butch might want to get out of town after finding out about Kenendy's return.
139 I said to Butch, "Jordan will let you use the car for that long?" Butch responded, "Don't
140 worry about it." I gave Butch his receipt and he drove off. The receipt depicted in Exhibit 8 is
141 the receipt I gave Butch. Butch didn't seem nervous or upset during our encounter..

142 Of course, not long after, Kennedy was shot. I was absolutely shocked. After all, I had been
143 around Butch that day, both at his house and at the Speedy Spout. And based upon what I
144 heard on the news, I was probably the last person to see Butch before Kennedy was killed.
145 Absolutely nothing I saw or heard led me to believe Butch was going to do anything violent,
146 let alone shoot Kennedy. Within the week, Jordan was arrested too, supposedly for being
147 involved in the murder! I did not believe that in the least! Skyler got arrested as well.

148 I know I should have gone to the police right away with what I knew. It was cowardly to
149 stay quiet, but since Jordan and Skyler were charged in connection with Kennedy's death, I
150 was afraid the police would find some reason to charge me with something as well. I mean,
151 look, Jordan was charged despite having nothing to do with the murder. I don't think Skyler
152 had any involvement as well. Butch was the only shooter. And you have to understand that

153 since I was on probation, even getting arrested would put me at risk of having my probation
154 revoked. My lawyer was very clear about that when I was placed on probation. Even Jordan
155 reminded me to be careful with what I did and who I was around so as not to put my
156 probation at risk. Instead, I kept a low profile after the murder, just going to work and
157 home.

158 Surprisingly, the police never spoke to me. Instead, I was approached at work by a private
159 investigator named Lou Robertson. Well, I didn't know Robertson was a private investigator
160 at first. Robertson pulled up at the gas pump the week after the murder in a Hyundai
161 Elantra, and when I asked what kind of gas was needed, Robertson said, "I'm Lou Robertson,
162 a detective. Can I talk to you about what you may know regarding a crime?" My heart froze.
163 Was this about Kennedy? It must be! Why was this police detective here? To be fair,
164 Robertson never claimed to be a "police detective," but that is what I assumed because I
165 didn't realize private detectives were real. I just thought they were characters in old movies!

166 I told Robertson that we could go inside the customer service building. I told my supervisor
167 a detective wanted to talk to me, and my supervisor offered the use of his office. Once the
168 office door closed, Robertson sat down at my supervisor's desk while I sat in a chair across
169 from the desk. Robertson then said, "I'm looking into the murder of Kennedy Lyon. I know
170 you were at the home of Jordan and Butch Pike on June 8. Are you willing to tell me what
171 was going on? It's really important."

172 My mind was racing. I was about to tell Robertson that I wanted a lawyer but decided not to.
173 Once I started talking, Robertson did not ask any questions, but just nodded while listening
174 to me. Robertson didn't need to ask anything because I just started spilling my guts. My
175 mind was racing. I told Robertson that when I arrived at Jordan and Butch's house, Skyler
176 Boyle was leaving and I learned Kennedy was back in town. I told Robertson that I did not
177 know Kennedy's new address. In the rush of telling the story, I forgot to mention that Jordan
178 showed me the phone with the address. I also explained that Butch and Jordan hated
179 Kennedy because of Butch's legal troubles, but that other than the couple of comments
180 when I first arrived, Kennedy's name never came up while I was at the house.

181 I also told Robertson that Butch asked to borrow Jordan's car while I was there and Jordan
182 agreed. I explained that Jordan keeps a gun in the car, but that Jordan would remove the gun
183 from the car when Butch used the car because he was a convicted felon. And I finished by
184 saying that after watching some true crime, I left to get ready for work.

185 After I finished, Robertson asked, "Did you report any of this to the police?" I was a bit
186 confused, because wasn't Robertson "police?" Robertson claimed to be a detective after all. I
187 swallowed, and asked, "Are you going to arrest me too?" Robertson smiled and said, "You
188 misunderstand. I'm not a police detective. I'm a private investigator. I'm here to help
189 Jordan." I couldn't believe what I was hearing! I would have thought that I would have heard
190 if Jordan had hired a private investigator. I didn't think Jordan had the money to do so;
191 Jordan had appointed lawyers and was still in jail. But if it would help Jordan, I would tell
192 this Robertson person whatever I could!

193 I told Robertson that I had not spoken to the police because I was on probation and was
194 afraid the police might think I was somehow involved and get arrested like Jordan and
195 Skyler. Robertson asked, "Is there anything else you can tell me that will help Jordan?" I told
196 Robertson about the encounter I had with Butch when he bought gas for the Mustang,
197 especially Butch's statement "Don't worry about it" Robertson's face lit up at that.

198 Robertson asked if there was any camera footage that would support my account about
199 Butch at the Speedy Spout, especially with sound that might have recorded what was said.
200 Speedy Spout had a digital security system put in place by Thunderbolt Security, Inc.
201 However, it does not have much internal storage, so we have only a few days worth of
202 footage unless we ask Thunderbolt to save it. Unless we do, the footage is deleted after a few
203 days to make room for new footage. By the time Robertson talked to me, I guessed that the
204 footage from June 8 had already been deleted. I told Robertson that there might be a chance
205 Thunderbolt could recover the footage, but Robertson said that it probably wouldn't be
206 worth the effort. I did give Robertson a copy of the store's copy of the receipt from when
207 Butch bought gas.

208 Even after that, the police never contacted me. The most that happened was a Detective
209 Webster called the Speedy Spout about a week after I spoke to Robertson. I know because
210 my supervisor told me about it, asking why another Detective was calling after I already
211 spoke to one. I was not there for that conversation. My supervisor told Det. Webster that
212 another detective by the name of "Robertson" had already been by, and that Det. Webster
213 cursed and then hung up. I told my supervisor that Robertson was a private detective, not a
214 police officer and that I had the same misunderstanding at first. My supervisor said he
215 would call Det. Webster to clarify, but I don't think that call ever happened.

216 I don't know what evidence the police have, but I am absolutely certain that Jordan had
217 nothing to do with Kennedy's death. Jordan is an award-winning youth counsel and the
218 most law abiding and honest person I know! I don't think Jordan has even had so much as a
219 speeding ticket, let alone anything worse. If Jordan had some criminal past, it would be a
220 surprise to me. Jordan may have not liked Kennedy, but so did a lot of other people in
221 Cartersville! If you're going to arrest everyone with a grudge against Kennedy, you'd need a
222 much larger jail! And I hate to say it like this, but if Jordan really wanted to see Kennedy
223 dead, Jordan would probably just have to wait for word to get around and someone else
224 would take care of it. There's a saying that "If you wait by the river long enough, the body of
225 your enemy will float by." That is definitely more Jordan's style!

226 I hate that Jordan has been sitting in jail awaiting trial. Jordan got fired after the arrest, and
227 has been evicted from the house. I went and packed up everything to put into storage. I
228 nearly cried when packing Jordan's awards. Even after Jordan is acquitted, it's going to be
229 hard to pick up the pieces. But I know Jordan is grateful for my help. I received a call from
230 Jordan from the jail thanking me for my help. Exhibit 13 is a true and accurate transcript of
231 that phone call.

232 After that call, Jordan's lawyers warned me that any calls with Jordan would be recorded
233 and that the police and prosecutors would be able to listen to the calls and see the
234 transcripts. Apparently based on that one call, the prosecution might try to argue that I
235 might lie to help Jordan. Nothing could be further from the truth! I was just trying to give
236 Jordan support. And I am not going to risk being charged with perjury! I haven't had any
237 contact with Jordan since that call and the trial will be the first time I will be able to support
238 my friend in person. I have no doubt the jury will see the police and prosecutors have this
239 all wrong and Jordan will come home.

240 I am familiar with the following Exhibits: Exhibit 6, the photograph of Jordan's blue
241 Mustang, though I do not know where that photograph was taken; Exhibit 8, the receipt I
242 gave Butch following his gas purchase at the Speedy Spout on June 8, 2025; Exhibit 13, the
243 transcript of the phone conversation Jordan and I had when Jordan called me from the
244 Lincoln County Detention Center; and Exhibit 14, the judgment following my plea to
245 Promoting Contraband. I swear or affirm the truth of the statements of this affidavit. Before
246 signing this affidavit, I was told it should contain everything I know may be relevant to my
247 testimony, and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update
248 this affidavit if anything new occurs to me up to and until the moment before opening
249 statements in this case.

250 /s/ Peyton Clark

251 STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

252 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY PEYTON CLARK, THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
253 2026.

