

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

### FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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CHARLES RUDD #L7678 Unit 29-IBuilding Parchman, MS 38738 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**CHARLES RUDD** 

vs. CASE NO: <u>99-0393 & 2002-0229</u>

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MEMORANDUM BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APPEAL

Comes now, Charles Rudd, Petitioner, acting Pro Se, and files this, his Memorandum Brief in Support of Appeal pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 99-39-1 et. seq. and in support therefore would show unto this Honorable Court the following, to-wit:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT AND JURISDICTION

**RULINGS BELOW** 

This is an appeal from an order of the Circuit Court of Madison County, the Honorable Judge Richardson, dismissing Writ of Habeas Corpus, which Court elected to treat as Motion for Post Conviction Relief, a motion pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 99-39-1 et. seq. The order was entered January 25, 2006, and a timely notice of appeal was filed on or about February 6, 2006. On or about March 22, 2006 appellant moved the Circuit Court to for a Certificate of Probable Cause or Appealability, which that failed to respond to. Appellant has applied to this Court for a Certificate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2253(c) to proceed.

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### **JURISDICTION**

This court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2253(a) if it grants a certificate of appealability.

### **SUMMARY OF CASE**

Petitioner was indicted by the Grand Jury of Madison County on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999, on the charge of Armed Robbery, Miss. Code Ann. §97-3-79. Thereafter, Petitioner was convicted by a plea of guilty on the said charge of Armed Robbery and the charge of Attempted Escape, and sentenced by the Honorable Judge Richardson, to a total of 30 years, 20 and 5 years for the charges of Armed Robbery, and 6 years for the charge Attempted Escape. The said plea was entered on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002. However, judgment was entered in conviction and sentencing was imposed on 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, for (1) TWENTY (20) years to be served in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the last TEN (10) years be supervised and released for a term of FIVE (5) years on SUPERVISED PROBATION, and (2), FIVE (5) years to be served consecutively with the imposed TWENTY (20) years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

### **ISSUES PRESENTED**

In the face of this Court's controlling opinion in *Boria v. Keane*, 99 F.3d 492 (2d Cir. 1996):

I. Is Appellant properly time barred when submitting his motion according to Section 99-29-5 which states that a Motion for Post Conviction Relief shall be filed "within three (3) years after entry of the Judgment of Conviction, when motion was first submitted on or bout October 2, 2004 and amended and resubmitted on or about November 15, 2005; and

- II. Did Trial Court error when it dismissed appellant's motion because of the said time bar; and
- III. Does time start when guilty pleas are submitted or when sentence is ordered and adjudged?

### **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On or about July 17, 2002, Appellant was said to have entered a plea of guilt to the charges of Armed Robbery and Attempted Escape.

On or about October 2, 2004, Appellant mailed, through the legal library, to the trial court the 28 U.S.C. §2254 motion which gives rise to the appeal, seeking a Writ of Habeas Corpus due to involuntary guilty plea, when plea bargain agreement reached between the prosecutor and defense counsel was unlawfully induced, coerced and a result of ignorance led by defense counsel when appellant was coerced in the acceptance of the plea that was not singed by the appellant and when plea was not carried out as explained by defense counsel; ineffective assistance of trial counsel who failed to file a Motion of Demur to challenge the improper indictment or move for Motion to Dismiss after it was brought to counsels attention, then refused to take appellant to trial because of counsel's fear of losing, counsel's failure to have a compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in favor of the defendant and to subpoena witnesses after it was requested; the trial court errored when it abused its power of discretion by refusing the appellant the right to have a newly appointed counsel after being advised of their conflicting interest or a continuance so the appellant could get properly prepared for trial and when appellant was not taken before an open court to accept his guilty plea; and improper indictment which named the appellant as the victim of the crime.

On or about November 15, 2005 appellant resubmitted Writ of Habeas Corpus in order to amend errors found on prima facie of prior petition submitted.

On or about January 25, 2006, an adjugment was ordered dismissing appellant's petition stating: The Court finds that Section 99-39-5(2) states that a Motion for Post Conviction Relief shall be filed "within three (3) years after the entry of Judgment of Conviction."

On or about February 6, 2006 appellant mailed, through the legal library, a Notice Appeal and a Designation of the Record in the trial court, yet to date have failed to receive a response.

On or about March 22, 2006 appellant mailed through the law library, a Motion for Certificate of Probable Cause or appealability and Appointment of Counsel, in the trial court, which to this day court has failed to respond to.

On or about April 17, 2006, appellant submitted a letter (via your office) to request information on the status of Appeal. On or about May 16, 2006 there was a response sent (via your office) stating no Notice of Appeal was filed in the name of Charles Rudd, and to contact the trial court clerk.

On or about May 29, 2006 appellant mailed, through the law library, a letter to trial court requesting information on status of case as advised and as of to date court has failed to respond.

### **SUMMARY ARGUMENT**

Appellant argues that he was denied fundamental fairness and due process of law from the very beginning when his indictment was returned with errors on the prima facie and had continued being denied this fairness throughout his pretrial process and has now been subject to the same injustice in challenging his sentence in conviction, when his motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254, seeking a Writ of Habeas Corpus which court elected to treat as a Motion for Post

Conviction Relief was dismissed on the grounds of being time bar though appellate argues his petition was timely filed. Appellant further argues his petition holds merits and should be heard even though trial court has turned a deaf ear to every attempt he has made to obtain the fundamental fairness he feels he is entitled under the protection of the U.S. Constitution as well as state and federal statutes and rules.

### THE UNDISPUTED FACTS

The facts of are essentially uncontested that appellant was said to have entered a plea of guilty for the crime(s) of Armed Robbery and Cause No. 99-0393 and Attempted Escape in Cause No. 2002-0229, on July 17, 2002.

Appellant appeared in open court on October 17, 2003, one (1) year and three (3) months after the plea was said to have been accepted, and at that time sentence was imposed and order was adjudged and order was then filed October 20, 2003.

Appellant submitting his first petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254, seeking a Writ of Habeas Corpus, on or about October 2, 2004, about fifteen (15) days prior to the one (1) year statute of limitations from the time conviction was final.

Appellant resubmitted a petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 to amend errors found on the prima facie of petition on or about November 15, 2005.

Trial Court issued an order dismissing petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 which it elected to treat as a Post Conviction Relief. The Court held that the three (3) years granted by Section 99-39-5(2) had expired. Adjudgment was ordered on or about January 25, 2006.

Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal and a Designation of the Record in the trial court on or about February 6, 2006.

Appellant filed a Motion for Certificate of Probable Cause or Appealability and Appointment of Counsel in trial Court on or about March 22, 2006.

### THE PORTION OF THE COURT'S RULING AT ISSUE ON THE APPEAL

The Court held that the Appellant petition was filed on December 2, 2005 which is more than three (3) years after the entry of the Judgment of Conviction and the petition should be dismissed with prejudice.

### **ARGUMENT**

### A. The Ruling Below:

As the Trial Court it self articulated Appellant's 2254 claim;

Appellant argues that 1) Guilty Plea was entered on July 17, 2002, and a Judgment of Conviction may have been accepted on that date, however, sentencing was not ordered and adjudged until the 17th day of October, 2003, and filed October 20, 2003; 2) that a motion was mailed to the court through the legal library on or about October 2, 2004, which was less than (1) one year after sentencing, for a Writ of Habeas Corpus; and 3) that a motion amending the first motion was submitted through the law library on or about November 15, 2005 and filed in the Court December 2, 2005, after no response was given to the first.

According to the Mississippi Post-Conviction Act, 99-39-1, et. seq., (in which petition was escheated to be treated as), leading authority under which all state prisoners must apply for relief prior to bringing any Federal actions, says if no appeal was failed

there is a limit of three (3) years from the date of sentencing to file for post-conviction.

See Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 99-39-5(2).

Trial Court argues that time for filing Post-Conviction Act started on the day plea

was entered which was July 17, 2002. Appellant argues that he first submitted his

petition in October 2004, which would fall within the time limit granted in Miss. Code

Ann. Sec. 99-39-5(2). See Exhibit A, Mail Log.

Appellant also argues that trial court had not made it clear to him that a plea

agreement was accepted until October 17, 2003, and this is the day that he feels and

thought that his time granted under Sec. 99-39-5(2) should have started since on that day

in October his conviction and sentencing became official. See Exhibit A, Order of

Sentence.

**CONCLUSION** 

For all reasons stated herein, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court

reversed the order below dismissing his §2254 motion, viewed as Post Conviction Relief,

and order the District Court to allow the motion. Specifically, Appellant prays this Court

order the District Court to vacate his sentence, impose a sentence of "time served," and

order Appellant released forthwith.