254 /s/ Andrea McCracken

255 Notary Public, Alabama State at Large My Commission Expires: 3/14/2028_

256 Notary ID Number: 99989

1 AFFIDAVIT OF LOU ROBERTSON

2 My name is Lou Robertson, and I am 41 years old. I am an ex-police officer turned private
3 investigator. Or at least I was until my license was suspended because I embarrassed the
4 Cartersville Police Department and Carmen Webster. Jordan Pike was only charged with
5 complicity to murder as a result of Webster's shoddy investigation and embarrassment at
6 failing to catch Butch Pike. I am glad I was in the right place at the right time to help.

7 I became a police officer in 2011, hired as a patrol officer. I remained a patrol officer until I
8 was fired in 2016. Quite frankly, I think I got fired for embarrassing the police department
9 more than for any actual wrongdoing. In 2016, the police department was under a lot of
10 pressure to find a suspect in a high-profile murder case (the irony between that case and
11 this one is not lost on me). I performed a routine traffic stop and actually had the luck to pull
12 over the suspect in the murder. Unfortunately, the court ruled my stop was illegal, and the
13 evidence from the stop was thrown out after a suppression hearing. Without that evidence
14 the suspect was acquitted. The defense attorney in that case also accused me of committing
15 perjury during the suppression hearing. The department investigated that accusation and
16 decided that any claim I lied under oath was unfounded. I was fired anyway because I had
17 been involved in several car crashes in the performance of my duties. It was the
18 department's way of saving face and getting rid of the officer who supposedly blew a
19 murder case.

20 After I was fired, I was at a bit of a loss as to what to do next. While I had never been a
21 detective with the Cartersville police department, I enjoyed the limited investigation I did as
22 a patrol officer. In fact, I was looking at applying for a detective position soon before I was
23 fired. Some former officers go on to be security guards. I know several that were hired by
24 Thunderbolt Security, Inc. But to me, being a security guard seemed boring, what with
25 patrolling down hallways and working crowd control. No, I wanted to do investigations.
26 That's when I looked into becoming a private investigator.

27 In Alabama, you can't just wake up one day and say, "I'm going to be a private investigator."
28 You have to be licensed. In fact, holding yourself out as a private investigator without a
29 license is a crime. In Alabama, there is no requirement for a college degree to become a
30 private investigator, though I do have an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from
31 Cartersville Community College. Instead, I had to go through a background check, take an
32 exam, pay for licensing fees every two years, and follow a code of ethics. That code of ethics
33 includes such things as (1) not holding myself out as a police officer; (2) maintaining client
34 confidentiality; (3) and avoiding conflicts of interest. Violating any of those could lead to a
35 private investigator's license being suspended or revoked.

36 When people hear the term "private investigator" or "private detective" (those terms are
37 used interchangeably), they tend to think of those main characters in film noir crime
38 dramas from the 1940s and 1950s. By that, I mean the private investigator wearing a beige

trench coat and fedora in a smoky office, waiting for a rich client to come in and hire you to find a long-lost relative or a stolen heirloom. Usually those movies end with the private investigator getting into a gun fight with the bad guys at the end. That makes for great Hollywood but is not reality.

To boil down what private investigators do in a phrase, it would be “find people and information.” The work is extremely diverse, particularly if you have specialized training. Some private investigators work for car insurance companies to investigate whether someone is exaggerating losses or faking injuries. Others work for attorneys by interviewing witnesses or surveilling spouses in a divorce action. Some perform due diligence background investigations for investors considering whether to invest in a new business or start-up company. Others work as skip tracers who try to find people difficult to locate or those trying to hide, such as missing persons, debtors, or those trying to avoid being served with process in lawsuits.

It is important to remember that private investigators are not law enforcement and have no police or arrest powers. Not only is it unethical for a private investigator to claim to be a police officer, it is a crime to do so. Private investigators also operate within the same legal boundaries as private citizens. A private investigator has no right to trespass on someone’s property or to require anyone to answer questions. While there are some information compilation services that will only sell to private investigators, the source material those services compile are available to the public, though the use of such information may be limited by law (such as credit information).

I started my career as a private investigator in 2016 with a firm here in Cartersville called Acme Investigative Solutions. They have a wide range of clients, from insurance companies like Federal Ranch to plaintiff firms such as Allison and Kremer to private individuals. I did a little of everything that didn’t require specialized knowledge like accounting or cybersecurity training. Most often, I was assigned to work reconnaissance for insurance companies. Though it did not happen often, my favorite task was to perform investigations for criminal defense attorneys here in Cartersville. Since I had been a police officer, I knew where the police investigation might have fallen short, such as finding witnesses the police had not interviewed. At times, witnesses would talk to me when they would not talk to the police. It’s interesting how many people are happy to talk to you when you are NOT a police officer!

In January 2025, I left Acme Investigative Solutions to start my own firm. There wasn’t anything wrong with Acme, I simply was tired of working for others and being paid a salary. No matter how much work I did, that work had no direct effect on my pay. I also wanted to focus my practice far more on investigations for criminal defense attorneys. While working at Acme, I didn’t get to choose my assignments.

I focused my advertising on the criminal investigation aspect, but noted that I had

77 experience in other matters too. Unfortunately, the criminal defense attorneys were sticking
78 with established names like Acme. "Acme has better resources," is what they told me. I had
79 to take what I could get. That involved a lot of worker's compensation investigations and
80 domestic investigations. And a lot of that work was surveillance. For example, for a worker's
81 compensation case, if the subject claimed they injured their back, I would surveil to see if
82 the subject spent a Saturday helping a friend move a couch. For domestic investigations, I
83 had to spend a lot of time following a subject to restaurants or other romantic locations to
84 determine if they were cheating. That type of work paid the bills, but it wasn't what I
85 wanted to do. I just needed the right criminal case to get my name out in the public. That's
86 how I got involved in this case.

87 I actually wasn't hired by Jordan Pike's defense attorneys. I came into this case by accident.
88 On June 8, 2025, I was working surveillance, specifically observing a house at 3434 Meier
89 Lane. I later learned that was next door to Jordan Pike's home. I was working a "cheating
90 spouse" case, and that house on Meier Lane was thought to be where my client thought their
91 spouse's paramour lived. I was waiting to see if the spouse ever showed up, and to get
92 photographic and video evidence of the spouse coming and going to the house. Not that it
93 matters for this case, but it turns out the spouse was actually planning a surprise birthday
94 party, and the supposed paramour was actually the caterer.

95 I was sitting in my car, a black Hyundai Elantra, to do surveillance, and was parked two
96 houses down from the Pike residence. I park several houses down because parking right in
97 front of the subject property is an excellent way to get burned (meaning getting noticed by
98 the subject or someone associated with the subject). I arrived at about 8:00 a.m. and
99 remained there until the early evening. I would occasionally take a short break to drive
100 around the block so people would not think I was in the neighborhood for an illegitimate
101 reason. Many private investigators have gotten burned by a neighbor calling the police or a
102 neighbor confronting an investigator.

103 While my primary focus was the target address, I did note people occasionally coming and
104 going from other houses in the neighborhood. Again, you might get confronted by a
105 neighbor, and it's best that you notice and be able to leave quickly if that were to happen. I
106 noticed two people going to the Pike house during that day. I didn't really note the time they
107 came and went because they weren't my subjects.

108 It was a fairly slow day, and my client's spouse didn't come to the target address until late
109 afternoon, probably about 7:30 p.m. I remember it wasn't dark yet, but it was getting close
110 to dark. I snapped a few photographs of my client's spouse arriving and going into the target
111 house. Just after I finished taking photographs, I noticed a man coming out of the Pike
112 residence. I didn't know him at the time, but I now know him to be Brady "Butch" Pike. It
113 looked like Butch had a weapon in his hand and that immediately got my adrenaline going.
114 It wouldn't be the first time that a neighbor armed themselves before confronting me. I
115 dropped my camera in my passenger seat in case I needed to make a quick getaway.

116 However, Butch did not appear to be interested in me. I don't think he even saw me. Butch
117 seemed to gently close the front door to the Pike residence, and walk to a blue Mustang in
118 the driveway. The car depicted in Exhibit 6 is the Mustang that I saw. While Butch was
119 walking, he seemed to be looking around, as though to make sure no one saw him leaving. I
120 quickly scanned the neighborhood and didn't see anyone outside. As far as I know, I'm the
121 only one who saw him. Butch took a long glance at the house, then got in the driver's seat of
122 the Mustang and left. I didn't call the police at the time, because what would I say? Someone
123 got into a car with a gun? We live in America after all! I only saw three people leave the Pike
124 residence that day, though as I said, most of my attention was on the house next door and I
125 did drive around the block a few times.