Dated: Im. 8 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rudd #L7678

Unit 29 J Building

Parchman, MS 38738

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# **EXHIBIL2**

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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DEFENDANT

#### JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard on the sworn Petition(s) of the Defendant, whose legal name is CHARLES RUDD, whose date of birth is MAY 25, 1979, whose Social Security No. is 426-39-1293, and whose Attorney of Record is LISA ROSS, to enter a plea(s) of quilty to the crime(s) of ARMED ROBBERY as charged in CAUSE NO. 99-0393 AND ESCAPE IN CAUSE NO. 2002-0229 of the Indictment(s) and/or Bill(s) of Information; and the Court, having heard the Petition(s) in the presence of the Defendant, the Defendant's Attorney, and the State's Attorney, and having considered the evidence, including the testimony of the Defendant, together with the statements and representations of Counsel, is of the opinion and finds that: 1) the allegations contained in the Petition(s) are supported by the evidence and are true and correct as set forth therein; 2) the Defendant's plea(s) of quilty is/are not induced by force, violence, threats, coercion, fear, deception, promises or misrepresentations; 3) the Defendant is competent to understand and does understand the nature of the criminal offense(s) to which the plea(s) of guilty is/are entered and

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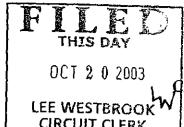
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DEFENDANT

### ORDER OF SENTENCE

THIS CAUSE came on for hearing in open Court on the matter of sentencing the Defendant, CHARLES J. RUDD, under and pursuant to the Judgment(s) of Conviction for the crime(s) of ARMED ROBBERY IN CAUSE NO. 99-0393 AND ESCAPE IN CAUSE NO. 2002-0229, as charged in the Indictment(s) and/or Bill(s) of Information, and the Defendant having entered a plea(s) of guilty to the said crime(s) on the 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2002, and the Defendant and the Defendant's attorney, WESLEY EVANS, and the State's attorney all being present and the Court, being fully advised in the premises finds and determines that: a) the victim(s) and the investigating officer(s) were notified in advance of these proceedings; b) the defendant's plea(s) of guilty was/were entered WITH a recommendation of sentence from the State; c) questions and comments from all interested parties were invited and those submitted were received and considered; d) the Defendant and Defendant's Attorney were given an opportunity to address the court on all matters relevant to these proceedings including the presentation of circumstances in extenuation and mitigation; e) the recommendation of sentence, if made, by the State is hereby accepted and adopted by the Court as the sentence of the Court; and (f) sentence should now be imposed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendant is sentenced as follows:

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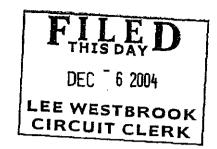
Exhibit C

Ms. Lee Westbrook

Madison County Circuit Court

146 West Center Street

Canton, MS 3904b



Dear Ms. Westbrook:

Please find enclosed an original and three copies of the following: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Declaration in Support, Motion for Appointment of Counsel, and Proof of Service, for filing.

Once the Petition has been filed please return the copy of each of, the above pleadings marked "Petitioner's File Copy."

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, Charles Rudd # L7678

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Ms. Lee Westbrook, Clerk Circuit Court P.O. Drawer 1626 Canton, MS 39046

RE: Resubmitting of Habeas Corpus Petition

Attn. Clerk:

On or about October 2, 2004, I, Petitioner Charles Rudd L7678, acting Pro Se, submitted a Petition (via your office) for Writ of Habeas Corpus to be filed with the Court.

On or about January 3, 2005, I submitted a letter (via your office) to request information on the status of my petition.

To date, I have received no correspondence regarding said petition or letter from the Court or opposing counsel.

At this time I am requesting that this resubmitted Petition be upheld and the first petition be dismissed due to later found error on the prima facie of the prior petition.

Enclosed, please find a filing with the Court, one original and three copies of the following: Resubmitted Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, Memorandum Brief in Support of Writ of Habeas Corpus, Motion for Appointment of Counsel, Brief in Support of Appointment of Counsel, and Affidavit of Poverty.

Once the Petition has been filed please return the copy of each of the above pleadings marked "Petitioner's File Copy."

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Rudll

Charles Rudd #L7678

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Exhibit F

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CAUSE NUMBER 99-0393 & 2002-229

STATE OF MISSISSIPP

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RESPONDENT

### ORDER DISMISSING POST CONVICTION RELIEF

THIS CAUSE HAVING COME on for consideration by the Court on the Petitioner's

Pro Se Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, which, upon review by the Court, is in truth and fact a

Motion for Post Conviction Relief and this Court elects to treat the said pleading as a Motion for Post

Conviction Relief.

The Court having reviewed the said petitions/motion finds that the Petitioner/Movant pled guilty to Armed Robbery in Cause Number 99-0395 and Escape in Cause Number 2002-0229 in this Circuit Court on July 17, 2002, and a Judgment of Conviction was entered and filed on that date.

The Court further finds that Section 99-39-5 (2) states that a Motion for Post Conviction Relief shall be filed "within three (3) years after entry of the Judgment of Conviction."

The Court further finds that the Petition/Motion filed herein was filed on December 2, 2005, which is more than three (3) years after the entry of the Judgment of Conviction and the Petition/Motion should be dismissed with prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Petitioner/Movant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Motion for Post Conviction Relief) be and the same is hereby dismissed for the aforestated reasons.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THIS THE 257

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In Myers v. State (1991 Miss.) \$83 So. 2d 174, which provided a basis for Relief. Or is Strickland v. Washington, 466 US 668, 104 S.Ct. 20\$2; Walker v. State, 703 So. 2d 266, 268 (Miss. 1992), which said that failure of counsel to advise Petitioner of the maximum and minimum penalties provided by law Rendered counsel's performance deficient.

### Issue Three

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It was said in Agersinger V. Hamlin, 407 US 2\$, 92 S.Ct. 2006, 32 LEd. 2d \$30 (1972); Gideon V. Wainwright, supra; and Johnson V. Zerbst, supra, that a person who happens to be a lawyer is present alongside the accused is not enough to satisfy the constitutional command. The 6th Americanent recognizes the Right to the assistance of counsel because it envisions counsel's playing a Role that is CRitical to the ability of the adversarial system to produce just results. Stuctural errors" call into question the very accuracy and reliability of the thial process and thus are not amendable to harmless error, analysis, but Require automatic Reversal. See Quintero v. Bell, 2\$6 F3d 409 (6 th Cir. 2001); Shewfelt v. Alaska, 228 F3d 1088 (9th Cir. 2000). If a defendant voices a seemly substantial complaint about eaunsel, the court should inquire in to the reason for dissatisfaction, see US v. Simeonov 252 F3d 238 (2nd Cir. 2003). The defendants 6th Amendment Right to be Represented by an attorney with undivided loyalty. The same is true is Smith v. State, (Miss 1998) 666 So. 2d 810. Constitutional Law 268. 1(b). It is stated in Universal Acupuncture V. Quadrine and Schwartz, 370 F.3d 2\$9 (2nd Cir. 2004). Under New York Law, Client may discharge his ox her lawer at any time, with or without cause. I.d., at 12\$8-12\$9 (quoting Rumme) V. Estell, \$90 F.2d 103, 104 CA\$ 1979).) The court observed that only in cases of outright denial of course, of affirmation government interference in the gepresentation process, or of inherently prejudicial conflicts of intrest had this court said that no special showing of prejudice need be made . Petitioner contends that this denial of counsel has been shown on Record.

Petitioner contends that futher errors were showed by trial court's hindering the petitioner by refusing to timely submitted by the petitioner and/or response to motions and/or orders by the petitioner and/or Supreme Court, showing more prejudice in the face of justice, thus infinging upon the Due Process right

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INDICTMENT

THIS DAY NOV 3 0 1999 LEE WESTBROOK CIRCUIT CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

ARMED ROBBERY, MISS. CODE ANN. §97-3-79

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1999 **RECALLED NOVEMBER 17, 1999**

The Grand Jurors of the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful citizens of said county, elected, summoned, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of the said county aforesaid, at the term aforesaid of the Court aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oath present that,

#### CHARLES J. RUDD

late of the county aforesaid, on or about the 9th day of September, 1999, in the county aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court,

did willfully, unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously, take from the presence of WENDY ROUNDTREE money, the personal property of SHELL SPRINT MART, a business, against his will by putting the said, CHARLES J. RUDD, in fear of immediate injury to his person by the exhibition of a deadly weapon, a gun, in the City of Madison. Madison County, Mississippi, in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated §97-3-79 (1972), as amended,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

Endorsed: A True Bill

EØREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

**AFFIDAVIT** 

COMES NOW James H. Burns, Foreman of the September, 1999, Madison County Grand Jury, and makes oath that this indictment presented to this Grand Jury was concurred in by twelve (12) or more members of the Grand Jury and that at least fifteen (15) members thereof were present during all deliberations.

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the He day of Michie

LEE WESTBROOK, CIRCUIT CLERK

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

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CAUSE NO. 990393

DEFENDANT

### MOTION TO AMEND INDICTMENT

COMES NOW the State of Mississippi and moves that the indictment in Cause No. 990393 be amended to correct a clerical error. Specifically, the State alleges that the name of the victim referred to in the indictment reads "WENDY ROUNDTREE" and that it should read "WENDY ROUNTREE".