126 I did not know the significance of what I saw until later that evening when I saw news
127 reports of Kennedy Lyon's murder. The news showed Butch Pike's photograph, and I
128 realized I had seen him leave the house next door to my surveillance subject! I still didn't
129 call the police at the time because it did not seem to matter. The police were looking for
130 Butch Pike at the time, not where he had been earlier that day. I only realized the
131 significance that next week when I saw in the news that Jordan Pike (Butch's sibling) and
132 Skyler Boyle had been arrested in relation to the murder. From the photograph used on the
133 news, I knew that Boyle was one of the people I saw leave the Pike residence that day.

134 Just out of curiosity, I went to the Lincoln County Judicial Center and examined the criminal
135 case files for Pike and Boyle. Those are available to the public. The news had mentioned the
136 block address of the Pike residence (which happened to be on Meier Street), and I had a
137 hunch that both Pikes lived in the same home. Criminal case files often have the address of a
138 defendant, and this case was no different. I confirmed that Jordan Pike lived at the address
139 next to my surveillance target.

140 However, I was curious about the other person I saw leave the Pike residence. That person
141 was never mentioned on the news. While I was at the judicial center, I struck up a
142 conversation with one of the court clerks about what they had heard about the Kennedy
143 Lyon murder investigation. A lot of people, including lawyers and other private
144 investigators, have no idea that clerks know a lot about what goes on! I learned from that
145 clerk that the rumor was the police had been under a lot of pressure to find and charge
146 anyone associated with the Lyon murder and that the police department was embarrassed
147 Butch was still at large. I also heard that Carmen Webster had been assigned as the
148 detective on the Lyon murder.

149 I had some dealings with Webster when I was doing private investigator work at Acme.
150 Webster is a lazy cop, lazy as a sloth. Just goes to show that the Cartersville Police
151 Department is run by morons. I had a case in 2024 where Webster was the lead detective in
152 a major narcotics case. The attorneys for the defendant hired Acme to help investigate the
153 case, and I was the private investigator assigned. The defendant was actually at work, on
154 camera, during the whole time the drug deal was taking place. I know this because I actually
155 did an investigation and located the video camera footage of the defendant at work during
156 the time of the drug deal!

157 Webster apparently talked the prosecutors into taking the case to trial despite the video. I
158 testified about what my investigation found and defense counsel played the video. The jury
159 acquitted that defendant in ten minutes. I happened to be in the courtroom when the
160 verdict was announced; the look of disappointment on Webster's face was priceless and
161 deserved. Not only was Webster's investigation pathetic, my own limited dealings with
162 Webster during the trial showed that Webster was arrogant and unpleasant as well as lazy.
163 From what I understand,

164 Webster got a "verbal warning" as a result of that investigation. In my opinion, Webster
165 should have been fired, if not demoted back to patrol officer.

166 Then it all crystallized. If Webster's investigation in this murder was just as lazy as it was in
167 the narcotics case, then this was my shot at making my name for myself as a private
168 investigator in criminal cases! The complicity to murder charge only helped. I knew as a
169 former police officer that complicity is a very hard charge to prove. It is very circumstantial,
170 and juries have a hard time understanding it.

171 First thing was first. I needed to see just how bad Webster's investigation was. And that
172 meant finding our mystery person. Well, if the Pikes know this person well enough to be in
173 their house, then this person might also show up on social media. It's amazing how much
174 social media has helped private investigators identify and locate people. I found a post on
175 Rapidgram of Jordan Pike with our mystery person, tagged as Peyton Clark. That was my
176 target!

177 If you're wondering if I went to Jordan's lawyers before tracking down Clark, I did not.
178 Really I should have contacted them and executed a contract for my services or at least
179 gotten permission to investigate further. But again, could be my big break, And the idea of
180 Webster and the Cartersville Police Department losing again would be icing on the cake. I
181 needed to make sure first.

182 To locate Clark, I once again went to social media and learned that Clark worked as a service
183 attendant at the Speedy Spout, probably the only full-service gas station that exists in a
184 hundred miles. For those who don't know, a full-service gas station is one that actually
185 pumps your gas, checks your oil, cleans the windows, etc. There were a lot more of them
186 around when I was a kid. I spent a couple of days observing the Speedy Spout to figure out
187 when Clark was on duty. When I saw Clark was going into work, I decided it was time to fill
188 my gas tank.

189 When I pulled up to the pump, Clark asked me what kind of gas I wanted. I told Clark that I
190 was a detective and asked if I could talk about a crime. Clark froze for a moment, but then
191 invited me inside to the customer service building. I never told Clark that I was a "private
192 detective" rather than a police detective at that point. Well, I could pull that card out if I
193 need to later.

194 Once inside, Clark mentioned to a supervisor that I was a "detective" who wanted to
195 interview Clark. The supervisor offered the use of his office. I doubt he would have let us

196 use his office if he knew I was a private detective rather than a police detective, so I let that
197 slide too. Again, I could always correct that misunderstanding later.

198 Once in the office, I explained that I was looking into the Kennedy Lyon murder and that I
199 had seen Clark leave the Pike residence on June 8 and it was important that Clark tell me
200 what was going on that day. Clark hesitated at first, then just started in a long narrative.
201 Clark explained being at the Pike residence to watch true crime before work on June 8. Clark
202 said that Jordan and Butch had just learned from Skyler Boyle that Kenendy was back in
203 town, but that Clark did not know the address. Apparently Butch had been arrested as a
204 result of information gleaned from Kennedy Lyon's phone in 2022. Clark also explained that
205 the Pike siblings were very close and both were angry at Lyon for Butch's legal trouble.
206 However, Clark said that other than a few minor comments when Clark arrived, neither
207 Butch nor Jordan mentioned anything further about Lyon while Clark was at the Pike
208 residence. Clark said that Butch asked to borrow Jordan's car that night, and Jordan would
209 have to remove a gun and ammunition from the glove compartment because Butch was a
210 convicted felon.

211 I asked Clark if any of this had been reported to the police. Clark hesitated and asked, "Are
212 you going to arrest me too?" I decided I needed to come clean and told Clark that I was a
213 private detective and not a police detective. That I was there to help Jordan. Clark's
214 expression shifted to relief and Clark explained about being on probation. Clark's fear was
215 getting arrested and having probation revoked and going to prison.

216 I asked Clark if there was anything else that could help Jordan. Clark thought for a moment
217 and then explained that Butch had come by the Speedy Spout that evening right around
218 sundown. Clark said that Butch did not appear angry or upset, but instead mentioned
219 "taking a long trip." Clark mentioned responding to that statement saying, "Jordan will let
220 you use the car for that long?." Clark said that Butch's response was "Don't worry about it." I
221 couldn't help but smile at that point. What Clark just told me, about what happened at the
222 house that day and at the gas station that night, showed that Jordan would have no reason
223 to know that Butch planned to kill Lyon.

224 I wish there had been video of Butch at the Speedy Spout that night, especially if there was
225 audio. Clark said that likely any video had been deleted at that point as the gas station only
226 kept a couple day's worth of footage unless there was some reason to keep it. That isn't
227 unusual with gas stations. There might have been ways to recover deleted footage, but I did
228 not think it was worth the effort. And I did not want to run the risk that any footage might
229 actually be helpful to the prosecution. That would ruin all my efforts. I also did not tell Clark
230 that I had not yet contacted Jordan's attorneys.

231 Soon after that, however, I did call Jordan Pike's attorneys and requested a meeting. When I
232 met with them, I explained what I had seen during my surveillance on June 8 (providing
233 them with a drawing to show where I was in relation to the Pike residence, the same in
234 Exhibit 11) and what Clark had told me. They were rather skeptical at first, given that I had
235 approached them and not the other way around. After they spoke with Clark themselves,

and found out that Webster had located a receipt from the Speedy Spout from the Mustang once it was located, Jordan's attorneys knew I was on the up and up. I made no request for payment, though that was because I had not executed a contract before doing any work and I would not ethically be able to demand payment. However, the publicity for my business alone would be payment enough. The humiliation of Cartersville Police Department and Webster would be just as sweet.

Webster eventually found out about my work and apparently contacted the Speedy Spout to follow up on my investigation. Took Webster long enough, though my understanding is that Webster still never contacted Clark!

What I do know is that Webster wanted revenge. Apparently the owner told Webster a "police detective" had already come by the Speedy Spout. I never once told the owner I was a "police detective," he just assumed I was one. Webster made a complaint to the Alabama Board of Licensure of Private Investigators claiming I was holding myself out as a police officer. And Webster tried to get me indicted for Impersonating a Police Officer! The grand jury refused to indict me, showing how petty Webster and the Cartersville Police Department are. However, the Board went along with Webster and suspended my license until June 30, 2027. Webster's pettiness does not change how shoddy the investigation was and that an innocent person sits in jail awaiting trial. The jury will see the truth. And people will see that I am the hero of this case!