The state prays that the Indictment be amended to reflect the above referenced change.

Respectfully submitted, this the day of July, 2002.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

BRAD WILKINSON

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BRAD WILKINSON DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE POST OFFICE BOX 121 CANTON, MISSISSIPPI 39046 (601)859-7838 Lixhibit H-2

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have this day delivered a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Motion To Amend Indictment via facsimile to the attorney for the Defendant, Honorable Lisa Ross, at 601-981-7917.

This the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of July, 2002.

BRAD WILKINSON

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

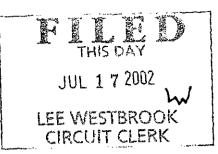
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CHARLES J. RUDD



**CAUSE NO. 990393** 

**DEFENDANT** 

### ORDER AMENDING INDICTMENT

COMES NOW for consideration, this day the Motion of the State of Mississippi to Amend the Indictment in Cause No. 990393 to correct a clerical error. The Court finds that the State's motion to be well-taken and that the same should be sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, that "WENDY ROUNDTREE" referred to as the date of the offense in the Indictment is amended to correctly reflect that "WENDY ROUNTREE" is the date of the offense. Court finds the State's motion to be well-taken and that the same should be sustained.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the \_\_\_\_\_\_

day of July 2002.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CHARLES J. RUDD

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**CAUSE NO. 990393** 

DEFENDANT

### ORDER AMENDING INDICTMENT

COMES NOW for consideration, this day the Motion of the State of Mississippi to Amend the Indictment in Cause No. 990393 to make the indictment conform to the evidence. The Court finds that the State's motion to be well-taken and that the same should be sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, that "SHELL SPRINT MART" referred to in the indictment as the name of the owner of the property be amended to correctly reflect that "MORRIS CORPORATION, DBA SHELL SPRINT MART" is the name of the owner of the property. Court finds the State's motion to be well-taken and that the same should be sustained.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the 1720

day of July, 2002.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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CAUSE NO. 2002 - 0229

**DEFENDANT** 

PETITION TO PROCEED BY BILL OF INFORMATION

COMES NOW the Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause and petitions this Court to permit the State of Mississippi to proceed by way of Bill of Information charging him with the crime of Escape, without the findings of a Grand Jury Indictment, and would cite in support thereof the following:

- 1. The Defendant is represented by counsel and has been fully advised by such counsel that the State may not formally charge him for a felony without a Grand Jury Indictment unless the Court permits the State to proceed by Bill of Information by sustaining this Petition.
- 2. The Defendant, by and through this sworn Petition formally waives Grand Jury Indictment.
- 3. The Defendant knows that he has a right to require the State to Indict him in order to proceed and knowingly and intelligently waives this Constitutional right under Article 3 Section 27 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1892 and any and all other legal and Constitutional rights relating thereto.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that this Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

PETITIONER

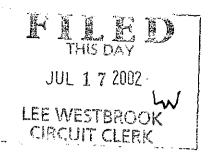
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CHARLES RUDD



cause no.  $\frac{2002 - 0229}{}$ 

DEFENDANT

# ORDER ALLOWING THE STATE TO PROCEED BY BILL OF INFORMATION

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard on Petition of the Defendant to allow the State to proceed by way of Bill of Information charging him with the crime(s) of Escape, and the Court finding that the Defendant is represented by counsel, the Honorable Lisa Ross, Attorney(s) at Law, and that the Defendant has filed a sworn statement waiving the subject indictment and petitioning the Court to so allow the State to proceed by Bill of Information, and the Court further finding that the Defendant has made a knowing and intelligent waiver of his legal and constitutional rights, Article 3 Section 27 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1892:

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED, that the State of Mississippi is hereby granted leave of Court to proceed in this cause by filing a sworn Bill of Information charging the Defendant with the crime(s) of Escape.

SO ORDERED, this the 17 day of Ju

, 2002.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CHARLES RUDD

JUL 1 7 2002
LEE WESTEROOK

CAUSE NO. 2002-0229

DEFENDANT

## **BILL OF INFORMATION**

CIRCUIT CLERK

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of County aforesaid, the within named **BRAD D. WILKINSON** who first being duly sworn and deposed, charged in his oath that:

On or about the 3rd day of July, 2002, CHARLES RUDD, late of the County aforesaid, did then and there.

willfully, unlawfully, intentionally and feloniously, escape from the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Department when said prisoner was lawfully in custody for the charge of armed robbery, in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated §97-9-49 (1972), as amended,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississipp

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the

the <u>[</u>

day of

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

**CHARLES RUDD** 

JUL 1 7 2002 W

CAUSE NO. 2002 - 0229

**DEFENDANT** 

## WAIVER OF INDICTMENT

CIRCUIT CLERK

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named CHARLES RUDD, who first being duly sworn and deposed, saith on his oath, that he is represented by the Honorable Lisa Ross, Attorney(s) at Law, and that he desires to, and does hereby waive indictment by the Grand Jury, and petitions against him by way of Bill of Information charging him with the crime(s) of Escape.

	Charles Rudel
	DEFENDANT
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	NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:	
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APPROVED:  ASSA	

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

THIS DAY

JUL 1 7 2002 CAUSE NO. 99-0393

Charles Buck

LEE WESTBROOK

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## PETITION TO ENTER GUILTY PLEA

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disorder other than: (if none, state "none")	None		
enter this plea of guilty. I have never been treated t	<b>A</b>		on, disease, or
to read and understand this petition or to impair my a	bility to knowi	ngly, willingly, a	ind voluntarily
and write. There is nothing wrong with me physical	ly or mentally	which might imp	pair my ability
I completed $\mathcal{U}$ years of school and $\mathcal{O}$	years of	college. I can	) cannot) read
is 5-25-79, and my Social Security			
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proceedings against me be had in my true name. I an	2%	<del></del>	•
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1. My true name is MAVES	udd	·	, also
and in support thereof would show unto the Court th	e following:		
accept his/her plea of guilty to the crime of	ed ho	ober( = 1	scape,
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(d) the right to have the assistance of an attorney at all critical stages of the proceedings against me;

(e) the presumption of innocence, that is, the State must prove all of the elements of any charge beyond a reasonable doubt that I am guilty;

(f) the right to a unanimous jury verdict of all twelve jurors before I could be found guilty;

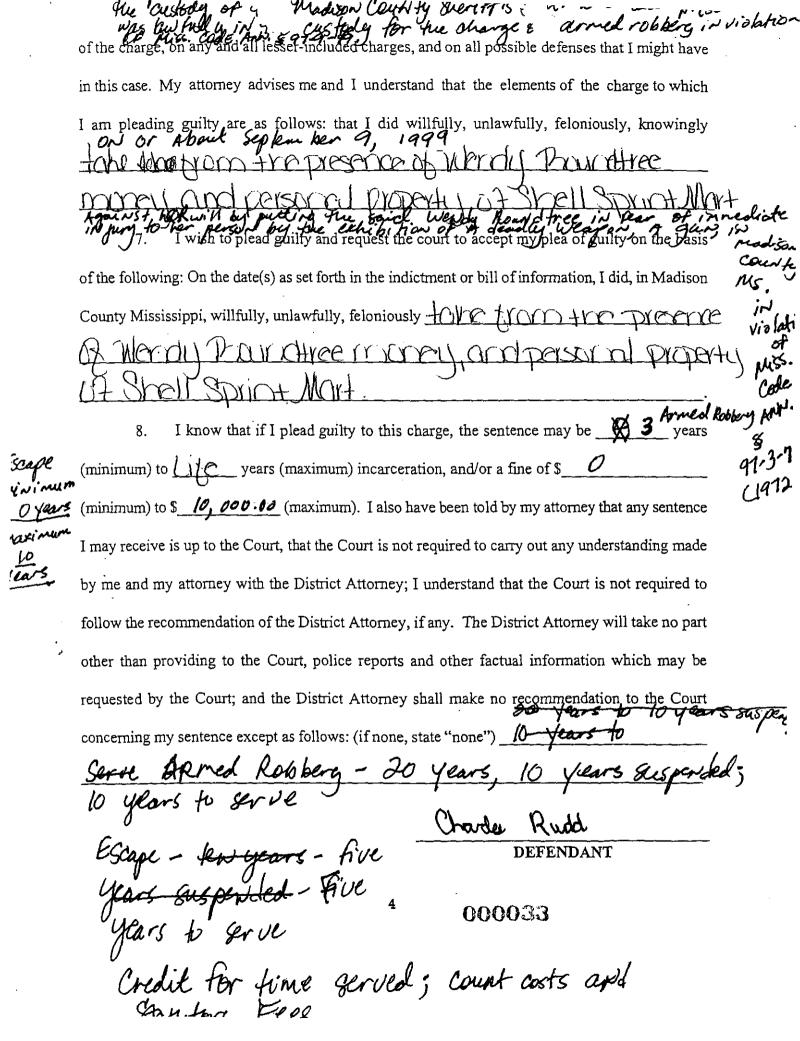
(g) the right to take the witness stand and testify in my own behalf if I want to; I further understand that if I do not wish to take the witness stand and testify, this fact cannot be held against me, and that the jury would be instructed that my refusal to testify may not be held against me; I understand that unless I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily agree to do so, I cannot be compelled to give testimony against myself in violation of my Fifth Amendment rights.

(h) I further understand that should I be convicted in a jury trial, I have the right to appeal my conviction to the Mississippi Supreme Court, and with the assistance of counsel at no cost to me should I be financially unable to pay for an attorney to represent and assist me.

Knowing and understanding the Constitutional and other legal rights and guarantees set forth in this paragraph, I hereby waive each and every one of them and renew my desire to enter a plea of guilty.

6. I have fully informed my attorney of all the facts and circumstances known to me about the charge against me. My attorney has counseled and advised me on the nature and elements

Darles Rudd
DEFENDANT



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There are no other criminal prosecutions or charges currently pending against me except: (if				
none, state "none") Nove.				
The State has made no agreement with me regarding those charges as expressly stated in paragraph				
8 above or as stated in a separate guilty plea petition filed by me in that cause(s).				
9. I have been convicted of no felonies in this or in any other State of the United States,				
except as follows: (if none, state "none")				
10. I (am) (am not) presently on probation or parole. I understand that pleading guilty				
in this case may cause revocation of my probation or parole. I further understand that if my				
probation or parole is revoked, any sentence in that case may be consecutive to or in addition to any				
sentence in this case.				
11. I understand that no one can assure me of parole or early release from prison. If this				
conviction is regarded a sex offense, I will likely be required to undergo psychiatric evaluation prior				
to being paroled, if parole is granted. If I am sentenced as an habitual criminal, I will not be eligible				
for parole or other early release.				
12. I declare that no officer or agent of any branch of government, Federal, State, or				
Local, has made any promise or suggestion of any kind to me, or within my knowledge, to anyone				
else, that I will receive a lighter sentence, or probation, or any other form of leniency if I plead guilty,				
and that I have not been threatened, forced, intimidated or coerced in any manner by anyone.				
Charles Rudd				
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I believe that my attorney has done all that anyone could do to counsel and assist me. FAM SATISFIED WITH THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL HE HAS GIVEN ME. I recognize that if I have been told by my attorney that I might receive probation or a light sentence, this representation is merely his opinion and that it is not binding on the Court or the District Attorney.

- 14. I understand that my plea of guilty may be withdrawn at any time during a hearing on this petition, prior to the acceptance of my plea by the Court.
- 15. I OFFER MY PLEA OF GUILTY FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND OF MY OWN ACCORD AND WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE MATTERS SET FORTH IN THE INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION AND IN THIS PETITION AND WITH UNDERSTANDING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MY ATTORNEY WHICH IS PART OF THIS PETITION.
- 16. HABITUAL CRIMINAL PARAGRAPH. If applicable, note the statute under which the plea of guilty is to be taken:

MS. CODE ANN. §99-19-81 (1972); or under

MS. CODE ANN. §99-19-83 (1972);

Neither

I understand that if my plea is accepted to the charge described in paragraph 3 above, the conviction of said crime may later be used against me for the purposes of enhanced sentencing and/or sentencing as an habitual offender, should I later be convicted of another criminal offense.

Charles Rude
DEFENDANT

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant prays that this petition will
be granted, that the plea of guilty will be accepted and that the Defendant will be convicted and
sentenced for the crime of Armol Pobbery, Escape,
just as if the Defendant had been found guilty of that crime by the verdict of a jury.
SIGNED AND SWORN TO UNDER OATH on this, the day of
My, A.D., 2002, with full knowledge that if I willfully and
corruptly swear, testify, or affirm falsely to any material matter under oath, affirmation or declaration
legally administered in this Court I will, upon conviction, be punished additionally for the crime of
perjury,
DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY  Character Char
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this, the 17th day of
July , A.D., 20 02.
SEAL TITLE)  Charles Rudd  DEFENDANT
DEFENDANT

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#### CERTIFICATE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

The undersigned, as attorney and counselor of record for the Defendant in this cause, hereby certifies:

- 1. I have read and fully explained to the Defendant the allegations contained in the indictment or bill of information in this case;
- 2. To the best of my knowledge and belief the statements, representations, and declarations made by the Defendant in the foregoing petition are in all respects accurate and true;
- 3. I have explained the minimum and maximum penalties for each charge or count to the Defendant, and consider him her competent to understand the charge against him her and the effect of his/her plea of guilty;
- 4. The plea of guilty offered by the Defendant in this petition accords with my understanding of the facts he she has related to me, and is consistent with my advice to the Defendant;
- 5. In my opinion, the plea of guilty as offered by the Defendant in this petition is voluntarily and knowingly made. I recommend that the Court accept the plea of guilty;
- 6. Having discussed this matter carefully with the Defendant, I am satisfied that he/she is mentally competent and physically sound; there is no mental or physical condition of which I am aware which would affect his her ability to understand these proceedings; further, I have no reason to believe that he she is under the influence of drugs or intoxicants (any exception should be stated by counsel for the Record).

SIGNED BY ME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED AFTER FULL DISCUSSION OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS CERTIFICATE WITH THE DEFENDANT ON THIS, THE DAY OF JULY, A. D., 20

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

Charles Rude DEFENDANT Ixhibiz Q-1

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPP

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VS.

JUL 1 8 2002 CASE NO. 99-0393

CHARLES RUDD

LEE WESTBROOK CIRCUIT CLERK

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SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM

TO:

CHARLOTTE RUDD JUST FOR FEET

1061 EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

JACKSON, MS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the State of Mississippi,

County of Madison, to appear at the:

Madison County Circuit Court/Administration Building 128 West North Street Canton, MS. 39046

on the 17th day of July, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., to give oral testimony in the above entitled and numbered cause, and there to remain in attendance until discharged. Failure to appear as herein directed shall subject you to penalty as prescribed by law.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE and seal of office, this the day of

July, 2002.

ISSUED AT THE REQUEST OF:

(SEAL)

LISA M. ROSS, ESQ. MSB# 9755 P.O. BOX 11264 JACKSON, MS 39283-1264 (601) 981-7900 TELEPHONE (601) 981-7917 FACSIMILE

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon the attorneys of record of all parties to the above cause as follows:

Brad Wilkinson, ADA
Office of the District Attorney
P.O. Box 121
Canton, MS 39046

SO CERTIFIED, this the 15th day of July, 2002.

LISA M. ROSS

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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VS.

JUL 1 8 2002

CHARLES RUDD LEE WESTBROOK
CIRCUIT CLERK

CASE NO. 99-0393

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

**CHARLES RUDD** 

This day of A Coupty M. E. McMilLIN, Sheriff, His Coupty M. 99-0393

JUL 1.8 2002

LEE WESTBROOK \_CIRCUIT CLERK

#### SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM

TO: NIKKI QUINN

4125 SUNSET DRIVE APT. 505

JACKSON, MS 39213

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Jimmy Dixon, ADA
Office of the District Attorney
P.O. Box 121
Canton, MS 39046

SO CERTIFIED, this the 12th day of July, 2002.

LISA M. ROSS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.



CAUSE NO. 99-0393 and CAUSE NO. 2002-0229

CHARLES J. RUDD

**DEFENDANT** 

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HONORABLE SAMAC S. RICHARDSON, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ON THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 2002.

#### APPEARANCES:

BRADLEY D. WILKINSON, ESQ. Office of the District Attorney Post Office Box 121 Canton, Mississippi 39046

(REPRESENTING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)

LISA M. ROSS, ESQ. Ross Law Firm 760 N. West Street Jackson, Mississippi 39202

(REPRESENTING THE DEFENDANT)

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#### (JULY 17, 2002) 1 This is Criminal Cause No. 1999-THE COURT: 2 3 0393 and 2002-0229, State of Mississippi vs. Charles Rudd. 4 Is that correct? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 5 Excuse me, Judge. I didn't put MS. ROSS: in the minimum and maximums on that escape charge. THE COURT: Okay. Let me put that in there. 9 MS. ROSS: Your Honor, before we get ~10 MR. WILKINSON: started, we had a motion to amend the indictment. 11 There 12 were some typographical errors in it. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MR. WILKINSON: It's actually two errors. THE COURT: What's the motion? 15 16 MR. WILKINSON: One, Your Honor, in the indictment it reads, "The personal property was that of 17 Shell Sprint Mart." The proper corporate name of the 18 19 business that was robbed is Morris Corporation d/b/a Shell 20 Sprint Mart. 21 THE COURT: Okay. That amendment will be 22 allowed. MR. WILKINSON: Okav. 23 And the second amendment was "the victim, whose name is Wendy Roundtree," 24 25 R-o-u-n-d-t-r-e-e. The correct spelling of her last name -26 is R-o-u-n-t-r-e-e. 27 THE COURT: No d?

MR. WILKINSON:

No d.