I am familiar with the following exhibits: Exhibit 6, a photograph showing the blue Mustang I saw at the Pike residence, though I do not know where it was taken; Exhibit 11, the diagram I drew to show where I was in relation to the Pike residence on June 8, 2025; and Exhibit 12, the Letter of Dismissal when I was fired from the Cartersville Police Department. I swear or affirm the truth of the statements of this affidavit. Before signing this affidavit, I was told it should contain everything I know may be relevant to my testimony, and I followed those

instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to me up to and until the moment before opening statements in this case.

/s/ Lou Robertson

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF LINCOLN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY LOU ROBERTSON, THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

/s/ Andrea McCracken

Notary Public, Alabama State at Large My Commission Expires: 3/14/2028

Notary ID Number: 99989

1 AFFIDAVIT OF JORDAN PIKE

2 My name is Jordan Pike and I am 30 years old. Brady "Butch" Pike is my older brother. Yes,
3 Butch killed Kennedy Lyon. And yes, I think Kennedy Lyon is a terrible person who ruined
4 my brother's life. But I did not help Butch kill Kennedy. I have dedicated my adult life trying
5 to keep young people away from drugs and crime. This case is a prime example of why I tell
6 young people to beware of even being around a criminal situation, because the police will
7 jump to conclusions and you will get jammed up for a crime you did not commit.

8 Butch is a year older than me and my only sibling. Growing up, Butch was my protector at
9 school. He was assertive and played sports. I was more into theater and mock trial - I was
10 consistently a top ten witness for all four years of high school. I was bullied a few times and
11 Butch stood up for me. He even was suspended once for beating up a bully. Butch had no
12 regrets, telling me, "Hey, siblings have to stick together. Ride or die." That phrase, "ride or
13 die," became our motto and was another way we said, "I love you." It signified our bond, that
14 we looked out for each other and took care of each other.

15 After Butch graduated high school, he worked as a caterer. Butch seemed to be doing well
16 for himself, but in truth, he also made a lot of money dealing and supplying drugs. Looking
17 back on it now, all the signs were there, but my parents and I were just too willfully blind to
18 it. Our family's world fell apart when Butch was arrested in 2022 for felony drug trafficking
19 offenses. And the reason for his arrest was Kennedy Lyon.

20 Kennedy was this low-level marijuana dealer who claimed she was robbed by one of her
21 clients in what she claimed was a drug deal gone wrong in LaRue Park. Apparently a park
22 employee called the police thinking a drug deal was happening, and when the police arrived,
23 they found Kennedy had a felony arrest warrant out for her. While being arrested, Kennedy
24 whined that she had been robbed at gunpoint. A lie to get out of trouble, I'm sure. Kennedy
25 was offered a misdemeanor plea deal to testify against the person she claimed robbed her.
26 Not guilty verdict. And I'm sure Kennedy lied the whole time on the witness stand.

27 However, when Kennedy was arrested, the police seized her phone. That phone contained a
28 goldmine of information about Kennedy's clients and suppliers. My understanding is that
29 the plea deal Kennedy took also absolved her of almost all charges related to her drug
30 dealing. It was disgusting. Kennedy soon left town, leaving a lot of enemies behind.

31 Unfortunately, Butch was one of Kennedy's suppliers and her phone led the police to him.
32 Butch was arrested and they had him dead-to-rights. He had no choice but to take a plea
33 deal to felony trafficking. I still remember seeing Butch at sentencing. My older brother, who
34 protected me, in shackles - it broke my heart. I know Butch was wrong for dealing, but I was
35 so angry that Kennedy got off with a slap on the wrist. It was so unfair!

36 As for me, I had a decent job and was able to rent a house. When I was younger, a lot of kids
37 dream of being doctors or lawyers or other jobs that they think will lead to a lot of money. I

38 wanted to be a youth counselor so I could steer young people away from drugs and crime.
39 After I graduated from high school, I was awarded a pretty large scholarship and went to
40 the Auburn University where I graduated with a Bachelor's in Social Work. While I was in
41 college, I had an internship with Praxis Youth Services, a non-profit that serves at-risk
42 youth. That means those youth at risk of dropping out of school, becoming involved in the
43 criminal justice system, or youth exposed to substance abuse. Praxis provides services such
44 as referrals to mental health or medical providers, academic support, mentoring services,
45 etc. Praxis also provides services for youth who are in the criminal justice system or are
46 already struggling with substance abuse. Further, Praxis provides life skills and re-entry
47 support for young people who have recently turned eighteen and who have drug-related
48 misdemeanor or felony convictions. I was hired after graduation from college. It was very
49 fulfilling work, and I won several awards for my service, including Cartersville Youth
50 Counselor of the year in 2023. I did the work because I loved it, not for the money. But I had
51 no student loans to pay back and I was able to provide for myself, and rent a modest house.

52 One of the ways Praxis helps at-risk youth was to bring in speakers who had gone through
53 the criminal justice system to explain the difficulties of adjusting to life after a criminal
54 conviction. I am sorry to say that I was able to use myself as an example. When I was
55 eighteen, I entered a guilty plea to one count of Theft by Deception for writing a bad check.
56 Essentially, I needed some new clothes, but did not have enough money in my account to
57 pay for them. I wrote a check for the clothes anyway. It was stupid, but I just wasn't thinking
58 of the consequences at the time. The retailer is one of those who goes hard after shoplifters
59 and bad checks, so they insisted that I be prosecuted. I plead guilty to Theft by Deception as
60 charged and was sentenced to 365 days in jail. However, all of that time would be
61 suspended so long as I remained out of trouble and made restitution, which I did. That
62 single mistake made it a lot harder for me to get the internship and job at Praxis. Some of
63 my professors had to really fight for me. That's an example I use to make kids think about
64 the consequences of their actions.

65 I've mentioned Butch as an example to young people as well, though I've never brought him
66 in to talk to the kids. When Butch speaks about his arrest and incarceration, it usually turns
67 to how much he hates Kennedy. And I really don't blame him. I have a hard time separating
68 my animosity towards Kennedy as well. It hurts me to see him upset about his arrest and
69 time in prison. It's hard to be objective when it affects people you love.

70 Butch was released on parole around Thanksgiving 2024. I really wish I could have
71 welcomed Butch home to a Thanksgiving dinner with our parents at my house, but our
72 parents died in a car crash when Butch was in prison. Butch wasn't even allowed a furlough
73 to say goodbye to them.

74 Butch had trouble finding a job when he was released on parole. Just like I told the kids
75 while working at Praxis, having a criminal record does not look good to employers. Finding
76 housing would have been challenging for Butch as well, but I had him come live with me.
77 Technically, my landlord would not have allowed Butch to live there if she knew Butch was
78 a convicted felon, so I left that part out when Butch was added as a resident to the lease. I

79 knew my landlord wouldn't check anyway. In any event, I certainly wasn't going to let my
80 brother become homeless!

81 Butch also did not have a car, but I let him use mine when I wasn't using it. My parents left
82 me a little bit of money so I bought a used blue Mustang. The photograph in Exhibit 6 is my
83 Mustang. Not because I am some sort of car enthusiast, I just liked how it looked. Butch
84 always had to check with me before he used the car because I keep a gun and some
85 ammunition in the glove box. Praxis was a great job, but my office was not in the best area
86 of town. I owned a Glock 19 9 mm pistol. The gun in the photograph of Exhibit 5 is my gun. I
87 kept extra ammunition in the glove box in case I wanted to go to the range. The box of
88 ammunition in the photograph of Exhibit 7 is the ammunition that I use. Because Butch is a
89 convicted felon, he is not allowed to possess a gun or ammunition. Possession of a gun by a
90 convicted felon would lead to new felony charges. If Butch were pulled over while driving
91 and the police found the gun, he risked going back to prison. Even though it was my gun, not
92 his.

93 Anytime Butch borrowed the car, I would need to remove the gun and ammunition and put
94 those items in my bedroom. I kept them in my dresser, just inside my room next to the door.
95 I would like to say that I was perfect in always remembering to remove the gun, but there
96 were a few times I forgot. I remember one time, Butch borrowed the car without telling me,
97 and I yelled at him when he got home, reminding him of the consequences if he got pulled
98 over. My brother looked out for me, so I looked out for him.

99 A lot of Butch's friends abandoned him when he got out of prison. To be fair to them, Butch's
100 personality had changed. He was often angry, particularly if someone brought up Kennedy
101 Lyon. I certainly understood how Butch felt. I was normally able to keep myself in check, but
102 there were times I lashed out about the unfairness of it as well.

103 There was one friend who stayed by Butch's side after he got out of prison - Skyler Boyle.
104 Skyler used to work catering with Butch and I think even visited Butch in prison a few
105 times. Skyler even came to support Butch at his sentencing. I never really cared for Skyler
106 myself, but I was pleasant to Skyler because Butch needed a friend. Some friend Skyler
107 turned out to be in the end. After Skyler took that plea deal in this case, I have only one way
108 to describe Skyler - traitor.

109 One of Butch's joys was watching true crime shows. It's one of mine too as well as one of
110 Skyler's. Butch and I have a rather dark sense of humor when it comes to true crime, but
111 that is largely because of the terrible acting. The acting is so bad that you can't help but
112 laugh at some of the scenes, even if they are depicting horrible things happening to real
113 people.

114 Watching true crime is what Butch and I were doing on June 8, 2025. A new true crime
115 series had just dropped on Netflix, and it was the perfect way to unwind after a long week.
116 Skyler came to join us. Skyler came through the door, looking excited like there was juicy

117 gossip to let us know about. Skyler exclaimed, "You won't guess who's back in town!
118 Kennedy Lyon!"

119 The look of shock and disbelief must have been on my face. I said, "I know you didn't just
120 say that snitch was back in town." I wanted to spend my Saturday relaxing, not reliving bad
121 memories. I shot a glance at Butch. Butch was surprisingly calm. No flash of anger, more like
122 his face was blank without any emotion.

123 Skyler said, "I saw Kennedy on Elm Street while delivering packages. She's definitely back." I
124 asked Skyler, "Do you know the address?" I was just curious. Skyler said, "I can find it, give
125 me a minute." I replied, "No, that's okay. I'd rather not know." But Skyler went through the
126 delivery records to find it. 2301 Elm Street.

127 I was somewhat familiar with Elm Street, but couldn't place in my mind where the house
128 was. I probably should have just let the matter rest, but I knew it would drive me crazy if I
129 didn't figure out where the house was and that meant I would keep thinking about Kennedy.
130 So I typed the address in my phone to look for myself. I used the function for driving
131 directions to better understand where the house was. Butch was curious and looked at my
132 phone after I had pulled up the driving directions. I saw Butch looking at my phone and told
133 him, "Now you know where not to go!" Butch replied, "True that."

134 Gossip out of the way, the three of us started with that new crime series. The second
135 episode involved a drug dealer shooting a snitch. The acting was especially atrocious, but
136 the actress playing the victim oddly resembled Kennedy. All three of us were talking about
137 the resemblance. I don't recall the whole of the conversation, but as we were laughing
138 through the episode, I remember telling Butch something like, "I hope you don't run into
139 Kennedy!" Butch laughed and pointed at the TV, his finger looking like a gun and he said,
140 "Bang, bang!" Skyler acting like the victim in the show said, "No Butch! Please, I'll do
141 anything!" Then Skyler fell on the ground as though being shot. We were all having trouble
142 breathing from laughing so hard.

143 A couple of episodes later, there was another episode involving a snitch, and Butch and I
144 made some more Kennedy references. Apparently the universe had decided that we would
145 not escape the memory of Kennedy Lyon that day. For some reason, Skyler was getting
146 agitated. Other than that previous episode, we had not mentioned Kennedy again and Skyler
147 had been joining in the fun. I didn't know what had changed. Skyler got up to leave,
148 complaining of a stomach ache. As Skyler was opening the door to leave, I said, "What's
149 wrong, all of this Kennedy talk getting to you? You started it!" Then Peyton Clark started
150 coming inside the house, saying, "Oh no, what about Kennedy this time?"

151 Peyton happened to be one of those at-risk youth I had tried to help. Unfortunately, Peyton
152 fell through the cracks, ending up getting felony charges as a result of information from
153 Kennedy's phone. Well, in truth, Peyton did try to sneak marijuana into the jail which is why
154 Peyton has a felony record, but the police would not have gone after Peyton but for the
155 information in Kennedy's phone. Peyton was on probation, and I was able to help Peyton get

156 into drug rehab and a job at the Speedy Spout, a full-service gas station here in Cartersville.
157 Unfortunately, they wouldn't hire Butch. Peyton and I had become close in part because
158 Peyton's legal troubles were caused by Kennedy Lyon. Peyton certainly knew how I felt
159 about Kennedy.

160 I explained to Peyton that Kennedy was back in Cartersville, saying, "That snitch has come
161 back to ruin more lives." I told Peyton that Skyler had seen Kennedy while making
162 deliveries and showed Peyton where Kennedy lived on my phone. While showing Peyton
163 my phone, Butch said, "Remind me not to go there. Is there an app you can install that can
164 keep me away from going there on accident?" Butch was not very tech savvy. I had to
165 download apps for him and put addresses in his phone. He had always been useless with
166 phones except to call or text. I told Butch I would look for an app like that later.

167 Peyton responded, "Well, that's stupid of Kennedy. I can't imagine how many enemies she
168 has in this town." I responded, "At least three in this room!" We all laughed because it was
169 true. This was the last time Kennedy was mentioned in the house, at least before police
170 arrived that night. Peyton sat down and we continued our true crime season. After about an
171 hour in, Butch asked to use my car that night. I had no plans, and I thought it would be good
172 for Butch to get out of the house. I told him to remind me to get the gun out later and that
173 the car needed gas. I also told him to pay for the gas with the gas card I kept in the car.
174 Peyton left about an hour later.

175 Soon after Peyton left, I went and got the gun and ammunition out of the car and put them in
176 my dresser by my bedroom door. I was starting to feel a migraine coming on. When that
177 happens, I need to lie down in a dark room, so I gave Butch the keys and told him to have a
178 good time that night. I took some nighttime headache medicine, the kind of stuff that makes
179 you drowsy. Even though it was still daylight, I was going to my bedroom to lie down. I was
180 hoping to sleep through the migraine into next morning. Butch said to me, "Ride or die." We
181 sometimes say that in place of "I love you." I responded in kind, "Ride or die, bro." That was
182 the last time I ever saw Butch.

183 I woke up a few hours later to a text alert on my phone. I had the volume turned all the way
184 up so it would wake me up if Butch needed to contact me. Butch texted me, saying,
185 "Kennedy not a problem anymore". Butch and I are not much on proper grammar or
186 punctuation with each other. I was still groggy from the cold medicine and wasn't
187 comprehending what Butch meant. I responded, "K" which means "okay." (Because
188 someone asked, the autocorrect on both my phone and Butch's phone capitalizes the first
189 letter of every line). Butch texted back, "Do what you gotta do" followed by Ride or die"
190 Again, I wasn't comprehending what Butch meant and I wanted to go back to sleep, so I just
191 responded, "Ride or die bro".

192 I did not go back to sleep, however, because I noticed a news alert on my phone about a
193 murder on Elm Street. And that the police were looking for Butch and a blue Mustang! I was
194 in

195 shock! Now fully awake, I went to the dresser. The gun and ammunition were missing! I put
196 the pieces together and realized Butch must have taken my gun to go kill Kennedy!

197 My eyes were glued to the news, refreshing my phone to see anything new. Later, I was
198 visited by the police, including Detective Carmen Webster. Det. Webster asked if I had any
199 contact with Butch that evening and if Butch owned or had access to a gun. I told Det.
200 Webster that I had no contact with Butch that evening and that neither Butch nor I owned a
201 gun. Yes, it was stupid of me to lie to the police like that. But in the heat of the moment, my
202 thoughts were of protecting Butch. He may have done something horrible, but I did not
203 want to be the one to help put my brother back in prison!

204 After the police left, I called Skyler. I didn't know if the police had talked to Skyler yet, but I
205 figured that the police might do so at some point because Skyler and Butch were friends.
206 When I called, Skyler immediately picked up and asked, "What did Butch do?" It was clear
207 Skyler had heard about the murder. I asked if the Butch had contacted Skyler, and Skyler
208 said no. I then started thinking about how Skyler shared Kennedy's address earlier in the
209 day and was worried that the police might think Skyler had something to do with the
210 murder. Not wanting Skyler - Butch's friend - to get into trouble that day, I told Skyler, "All
211 of that talk about Kennedy today. Just forget anything we talked about." That was the last
212 time I ever talked to Skyler. I had no idea that Skyler lied to me about seeing Butch that
213 evening. I also learned later that Skyler turned traitor.

214 A few days later, Det. Webster came by again with some officers and an arrest warrant for
215 me for complicity to murder! I know that Butch was still on the loose, but I had nothing to
216 do with Kennedy's death. I messed up earlier by talking with Det. Webster before, so this
217 time I just kept my mouth shut. I was taken to jail and have remained there ever since
218 awaiting trial. My attorneys tried to get my bond reduced, but the judge denied the motion.