THE COURT: Is there any objection to that,

order for the State of Mississippi to be entitled to a verdict of guilty, they would have to prove the following elements in the armed robbery case: That this crime was committed in Madison County, Mississippi on or about September 9, 1999, that you did willfully, unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously take from the presence of Wendy Rountree money, or U. S. currency or coin, being the personal property of—what's the name of that corporation?

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Shell Sprint Mart.

THE COURT: All right. --against her will, by putting--

MR. WILKINSON: Your Honor, that's already been amended.

THE COURT: Okay. --by putting the said

MR. WILKINSON: Morris Corporation, d/b/a

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Guilty Plea you understand the difference? 1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. sir. 2 THE COURT: Okay. Do you wish to waive 3 presentment of this matter to the grand jury and proceed? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 5 Okay. Now, do you understand 6 THE COURT: 7 that once you enter your plea of guilty in each of these cases and it has been accepted by the Court that you 8 9 cannot withdraw your plea of guilty nor can you appeal your plea of guilty? Do you understand that? 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 11 Now, you can appeal your THE COURT: 12 sentence that's imposed, but you can't appeal the plea 13 Do you understand the nature of the charges to 14 itself. which you're pleading guilty? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 16 In reviewing your Petition to 17 THE COURT: 18 Plead Guilty, I see that it consists of some eight pages, and there's a signature on each page that reads Charles 19 20 Rudd. Are those in fact your signatures? 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 22 THE COURT: Have you read your Petition to 23 Plead Guilty? THE DEFENDANT: It was read to me. 24 25 THE COURT:

Okay. You didn't read it

26 yourself?

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THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

THE COURT: Did you go over the Petition to

Plead Guilty with your attorney and did your attorney read

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٦ ٔ the petition to you? THE DEFENDANT: She read it to me. 2 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about 3 anything in the petition? 4 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. 5 THE COURT: Do you understand everything 6 7 that's contained in your Petition to Plead Guilty? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 9 THE COURT: Is every statement or representation made by you in each paragraph of your 10 Petition to Plead Guilty true and correct? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 12 13 THE COURT: You've been represented in this matter by an attorney whose name is Lisa Ross. 14 satisfied with the services, advice, counsel and 15 16 assistance of your attorney? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 18 THE COURT: Do you have any complaints you'd like to make about your attorney at this time? 19 20 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. 21 THE COURT: When you enter your plea of quilty, Mr. Rudd, it is necessary that you must waive or 22 23 give up certain very valuable constitutional rights that are guaranteed and afforded you under the federal and 24 state constitutions. Those constitutional rights are set 25 26 out and stated in very specific detail in paragraph 5 of 27 your Petition to Plead Guilty. Do you understand your

constitutional rights as they're specifically set out and

stated in paragraph 5 of your Petition to Plead Guilty?

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accept that recommendation? I can sentence you to		
anything up to life in the armed robbery and I can		
sentence you to five years maximum in the escape charge,		
and that is the recommendation, is the maximum in the		
escape charge. Do you understand that?		
THE DEFENDANT: I wondered why that the		
maximum for escape was five years and that was what I was		
accepting.		
THE COURT: Well, that's the maximum		
sentence, and that's what they've offered. The concession		
that they've given you is that they're offering you 20		
with 10 suspended, 10 to serve on the armed robbery.		
THE DEFENDANT: I was aware of that one.		
THE COURT: Okay. But it's not as much as		
you could get. You could get about twice that. Do you		
understand?		
THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.		
THE COURT: But what my question to you is,		
did you understand that that's just a recommendation of		
the State and I don't have to accept it? I could give you		
the maximum sentence, which would be, I don't know what,		
without looking at the life expectancy tables, but you're		
23 now?		
THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.		
THE COURT: Between 40 and 45 years on the		
armed robbery is what I could give you, plus five on the		
escape. Do you understand that?		
THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.		
THE COURT: All right. How do you plead to		

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THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

Okay. Has anybody promised you THE COURT: anything to get you to plead guilty?

> No, sir. THE DEFENDANT:

Do you think anybody's put any THE COURT: undue influence or pressure on you to plead guilty?

> THE DEFENDANT: No. sir.

Okay. Now, here's the next THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty, Mr. Rudd, because you question. are quilty?

> THE DEFENDANT: No. sir.

THE COURT: Well, why are you pleading quilty if you didn't commit this crime?

THE DEFENDANT: Because I don't really remember what happened because at that point in my life I used to, you know, do drugs and stuff, and it was a lot of times where I would wake up and not have no recollection of the day before. I'm not using it as a means of justifying what took place because I feel that there is no justification for holding someone at gunpoint; however, I can't take the chance of, you know, going and losing my life over a mistake.

All right. So would it be a THE COURT: fair statement or question to ask you this way? Are you pleading guilty because that you believe that based upon the evidence that the State would present at your trial that your chance or possibility or probability of conviction is more likely or greater than acquittal and you wish to take advantage of the plea bargain offer

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1 THE COURT: I'm sorry? 2 MR. WILKINSON: Both of them have a 3 recommendation. 4 THE COURT: Oh, okay. I misunderstood 5 earlier, then. 6 MS. ROSS: That's right. 7 THE COURT: All right. What is the 8 recommendation of the State? 9 MR. WILKINSON: Your Honor, prior to making 10 a recommendation, we would like to ask Mr. Rudd some 11 questions. 12 THE COURT: Okay. \_13 MR. WILKINSON: Mr. Rudd, the night that you robbed the Shell Station in Madison, who was with you? 14 15 THE DEFENDANT: I don't recall. 16 MR. WILKINSON: You don't remember who was 17 with you that night? 18 THE DEFENDANT: I don't remember that night 19 period. 20 MR. WILKINSON: Your Honor, we withdraw the 21 recommendation. It was our understanding that the 22 defendant knew the two individuals that were with him and 23 he was willing to divulge their names. 24 THE DEFENDANT: I told them I was willing to 25 watch the tape and see do I recognize the person upon there, but I didn't say I remembered who was there because 26 ~ 27 I really don't even recall that night. 28 THE COURT: I'm going to have to let the

jury go to lunch and come back. Looks like this one is

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Guilty Plez earing Fishing U going to go into tomorrow by the time we get a jury 1 Do you want a few minutes to talk with him? 2 MS. ROSS: Yes, sir, Your Honor. 3 (BRIEF RECESS) 4 -5 THE COURT: All right. I think where we were in the plea is that Mr. Wilkinson was asking 6 7 questions, and the last question I heard was, Who was with you during the armed robbery? Can you answer that 8 question now, Mr. Rudd? 9 10 THE DEFENDANT: At this point, Your Honor, I would like to get a new lawyer. 11 12 THE COURT: No, sir. That's not going to 13 You're going to trial or you're going to enter a 14 plea of guilty today, and it does not matter to me which 15 one you do, but you're going to do one of the two, and you 16 can go with a lawyer or without a lawyer. 17 THE DEFENDANT: I feel I'm being improperly represented. 18 19 THE COURT: Why? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Because she's not working in 21 my best interest. 22 THE COURT: Well, I'm not discharging her from representing you. You're not going to jerk this 23 24 Court around, Mr. Rudd. THE DEFENDANT: I'm not working to jerk the 25 26 Court around, Your Honor. 27 THE COURT: Yes, sir. 28 THE DEFENDANT: Y'all are trying to make me

know something which I don't know, and I--

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	THE COURT: No, sir. Nobody's trying to			
	make you do anything. Now, if you know who was with you,			
	you know. If you don't, you don't. Now, if you don't			
	know, they're withdrawing the offer. If they withdraw the			
	offer, here's your options: You can plead open or you can			
	go to trial. That's your decision. Now, which one are			
	you going to do?			
	THE DEFENDANT: I want to file for a new			
	court date.			
	THE COURT: No, I will not grant a			
	continuance.			
	THE DEFENDANT: I'm trying to find out the			
	people who committed the crime so that I can answer the			
	question, and at this point I don't know, so, therefore,			
	I'm trying to find another outcome in order so I can			
	figure out who it was. At this point I just don't know			
who it was.				
	THE COURT: You're going to plead guilty or			
	go to trial. That's what I want to know.			
	THE DEFENDANT: Go to trial.			
	THE COURT: Okay. Here's your plea			
	petition.			
	(RECESS)			
	THE COURT: Okay. Now, are we going to try			
	the question again?			
	MR. WILKINSON: Back on the record. Mr.			
	Rudd, do you remember who was with you that night?			
	THE DEFENDANT: I think that was Ced.			
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MR. WILKINSON:

Ced?

1	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI		
2	STATE OF MISSISSIPPI		
3	VERSUS	THIS DAY D CAUSE NO: 1999-0393	
4		MAY 0 2 2007 2002-0229	
5	CHARLES RUDD LE	E WESTBROOK	
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7	SEN	TENCING HEARING	
8	BEFORE THE HONORABLE SAMAC RICHARDSON, CIRCUIT JUDGE,		
9	IN THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CANTON, MISSISSIPPI,		
10	ON OCTOBER 17, 2003.		
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13	APPEARANCES: RANDY	HARRIS, ESQUIRE	
14	Assis	tant District Attorney	
15	Post	Office Box 121	
16	Canto	n, Mississippi 39046	
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18		REPRESENTING THE STATE	
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21	WESLE	Y EVANS, ESQUIRE	
22	Attor	ney at Law	
23	Post	Office Box 528	
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THE COURT: Cause numbers 1999-0393 and 2002-0229, State versus Charles Rudd on a charge of armed robbery and escape. This matter is before the Court today on sentencing.

Okay. Do you have anything you want to say prior to imposition of sentence, Mr. Rudd?

MR. RUDD: Yes. I will -- I would like to say I -- I admit to being wrong for what I've done that day. And I -- I'm just asking for the mercy of the Court to forgive me for the wrong that I have committed, and impose a lighter -- a lighter sentence on me.

MR. EVANS: Your Honor, I'd just like to clarify for the record, I was not the attorney at trial. It's my understanding that, on the morning of trial, Mr. Rudd pled and there was a recommendation.

I've reviewed the court file and looked at the pleapetition, and it appears that he agreed to the recommendation. And I confirm the recommendation with the Judge and prosecutor.

THE COURT: Mr. Harris, do you have anything?

MR. HARRIS: No, sir.

THE COURT: Anyone else in the courtroom?

(NO RESPONSE)

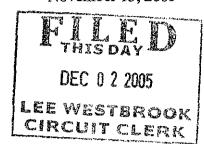
THE COURT: All right. Mr. Rudd, if I remember correctly, you appeared before the Court on the morning of your trial, and you were offered an opportunity to enter a plea of guilty the day before your trial. You, for some reason, refused to do that. And a plea bargain offer was made. It was subsequently withdrawn because you didn't want to plead guilty the day before the trial.

Exhibit W

Charles Rudd #L7678 Unit 32-A Building Parchman, MS 38738

November 15, 2005

Ms. Lee Westbrook, Clerk Circuit Court P.O. Drawer 1626 Canton, MS 39046



RE: Resubmitting of Habeas Corpus Petition

Attn. Clerk:

On or about October 2, 2004, I, Petitioner Charles Rudd L7678, acting Pro Se, submitted a Petition (via your office) for Writ of Habeas Corpus to be filed with the Court.

On or about January 3, 2005, I submitted a letter (via your office) to request information on the status of my petition.

To date, I have received no correspondence regarding said petition or letter from the Court or opposing counsel.

At this time I am requesting that this resubmitted Petition be upheld and the first petition be dismissed due to later found error on the prima facie of the prior petition.

Enclosed, please find a filing with the Court, one original and three copies of the following: Resubmitted Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, Memorandum Brief in Support of Writ of Habeas Corpus, Motion for Appointment of Counsel, Brief in Support of Appointment of Counsel, and Affidavit of Poverty.

Once the Petition has been filed please return the copy of each of the above pleadings marked "Petitioner's File Copy."

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

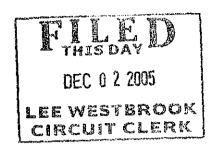
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

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# PETITON FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

CHARLES RUDD #L7678 UNIT 32-A BLDG. PARCHMAN, MS 38738

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

CHARLES RUDD #L7678

vs. CASE NO: <u>99-0393 & 2002-0229</u>

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

#### PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner, Pro Se, Charles Rudd, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254, seeks a Writ of Habeas Corpus and state:

- 1) Petitioner is presently in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and is confined at the State Penitentiary of Parchman, Mississippi (M.S.P.).
- 2) Petitioner is presently unconstitutionally detained and imprisoned at Mississippi State Penitentiary by Donald Canaba, Superintendent, by virtue of a judgment and sentence of 30 years pronounced by the Honorable Judge Richardson, Circuit Court Judge of Madison County, Canton, Mississippi, on October 17, 2003, for the conviction by guilty plea of Armed Robbery, IN CAUSE NO.: 99-0393 AND ESCAPE IN CAUSE NO.: 2002-0229.
- 3) Petitioner is imprisoned pursuant to an illegal and void sentence because his guilty plea was constitutionally defective for the following reasons:

## GROUND ONE: Involuntary Guilty Plea

a) The trial court committed reversible error when it decided not to carry out the plea bargain agreement reached between the prosecutor and defense counsel, when the petitioner was told that he would received "only" a maximum of 10 years on the exception of the plea.

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- b) The guilty plea was unlawfully induced and a result of ignorance of the petitioner, who did not fully understand the effects and elements of the charge and plea, yet was coerced by counsel to accept a plea of guilty.
- c) The trial court committed reversible error when it failed to take the petitioner before the court to accept the guilty plea.
- d) The trial court committed reversible error when it admitted a plea of guilty that was fraudulently obtained, when the signature for the petitioner was not signed by the petitioner.

#### GROUND TWO: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

- a) Counsel for the petitioner failed to file a Motion of Demur to challenge the improper indictment, after it was brought to the attention of the counsel.
- b) Counsel for the petitioner refused to take the petitioner to trial because of fear of losing, denied the petitioner his right to trial.
- c) Counsel's failure to have a compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in favor of petitioner and failure to subpoena the witnesses after a request was made weeks in advance is reversible error.
- d) Counsel for petitioner submitted a plea agreement to the court that was not signed by the petitioner.
- e) Counsel performance was deficient causing reversible error when the petitioner was misled, confused, coerced, and forced to accept a plea of guilty.

# GROUND THREE: Abuse of Discretion and Error by Trial Court

- a) The trial court abused his power of discretion by refusing to grant a continuance so that the petitioner could get properly prepared for trial.
- b) The trial court abused his power of discretion when he denied the petitioner his right to have a newly appointed attorney after being advised of the conflict of interest he, the petitioner, was having with counsel, which violated the petitioner's Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution under Due Process.
- c) The petitioner was not taken before the court for the exception of his plea of guilty.

# GROUND FOUR: Improper Indictment

- a) On the Prima Facie of indictment in which the conviction made, errored when named petitioner as a victim of the crime in question.
- 4) Petitioner argues his innocence for the crime for which he was charged, and to which he pled guilty.
- 5) Petitioner is imprisoned pursuant to a sentence that is illegal and void for the reasons presented above.

# WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests:

- A) The Respondent(s) be required to appear and answer the allegations of this petition.
- B) That after full consideration this Court relieve Petitioner of the unconstitutional restraint on his liberty by issuing a Writ of Habeas Corpus.
  - C) That this Court declare Petitioner's guilty plea and conviction void.

- D) That this Court vacate, set aside, or expunge the plea and conviction with prejudice.
- E) Or that this court re-enter a sentence of "time served" ordering the Petitioner release forthwith.
  - F) That this Court, if necessary, grant an evidentiary hearing.
- G) That the Court, if necessary, grant reasonable bond so that Petitioner does not have to remain confined under illegal sentence.
- H) That this Court grant such other, further and different relief as it may deem just and proper.

Signed this 29 4h day of November, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Rudd L7678

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CHARLES RUDD

**PETITIONER** 

vs.

CASE NO: 99-0393 & 2002-0229

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RESPONDENT

MEMORANDUM BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF WRIT OF HABEAS COPRUS

PETITIONER IN PRO SE:

CHARLES RUDD #L7678 Unit 32-A Building Parchman, MS 38738

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The undersigned Petitioner certifies the following listed persons have an interest in the outcome of the case. This is made in order that the Judge of this Honorable Court may evaluate possible disqualifications or recusals:

Walter Kelly Superintendent P.O. Box 36 Parchman, MS 38738 Honorable Judge Richardson Madison County Circuit Court 146 West Center Street Canton, MS 39046

District Attorney for Madison County P.O. Box 121 Canton, MS 39046 Mr. Charles Rudd L7678 Petitioner Pro Se Unit 32-A Building Parchman, MS 38738

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Ms. Lee Westbrook Madison County Circuit Court Clerk P.O. Drawer Street Canton, MS 39046 Ruth Rudd Petitioner's Mother 6222 Broad Oak Jackson, MS 39211

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#### **ISSUES PRESENTED**

In the face of this court's controlling opinion in *Boria v. Keane*, 99 F.3d 492 (2d Cir. 1996):

- I. Does a defendant enter an involuntary guilty plea, when plea bargain agreement reached between the prosecutor and defense counsel was unlawfully induced, coerced, and a result of ignorance, when defense counsel coerced to the acceptance of the plea, when signature on the plea was not that of the Petitioner or when the trial court decided not to carry out the plea bargain as explained by defense counsel; and
- II. Is a defendant denied effective assistance of counsel when trial counsel failed to file a Motion of Demur to challenge the improper indictment or move for Motion to Dismiss after it was brought to counsel's attention; when refusing to take a defendant to trial because of counsel's fear of losing; when counsel failed to have a compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in favor of the defendant, and failed to subpoena witnesses after it it was requested weeks in advance; further deficientness took place when counsel submitted a plea agreement that was not signed by the defendant; and when defendant was misled, confused, coerced, and overall forced to accept a plea of guilty; and
- III. Whether the trial court abused its power of discretion in errored by refusing the defendant a continuance so that the defendant could get properly prepared for trial; when court denied the defendant the right to have a newly appointed counsel even after being advised of their conflicting interest; and errored when defendant was not allowed to accept his plea of guilty before an open court; and

IV. Is a defendant denied fundamental fairness and due process of law and notice of charges went indictment failed to include an essential elements when it named the defendant as the victim of the crime?