219 I am so very glad that private investigator, Lou Robertson, happened to be in the right place
220 at the right time and actually investigated further than what the police did. Apparently,
221 Robertson had been on my street the day of June 8. I never saw Robertson myself or any
222 sort of out-of-place car when getting the gun out of the Mustang. I'm glad Robertson found
223 and spoke to Peyton. I had no idea that Butch spoke to Peyton at the Speedy Spout before
224 the murder. I don't blame Peyton for not coming forward earlier. If the police are charging
225 everyone who was at my house the day of the murder, Peyton would be on the list. I would
226 never forgive myself if Peyton's probation was revoked because the police wrongly charged
227 Peyton with something.

228 I actually called Peyton to express my gratitude while I was in jail. Peyton and I chatted a bit
229 about how Peyton was going to testify to help me. Exhibit 13 is a fair and accurate transcript
230 of that phone call. My attorneys later warned me that the prosecutors are going to try to
231 twist that phone call to imply that Peyton is lying to help me, but all that phrase means is
232 that Peyton is going to tell the truth! The truth will set you free!

233 Butch still hasn't been found, and I am hoping Butch is alive and is never found. Kennedy
234 Lyon ruined so many lives. Maybe she didn't deserve to die, but I'm not shedding any tears.
235 If Butch had not shot her, someone else would have. I did not help plan Kennedy's death,
236 nor did I provide the address to Butch or provide Butch my Mustang knowing he was going
237 to kill Kennedy. I certainly didn't give Butch the gun; I took it out of my car before I went to
238 lie down. Butch must have taken the gun and ammunition while I was asleep so I wouldn't
239 be in the position of anyone thinking I helped him. Butch did this on his own, but I still love
240 him. Ride or die, big brother!

241 I am familiar with the following exhibits: Exhibit 5, the photograph of my gun; Exhibit 6, the
242 photograph of my Mustang, though I don't know where that photograph was taken; Exhibit
243 7, the box of ammunition is the brand of ammunition I use; Exhibit 9, the text messages
244 between Butch and me on the evening of June 8, 2025; Exhibit 13, the transcript of the
245 phone call I made to Peyton Clark while at the Lincoln County Detention Center; and Exhibit
246 15, a copy of the judgment following my plea of guilty to Theft by Deception in 2015. I swear
247 or affirm the truth of the statements of this affidavit. Before signing this affidavit, I was told
248 it should contain everything I know may be relevant to my testimony, and I followed those
249 instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new
250 occurs to me up to and until the moment before opening statements in this case.

251 /s/ Jordan Pike

252 STATE OF ALABAMA)

253)

254 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

255 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY JORDAN PIKE, THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
256 2026.

257 /s/ Andrea McCracken

258 Notary Public, Alabama State at Large My Commission Expires: 3/14/2028

259 Notary ID Number: 99989

STATE OF ALABAMA
LINCOLN CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE NO. 25-CC-1000

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROSECUTION

v.

JORDAN PIKE

DEFENDANT

EXHIBIT LIST

1. Photograph of Porch at 2301 Elm Street
2. Transcript of 9-1-1 Phone Call Placed by Billie Anderson on June 8, 2025
3. Letter to Billie Anderson from the Amos Floyd Charitable Foundation
4. Judgment Following Plea by Skyler Boyle
5. Photograph of Firearm Found Under Skyler Boyle's Bed
6. Photograph of Jordan Pike's Blue Mustang Found in Parking Lot of Alabama Welcome Center Off Highway I-20 in Birmingham, AL
7. Photograph of Ammunition Box Found in Jordan Pike's Blue Mustang
8. Photograph of Receipt from Speedy Spout Found in Jordan Pike's Blue Mustang
9. Text Messages Between Jordan Pike and Brady "Butch" Pike on June 8, 2025
10. Letter of Reprimand of Carmen Webster from Cartersville Police Department
11. Diagram of Meier Lane Made by Lou Robertson
12. Letter of Dismissal of Lou Robertson from Cartersville Police Department
13. Transcript of Phone Call Recorded at the Lincoln County Detention Center between Jordan Pike and Peyton Clark on September 15, 2025
14. Judgment Following Plea by Peyton Clark
15. Judgment Following Plea by Jordan Pike



LINCOLN COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH
9-1-1 CALL TRANSCRIPT
CALL RECEIVED FROM
JUNE 8, 2025
BEGINNING AT 8:27 P.M.

Operator 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

(inaudible shouting in background - male and female voice)

Caller: Yes, my name is Billie Anderson. There is a bit of a dangerous situation here? I'm at twenty-three, oh....

(three loud banging noises)

Caller: Oh no! No!

Operator: What's happening? Can you tell me what that was?

Caller: She's.... There's been a shooting!

Operator: What is your location?

Caller: 2442 Elm Street! Send someone immediately!

Operator: Are you hurt?

Caller: No... but I think Kennedy is. I ducked down, I don't think he saw me.

Operator: Who was shot?

Caller: Kennedy. Kennedy Lyon.

Operator: Is the shooter there? Do you know his name?

Caller: I think he's leaving. I hear a car engine starting.

Operator: Do you know his name?

Caller: Uh.. she said his name... It'll come to me. I'm sorry!

Operator: It's okay. The important thing is making sure you are safe. Do you remember what car he had?

Caller: I saw him get out of it. Mustang I think. Should I check on Kennedy?

Caller: No, it's best you stay where you. . .

(Door opening, sounds of steps)

Operator: Are you there?

Caller: I'm here. She's... she's been shot. There's blood everywhere. His car is gone. I think he's gone. I think she's still alive. She's having a hard time breathing. Kennedy? Kennedy, did you say something?

Operator: It's important that you get somewhere safe and stay there. Help is about a minute out.

Caller: Thank you. Never thought... thank you.

Operator: Just stay with me. Where are you now?

Caller: Just... just outside on the porch.

Operator: Okay, I want you to go inside.

Caller: No! I'm not... she's my tenant. I was helping her. This wasn't supposed to happen!

(sounds in background)

Caller: I think... police and paramedics....

Operator: Confirming that police and paramedics have arrived.

Caller: Thank you. Thank you.

Operator: Just to confirm, you are not hurt yourself?

Caller: No, I'm not. But Kennedy.... Kennedy....

Operator: I understand. I want you to follow all the directions of the police and paramedics. They're there to help.

Caller: Thank you. Thank you. I... thank you.

Operator: You're welcome. You are in good hands now.

END CALL

AMOS FLOYD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

501 W. 4th Street, Suite 202 | Cartersville, AL

August 1, 2026

Dear Billie Anderson:

As you are aware, on October 5, 2023, the Amos Floyd Charitable Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used over the course of three (3) years for the purposes of providing housing and support for crime victims who have criminal records. That support includes partial rental subsidies and reasonable purchases of clothing, bedding, and toiletries. According to the terms of the grant, you are required, among other things, to ensure all rental agreements conformed to law, including any and all fair housing laws; to provide semi-annual reports of expenses; and to provide receipts of purchases over \$100.00.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any of the semi-annual reports since April 10, 2025. This is even in light of granting many extensions in light of the horrific crime that occurred at your residence on June 8, 2025.

We are also aware that you have sold your home at 2301 Elm Street and are no longer renting. Despite that, you have not returned any unused grant funds.

We also have reason to believe that you have not been following certain other terms of the grant, such as ensuring that your rental agreements conformed with fair housing laws and that at least some of your purchases of bedding and clothing were in excess of what would be reasonable.

Per Paragraph 7 of the terms of the grant, we are terminating the grant award for failure to comply with the terms of the grant and you shall be ineligible for future grants. Also per Paragraph 7, we are entitled to demand immediate repayment of any unused funds. In light of the extenuating circumstances regarding the criminal case involving the murder that occurred at your residence on June 8, 2025, we are granting you until April 1, 2027, to return any unused funds. Please also submit a final report on that April 1, 2027, date.

Following submission of that final report on April 1, 2027, we will conduct an investigation into allegations that certain funds were used inappropriately. Please be aware that also under Paragraph 7 of the terms of the grant, we have the right to seek recoupment for inappropriate purchases made with funds supplied by the grant. And also, per Paragraph 7, if you fail to provide a final report, we have the right to seek recoupment of all funds.

We regret that our relationship ended the way it did. While we support the efforts to support crime victims and we understand the special circumstances in your case, we have a responsibility to enforce the terms of the grant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judy Breathitt

Judy Breathitt

Grant Coordinator

STATE OF ALABAMA
LINCOLN CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO. 25-CC-0998

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROSECUTION

v.

SKYLER BOYLE

DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE ON A PLEA OF GUILTY

The Defendant, Skyler Boyle, age 30, DOB: November 15, 1995, appeared in open court on this date charged with the offense of Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class D felony (1-5 years in the penitentiary). The Defendant was indicted on July 1, 2025, and arraigned on July 3, 2025.