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CHARLES RUDD

PETITIONER

VS.

CASE NO: 99-0393 <u>& 2002-0229</u>

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RESPONDENT

# MEMORANDUM BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF WRIT OF HABEAS COPRUS

Comes Now, Charles Rudd, Petitioner, Pro-Se, and files this, his Memorandum Brief in Support of Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 99-39-1 et. seq., and in support thereof would show unto this Honorable Court the following, to-wit:

# SUMMARY OF CASE

Petitioner was indicted by the Grand Jury of Madison County on or about the 17th day of November, 1999, on the charge of Armed Robbery, Miss. Code Ann. §97-3-79. Thereafter, Petitioner was convicted by a plea of guilty on the said charge of Armed Robbery and the charge of Attempted Escape, and sentenced by the Honorable Judge Richardson, to a total of 30 years, 20 and 5 years for the charge of Armed Robbery, and 5 years for the Attempted Escape. Judgment was entered in conviction and sentencing was imposed on the 17th day of October, 2003, for (1) TWENTY (20) years to be served in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the last TEN (10) years be suspended and released a for a term of FIVE (5) years on SUPERVISED PROBATION, and (2), FIVE (5) years to be served consecutively with the imposed TWENTY (20) years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

#### STATEMENT OF CASE

On or about the 17th day of November, 1999, Charles Rudd, the Petitioner, Pro Se, was indicted by the Grand Jury of Madison County, Mississippi, on the charge of Armed Robbery under Section 97-3-79 of Mississippi Code Annotated (MCA).

Public Defender, Ms. Lisa Ross, of Madison County, was appointed to represent Petitioner at trial. Trial was set for on or about May 22, 2000.

On May 30, 2000, a bench warrant was issued for the Petitioner for failure to appear or contact the Court after being released on a \$50,000 bond from Madison County Jail, which Petitioner argues that he was not advised about the day of his trial, or his counsel.

On or about the 5th day of February, 2002 the Petitioner was detained by the Sheriff Department of Madison County and placed in the Madison County Jail with no bond, to await trial.

On or about April 10, 2002, Petitioner Charles Rudd contacted the Mississippi Bar in writing, requesting to hear from his attorney because it had been over 30 days prior to the day he was detained, and he had not yet heard from his counsel.

On or about April 15, 2002, Mr. Robert Glen Waddle, Director Consumer Assistance Program, responded inquiring the name, address, and/or phone number of Petitioner's counsel. However, the Petitioner was unaware of either.

On or about April 22, 2002, Petitioner Charles Rudd again contacted Mr. Waddle in writing to inform him, he, Charles Rudd, did not have the information he, Mr. Waddle, had requested.

On or about April 25, 2002, Mr. Waddle, informed Petitioner to contact Mr. Ben Conner, who is the attorney that assists in assignments of court appointed attorneys and Madison County.

On or about May 6, 2002, Petitioner contacted Mr. Conner, in a writing requesting representation, yet Mr. Conner did not respond.

On or about May 20, 2002, Charles Rudd, the Petitioner submitted another letter to Mr. Ben Conner, and again, Petitioner got no response.

On or about the same day of May 20, 2002, Petitioner submitted a follow-up letter to Mr. Waddle, to inform the Mississippi Bar that he, the Petitioner, had not yet received a response from Mr. Ben Conner concerning his, the Petitioner's request for counsel.

On or about May 24, 2002, Mr. Waddle informed the Petitioner that he, Mr. Waddle, had requested that the Petitioner's counsel contact him immediately.

After still not receiving a response from counsel, Petitioner contacted the Circuit Court Clerk, Ms. Lee Westbrook, of Madison County, in writing, on or about June 19, 2002, informing her of the growing concern that he was having not being able to obtain an appointed counsel.

Shortly thereafter, Petitioner was called to court, on or about June 28, 2002, to meet with his counsel. Ms. Lisa Ross, and on speaking with her, he was informed that she had failed to locate his file, and that she would be by the jail later to review his case with him.

On or about June 30, 2002, counsel appeared at the jail and she said, but not to review the Petitioner's case, but to offer a guilty plea. Upon refusal, counsel then inquired as to what the Petitioner had previously been charged with and then departed.

On or about July 2, 2002, the Petitioner, was called back to court to be offered another plea agreement, which the Petitioner again declined.

On or about July 3, 2002, the Petitioner allegedly attempted to escape from Madison County Jail, by scaling the wall onto the roof of the said Madison County Jail, and jumping off onto the outside yard wherehe was caught and brought upon the charge of Attempted Escape of a

Prisoner under Section 97-9-29 of MS Code Annotated, in the presence of The Honorable Judge, Tommy Faulkner.

Petitioner was set to have trial on the 19th of July on the charge of Armed Robbery, but counsel informed him that she had it reset for the 17th of July, which at that point Petitioner argues that counsel still had not reviewed his case with him. At that time Petitioner requested a copy of his Discovery so he could assist in his defense, which the Petitioner argues the counsel denied by stating she did not get paid to run off copies.

On or about July 8, 2002, counsel finally reviewed the case with the Petitioner, yet still failed to furnish him a copy of his Motion of Discovery, nor did counsel give him an ample amount of time to read the one she had.

Petitioner also contest, that on the same day, which was on or about July 8, he presented counsel with a list of witnesses and addresses he wanted to have subpoensed on his behalf.

Petitioner further argues that on or about July 12, 2002, counsel for the Petitioner, made it very clear that she believed him to be a participant in the alleged crime, regardless that there was no evidence in support of accusation, when counsel allegedly stated "I would have called the police on your a\*\* if I had been the victim." Then went on to state that she refused to take the Petitioner to trial.

On or about July 17, 2002, the day reset for trial, Petitioner was taken to the courthouse, where counsel again worked to coerce him to accept a plea. Petitioner also contends that counsel had failed to subpoenae his witnesses, her reason being that they should want to come on their own. Counsel then stated that she was going to get the Petitioner 10 years total for both charges combined. Counsel also stated that was the best she could do because Armed Robbery carried life, and Attempted Escape carried 10 years. Counsel further argued that Petitioner would only

have to serve 85% of the imposed sentence. Yet after hearing this Petitioner again refused.

Counsel then asked if anyone had showed up on the Petitioner's behalf as she left the holding area. On her return, counsel was accompanied by Charlotte Rudd, the Petitioner's sister. The Petitioner was exhilarated at the sight of his sister, but soon thereafter he became discontent and emotionally unstable, which he also worked to convince him to accept a guilty plea.

After being coerced by both, counsel and sister, the Petitioner stated that he would reconsider the plea agreement. On hearing this, counsel asked Petitioner's sister to wait out front while she got the papers in order. Counsel then escorted Petitioner's sister out and returned with a stack of papers which she briefly read to the Petitioner, then she left again and returned with a guard to escort the Petitioner to a room which Petitioner thought of as a conference room.

While in this room, Petitioner advised Honorable Judge Richard, that he no longer wanted Ms. Lisa Ross as his counsel, because she had not represented him to what he felt like were her best abilities nor worked in his best interest. His request was said to be denied unless he could obtain an attorney with an hour for trial that day. This left the Petitioner with two choices: 1) keep Ms. Lisa Ross as his counsel and go to trial, which counsel was unwilling to do, or 2) accept a plea of guilty. Petitioner then moved for a continuance, which was also denied. As a result Petitioner agreed to the plea of guilty

#### **SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS**

Petitioner, Mr. Rudd, argues that he was denied a fair pretrial process and due process from the very beginning, when the indictment was returned but without the essential element, when it named the Petitioner as a victim of the crime, then during pretrial proceedings his appointed defense counsel failed to file paper motions to the such after it was brought to the

attention of counsel. Mr. Rudd's attorney failed to have a compulsory process and subpoena his witnesses after a request was made by Mr. Rudd. Also, counsel was deficient when she refused to take the Petitioner to trial, rmisled and coerced him to accept a plea of guilty. Further arguments by the Petitioner came when trial court refused to allow him a newly appointed counsel after being advised of their conflict of interest. Petitioner also argues that trial court errored by not allowing him, Mr. Rudd, a continuance so that he could obtain a new defense attorney, and properly prepare for trial. He argues that he was not taken before the court to accept his plea of guilt and that he did not sign, nor did he fully understand his plea agreement.

## ARGUMENT AND BRIEF

#### Issue One

Where a defendant entered an involuntary guilty plea, when plea bargain agreement reached between the prosecutor and defense counsel was unlawfully induced, coerced, and a result of ignorance, when defense counsel coerced the acceptance of the plea, when signature on the plea was not that of the Petitioner, or when the trial court decided not to carry out the plea bargain as explained by defense counsel.