The Defendant was represented by the Hon. Robbie Webb who advised the Defendant of the Defendant's constitutional rights, including the right not to testify against oneself, the right to a public and speedy trial, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and the right to produce evidence including compelling the attendance of witnesses in the Defendant's favor. The Defendant acknowledged understanding those rights and that the Defendant was satisfied with the advice of counsel. The Defendant acknowledges that the Defendant is not under the influence of other drugs and is not suffering from any mental disease or defect at the time of the plea, nor was suffering from any mental disease or defect at the time the offense was committed. The Defendant acknowledges that the Defendant was not coerced, forced, or threatened into making this plea of guilty and that it is being made voluntarily, with the advice of counsel, and with the understanding that there is no appeal from a plea of guilty.

THEREUPON, the Court being so advised accepts in open court the Defendant's plea of guilty, adjudicates the Defendant according to that plea, and pursuant to the plea agreement, sets the Defendant's punishment as follows:

The Defendant hereby pleads guilty as charged to Tampering with Physical Evidence, Class D Felony, UOR 050230. The Defendant is hereby sentenced to five years in the

penitentiary, credited with 10 days served. The remaining balance shall be suspended for **FIVE** years upon the following conditions:

1. That the Defendant commit no new offenses and have no new arrests during this five-year probationary period.
2. That the Defendant testify truthfully as called as a witness in *State v. Jordan Pike* and/or *State v. Brady Pike*.
3. That the Defendant forfeit any and all items seized during the course of this case by the Cartersville Police Department.
4. That the Defendant pay court costs in the amount of \$165.00 within one year of this Judgment.

SO ORDERED this August 5, 2025.

/s/ William C. Mattingly
Hon. William C. Mattingly, Judge
Lincoln Circuit Court, Seventeenth
Judicial Circuit







The Speedy spout
Cartersville, AL

DATE 06/08/2025
TIME --ERROR--

PUMP: 2
QTY: 13.4 GAL
PREM @: 4.09 / GAL

TOTAL: \$54.81

PAYMENT: ###\$####

AUTH #504DC1F5

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THANK YOU FOR VISITING
THE SPEEDY SPOUT

EVENT-HORIZON WIRELESS, INC**TEXT RECORD REPORT**

TYPE OF REPORT: Text records sent and received from account 270-555-9419
(Subscriber: Jordan Pike)

DATE OF REPORT: June 10, 2025

SEARCH PARAMETERS:

Dates: June 8, 2025 - June 9, 2025

Filters: Sent and received from account 270-555-8199 (Subscriber: Brady Pike)

FROM:	TO:	DATE/TIME:	CONTENT
Pike, Brady	Pike, Jordan	6/8/2025; 9:51 pm	Kennedy not a problem anymore
Pike, Jordan	Pike, Brady	6/8/2025; 9:52 pm	K
Pike, Brady	Pike, Jordan	6/8/2025; 9:52 pm	Do what you gotta do
Pike, Brady	Pike, Jordan	6/8/2025; 9:53 pm	Ride or die
Pike Jordan	Pike, Brady	6/8/2025; 9:53 pm	Ride or die bro

CARTERSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ERIN GLASER

MAYOR

MICHELA DAUGHERTY

CHIEF OF POLICE

June 16, 2026

Detective Carmen Webster #2008
Violent Crimes Division

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS CASES #26-095

Dear Detective Webster:

Please be advised that I am issuing a written reprimand based upon my review of Professional Standards Unit investigation file #26-095. The following is the result of my review.

Violation of:

Professional Standards Case #26-095

Standard Operating Procedure 8.25 Witness Interviews

- Sustained

In regards to Professional Standards case #26-095, I have determined you violated Standard Operating Procedure 8.25 when, in the course of your duties investigating the death of Kennedy Lyon, you unreasonably failed to develop and interview a potential witness. By your own admission, when you located the car abandoned by Brady "Butch" Pike, you located a receipt that would indicate that Pike (or another person driving the vehicle) visited the Speedy Spout the day of Lyon's death. Your explanation of "following other leads" does not excuse your delay in following up on that information.

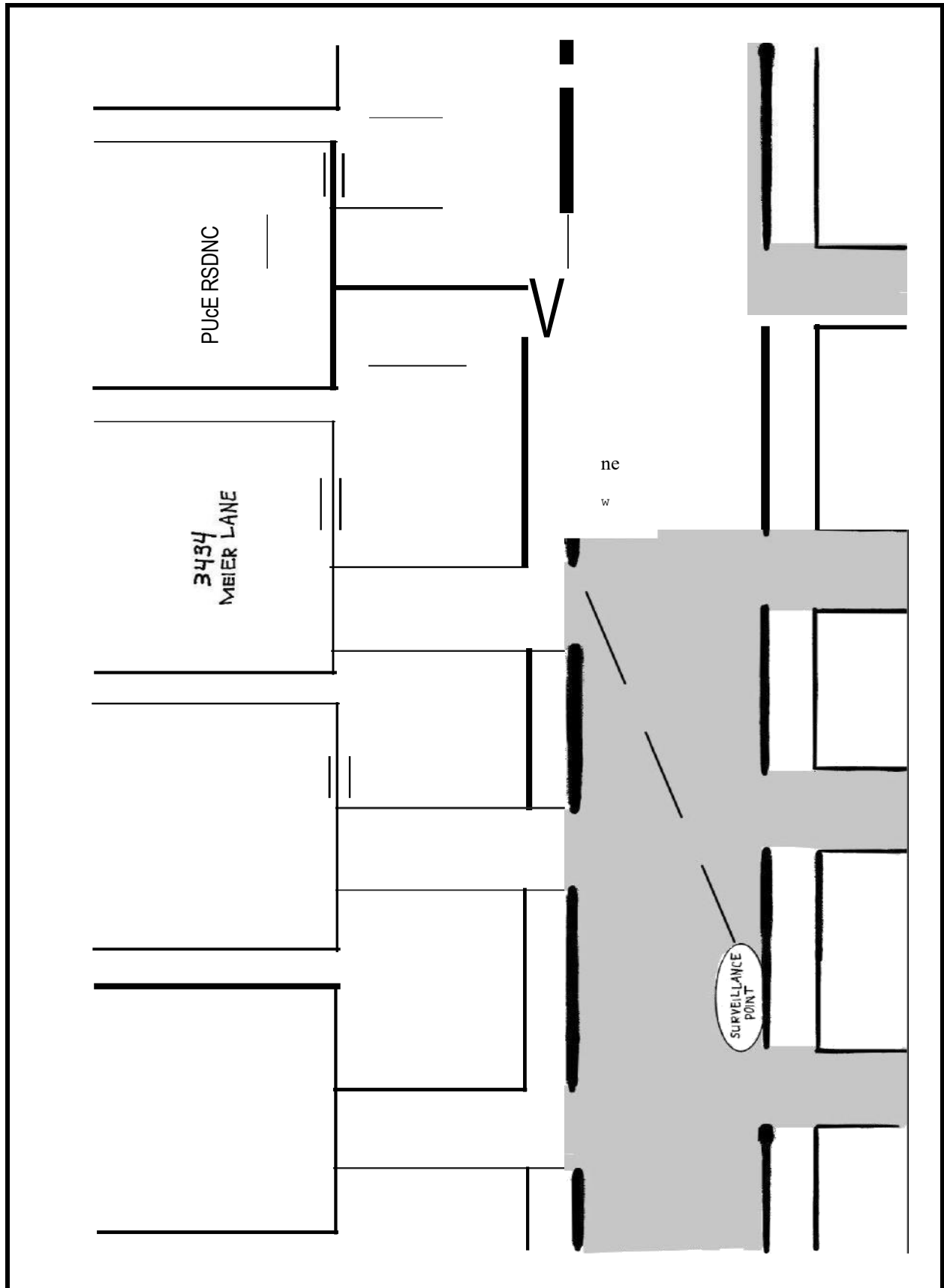
I note your disciplinary record notes you have received a verbal reprimand for similar conduct in regards to a narcotics investigation where you failed to investigate whether video footage existed to confirm an arrestee's alibi and such video footage did actually exist.

Your acts and omissions tend to undermine public confidence and severely damage the image our Department has established in the community. Your conduct as described herein warrants this written reprimand. The purpose of this reprimand is to correct your conduct and reduce the likelihood you will repeat it. Any further violations may result in more severe disciplinary action.

Pursuant to regulation, you have ten (10) days to appeal this disciplinary action in writing. Such administrative appeal will be conducted according to established regulations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Micheala Daugherty
Chief of Police



CARTERSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ERIN GLASER

MAYOR

MICHELA DAUGHERTY

CHIEF OF POLICE

January 29, 2016

Officer Lou Robertson #1978

First Division

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS CASES #14-122, #15-001, #15-005

Dear Officer Robertson:

Please be advised that this date your employment with the Cartersville Police Department is terminated. I am taking this action based upon my review of Professional Standards Unit investigation files #15-121, #15-122, #16-004 and #16-005. The following is the result of my review.

Violations of:

Professional Standards Case #15-122

Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 Emergency Driving Regulations	-Sustained
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Professional Standards Case #16-001

Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 Emergency Driving Regulations	-Sustained
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Professional Standards Case #16-005

Standard Operating Procedure 5.1.6 Truthfulness/Untruthfulness	-Exonerated
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In regards to Professional Standards Case #15-122, I have determined you violated Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 when, while responding to an emergency call, you drove without due regard for the safety of the public when you collided with a stationary vehicle.

In regards to Professional Standards Case #16-001, I have determined you violated Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 when, while responding to an emergency call, you drove without due regard for the safety of the public when you failed to activate your emergency lights and collided with a vehicle, causing minor injury to occupants.

In regard to Professional Standards Case #16-005, I have determined that you did not violate Standard Operating Procedure 5.1.6 Truthfulness/Untruthfulness when you testified at a hearing concerning a motion to suppress evidence based upon violation of a defendant's Fourth Amendment rights. Having reviewed the hearing and the comments of the judge, it appears that while your testimony was vague and self-serving at times, it was ultimately truthful. I note that your disciplinary record further contains five (5) prior violations of Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 within the past three years with discipline for those prior violations

ranging from oral reprimands coupled with retraining to suspensions. While no single violation of Standard Operating Procedure 8.7.1 would in and of itself justify termination, your continued violations demonstrate that you cannot conform your conduct in alignment with the requirements of this Department. Furthermore, your conduct, though negligent rather than intentional, places the public at risk, severely damages the image our department has established in the community, and places our city at continued risk of litigation. Your conduct demands your termination, and it is in the best interests of the Cartersville Police Department and our community that your employment be terminated.

Pursuant to regulation, you have ten (10) days to appeal this disciplinary action in writing. Such administrative appeal will be conducted according to established regulations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Micheala Daugherty
Chief of Police

TRANSCRIPT OF PHONE CALL FROM JORDAN PIKE TO PEYTON CLARK**DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, 5:11 pm**

Recording: This is a call from an inmate at the Lincoln County Detention Center. This call is subject to monitoring and recording. Anything you say can and may be used in legal proceedings. If you do not wish to be recorded, please hang up.

Clark: Hello?

Pike: Hey Peyton. Never thought I would be in this situation.

Clark: Jordan! No kidding. Are you doing okay?

Pike: Yeah, about as well as I can being in here. My lawyers are working on a bond motion and they are pretty hopeful. Kennedy Lyon ruined my family again. I hope Butch is able to make it to the border or something. My lawyers told me I have a lot to thank you for.

Clark: Yeah, I'm sorry that I didn't come forward earlier. I didn't want to get involved. Especially since the cops arrested you and Skyler.

Pike: Don't mention that name. Skyler is only concerned with Skyler. Traitor. And I'm stuck here waiting for trial. I'm just glad that private detective found you!

Clark: I'm surprised Detective Webster hasn't tried harder to talk to me. Webster called the Speedy Spout, but only once. Didn't talk to me, only my supervisor. No visits to my home, nothing. Lou Robertson is the only one who talked to me. Like I said, I'm sorry I didn't say something sooner.

Pike: No worries, I know you are on probation. And I didn't know you ran into Butch that night. You're going to be my guardian angel.

Clark: You've had my back when I was in trouble, and now I have your back.

Pike: I know you would. And I'm grateful. I know that this is going to trial. I'm not taking a deal. After the jury hears from you, there's no way I'll be convicted!

Clark: I am going to be the star witness for sure! I hate to cut this short, but I need to get ready for work. I'll put some cash on your books. Keep your head up!

Pike: I will try. I will talk to you soon, Peyton! Goodbye.

Clark: Goodbye.

END OF CALL

STATE OF ALABAMA
LINCOLN CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO. 22-CC-1234

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROSECUTION

v.

PEYTON CLARK

DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE ON A PLEA OF GUILTY

The Defendant, Peyton Clark, age 19, DOB: September 1, 2002, appeared in open court on this date charged with the offenses of Promoting Contraband in the First Degree, a Class D felony (1-5 years in the penitentiary) and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor (1-45 days in the county jail). The Defendant was indicted on May 12, 2022, and arraigned on May 19, 2022.

The Defendant was represented by the Hon. Sydney Scaggs who advised the Defendant of the Defendant's constitutional rights, including the right not to testify against oneself, the right to a public and speedy trial, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and the right to produce evidence including compelling the attendance of witnesses in the Defendant's favor. The Defendant acknowledged understanding those rights and that the Defendant was satisfied with the advice of counsel. The Defendant acknowledges that the Defendant is not under the influence of other drugs and is not suffering from any mental disease or defect at the time of the plea, nor was suffering from any mental disease or defect at the time the offense was committed. The Defendant acknowledges that the Defendant was not coerced, forced, or threatened into making this plea of guilty and that it is being made voluntarily, with the advice of counsel and with the understanding that there is no appeal from a plea of guilty.

THEREUPON, this Court being so advised accepts in open court the Defendant's plea of guilty, adjudicates the Defendant according to that plea, and pursuant to the plea agreement, sets the Defendant's punishment as follows:

The Defendant pleads guilty as charged with Promoting Contraband in the First Degree, Class D Felony, UOR 049031. The charge of Possession of Marijuana is dismissed. The

Defendant is hereby sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, credited with 248 days served.

The remaining balance shall be suspended for **FIVE** years upon the following conditions:

1. That the Defendant commit no new offenses and have no new arrests during this five-year probationary period.
2. That the Defendant enter and successfully complete a residential substance abuse treatment program approved by the Department of Probation and Parole without incident of non-compliance
3. That the Defendant forfeit any and all items seized during the course of this case by the Cartersville Police Department.
4. That the Defendant pays court costs in the amount of \$165.00 within one year of this Judgement.

SO ORDERED this January 4, 2023.

/s/ Corey Bushle

Hon. Corey Bushle, Judge Lincoln Circuit Court, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

DISPOSITIONAL RECOMMENDATION(S) - NON-DUI

Defendant Represented by Counsel

Castlen District Court - DIV II

DEFENDANT:	JORDAN PIKE	CASE NO.: 15-M-01045
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CT 1: THEFT BY DECEPTION UOR 23300

CT 2:

CT 3:

 **JAIL TIME** TOTAL: 365 days CREDIT FOR: 1 days BALANCE TO SERVE: 364 days

Balance of jail time Probated: 364 days

Enter date & Time: ____/____/____ Time: ____ AM PM or NOT APPLICABLE

Release date & Time: _____ Time: _____ AM PM or NOT APPLICABLE

 FINES TOTAL: \$250.00 **AMT SUSPENDED:** \$0.00 **TO PAY:** \$250.00

☐ **DEFERRED PROSECUTION** Length of Time: _____ Months/Years

PLEA CONDITIONS (applies to **PROBATED JAIL TIME; SUSPENDED FINES; AND/OR DEFERRED PROSECUTION**)

 No further violations of the law No contact with Victim Pay restitution as ordered

☐ Completehouse of community service within Months

☐ Completion of Drug/218A Counselling ☐ Maintain required insurance/license/registration☐ Submit to Anger Management Evaluation & Comply with Recommendations☐ Attend DV Counseling ☐ Barred from ALL _____ stores☐ Pay Civil Recovery within 30 days ☐ OTHER: _____

FINES & COURT COSTS DUE IN: 6 Months

RESTITUTION: Yes ☒ No ☐

RESTITUTION AMOUNT: \$ 231.78 **Monthly Payments Amount:**

\$ 50 RESTITUTION VICTIM: The ReFashioned Rack, Inc.

☒ I specifically acknowledge, by my signature below, I am pleading to an ENHANCEABLE offense in COUNT(S) _____ above. I have been advised that a subsequent conviction may/shall result in imposition of increased fines, jail time, loss of operator's license, revocation of probated jail time and/or suspended fines or a finding of contempt by the Court resulting in jail, fines or other sanctions being imposed.

N/A

COMPLAINING WITNESS (if any)

/s/ Bryce Charles

LAW ENFORCEMENT

/s/ Hon. Erin Izzo

PROSECUTOR

/s/ Jordan Pike 9/9/2015

DEFENDANT	DATE
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/s/ Hon. Shamir Patel (DPA)

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

/s/ Hon. Heather L.W. Blackburn

PRESIDING JUDGE