Petitioner contends that the prosecutor and defense counsel unlawfully induced, coerced his plea of guilty and the result was an involuntary guilty plea on the behalf of the Petitioner, due to ignorance, when the Petitioner did not fully understand the effects and elements of the charge and plea. Rule 8.04 (A)(3) Entry of Guilty Pleas states: voluntariness. Before the trial court may accept a plea of guilty, the court must determine that the plea is voluntarily and intelligently made and that there is factual basis for the plea. A plea of guilty is not voluntarily if induced by fear, violence, deception, or improper inducements. A showing that the plea of guilt was

voluntary and intelligently made must appear in the record... In stating this, the Petitioner wants to point out that his counsel deceived him by stating that he would not receive more than 10 years, and that he could get paroled after serving 85 percent of his sentence. The same was said to be true in Myers v. State, (Miss. 1991) 583 So. 2d 174, when the defendant alleged that his attorney told him that he would receive a sentence of less than 12 years if he entered a guilty plea, and defendant entered a plea of guilty whereupon he was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment... The same was done to the Petitioner, when he was informed, by counsel, that he would receive a total of 10 years, yet he received a total of 30 years... Also, the Petitioner argues that his counsel informed him that if he were to enter trial he would receive a life sentence, but on the entry of guilty he would receive parole after serving 85 percent of his time, initially misinforming the Petitioner about eligibility for parole and misrepresenting, by failure to inform him of the minimum sentence, when he was not informed that the first 10 years of an Armed Robbery charge is mandatory, and by not informing him that he could have received a minimum of 3 years if found guilty at trial. Had it not been for this the Petitioner would not have accepted the plea of guilty. See: Strickland v. Washington, 466 US 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052; Walker v. State, 703 So. 3d 266, 268, (Miss. 1992).

Petitioner argues that his plea of guilty was involuntary when he failed to sign the plea agreement... In Rule 4.0 of the Criminal Rules states: The prosecuting attorney is encouraged to discuss and agree on pleas which may be entered by the defendant. Such agreement and discussion must be conducted with defendants counsel, or if unrepresented, it may be conducted with the defendant...Defense counsel shall not conclude any plea bargaining on behalf of his/her client without his/her clients "full and complete" consent,...Defense Council shall advise defendant of "all" pertinent matters bearing on the choice of plea to enter and likely results or

alternatives. [Emphasis added]. The same as said in Rule 8.04(B)(3) Plea Bargaining which states: Defense attorneys shall not conclude any plea bargaining on behalf of the defendant without the defendant's "full" and "complete" consent, being that the decision to plead is made by defendant. Defense attorneys must advise defendant of "all" pertinent matters bearing on the choice of plea, including likely results or alternatives.

Petitioner further argues that plea bargain was not carried out as explained by defense counsel, in quoting *U.S. v. Maddox*, 48 F.3d 555 (D.C. Cir. 1995).

- 1) Fact that it is left to district court's discretion whether to accept or reject a guilty plea does not allow court to reject plea on arbitrary basis.
- 2) District court's exercise of discretion in deciding whether to accept or reject guilty plea is not unfettered.
- Trial judge must provide reasoned exercise of discretion in order to justify rejecting guilty plea which has been agreed to by prosecution and defense, *Dickerson v. U.S.*, 530 U.S. 428, 147 L.Ed 2d 405, 120 S.Ct. 2326 (2000). Due process test for evaluating voluntariness of defendant's confession requires inquiry into whether defendants will was overborne by the circumstances surrounding the giving of confession...Petitioner contends that he agreed to the plea, due to unjust circumstances surrounding his confession.

#### Issue Two

Whether a defendant is denied effective assistance of counsel, when trial counsel failed to file Motion of Demur to challenge the improper indictment or move for motion to dismiss after it was brought to counsel's attention; when refusing to take the defendant to trial because of counsel's fear of losing; when counsel failed to have a compulsory process

for obtaining witnesses in favor of the defendant, and failed to subpoen his witnesses after it was requested weeks in advance; if further deficientness took place when counsel submitted a plea agreement that was not signed by the defendant; and whether defendant was misled, confused, coerced, and overall forced to accept a plea of guilty.

Petitioner contends that defense counsel errored when she failed to file a Motion of Demur to challenge the improper indictment, even after it was brought to her attention, which charged the Petitioner as a victim of the crime. The same is true in *Anselom v. State*, 312 So. 3d 712 (Miss. 1975). In another case of ineffective assistance of counsel, which was based on allegations that the defendants counsel failed to object to allegedly defect/ve indictment and erroneously advising the defendant to plead guilty is seen in *Brooks v. State*, (1990, Miss) 573 So.2d 1350. Petitioner contends that his defense counsel stated the defect in his indictment did not matter. In *Mason v. Hanks*, 97 F.3d 887 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996), counsel's failure to make objections in light of the essential elements render counsel's ability to defend Petitioner effective, thus causing defendant hindrance in having a fair and impartial trial. Counsel's performance in this issue was deficient in prejudicial to Petitioner.

Also, Petitioner argues that counsel errored when failed to advise him of all conditions of waving his indictment for escape when it was not accepted in open court like stated in Federal Rule 7(a) of Criminal Procedure. Indictment and the Information states: Waiver of indictment, an offense which may be punished by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year or at hard labor may be prosecuted by information if the defendant, after having been advised of the nature of the charge and of the right of the defendant waive in open court prosecution by indictment.

The Petitioner contends that counsel's refusal to proceed in trial process because of fear of losing, denied the Petitioner the right to trial, which is a violation of his Sixth Constitutional Right, which states: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime(s) shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense. See: *Edwards v. State*, 2001, 796 So.3d 1040....The court in *Payton v. State*, 708 So.2d 559, at 561 (Miss. 1998) said "Some Sixth Amendment violations, however, are so flagrant that no punctilious calibration of prejudice is necessary...Even an obviously guilty defendant is entitled to a fair trial." (citing *Ferguson v. State*, 507 So.2d 94, at 97 (Miss. 1987).) It was said in *Quintero v. Bell*, 256 F.3d 409 (6th Cir. 2001), *Shewfelt v. Alaska*, 228 F.3d 1088 (9th Cir. 2000).

- 1) "Structural errors" call into question the very accuracy and reliability of the trial process and thus are not amendable to harmless error analysis, but require automatic reversal.
- 2) Denial of jury trial is a structural error subject to automatic reversal.

  Brown v. Artuz, 283 F.3d 492 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2002) states: The right of public trial is of such importance that any error affecting it is deemed "structural," making the denial of the right one of the "limited class of cases" where reversal is automatic.

Petitioner argues that counsel's failure to have a compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in favor of the Petitioner and failure to subpoena his witnesses after a request was made weeks in advance, resulting in a deficient performance by counsel, and but for the deficiency the result of the proceedings would have been different. See: *Taylor v. Illinois*, U.S.

Ill 1998, 108 S.Ct. 646, 484 U.S. 400, 98 L.Ed. 2d 798, also see *Edwards v. State*, 2001, 797 So.3d 1049; *McCuisten v. State*, 2001, 791 So.2d 315; and *Cole v. State* (Miss. 1995) 666 So.2d 767, Criminal Law 641.13(1). The Constitution guarantees a fair trial through \*685 the Due Process Clause, but it defines the basic elements of a fair trial largely through the several provisions of the Sixth Amendment, including the Counsel Clause:

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and District wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusations; to be confronted with the witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

See Argersinger v. Hamlin, 407 U.S. 25, 92 S.Ct. 2006, 32 L.Ed. 2d 530 (1972);

Gideon v. Wainwright, supra; Johnson v. Zerbst, supra. In these cases it is said that a person who happens to be a lawyer is present alongside the accused is not enough to satisfy the constitutional command. The Sixth Amendment recognizes the right to the assistance of counsel because it envisions counsel's playing a role that is critical to the ability of the adversarial system to produce just results. An accused is entitled to be assisted by an attorney, whether retained or appointed, who plays the role necessary to ensure that the trial is fair. In Cuyler v. Sullivan, 466 U.S. at 344, 100 S. Ct., at 1716, Id., at 345-350, 100 S.Ct. at 1716-1719 (actual conflict of interest adversely affecting lawyer's performance renders assistance ineffective.) It was later said in Cuyler v. Sullivan, supra, 446 U.S., at 346, 90 S.Ct., at 1717. Representation of a criminal defendant entails certain basic duties. Counsel's function is to assist the defendant, and hence counsel owes the client a duty of loyalty, a duty to avoid conflicts of interest. Counsel's function as assistant to the defendant derive the werarching duty to advocate the defendant cause

and the more particular duties to consult with the defendant informed of important developments it the course of the prosecution. See *Powell v. Alabama*, 287, U.S., at 68-69, 53 S.Ct., at 63-64.

Petitioner argues that counsel's performance was deficient causing reversible error when the Petitioner was misled, confused, coerced, and forced to accept a plea of guilty when counsel told him he would receive no more than 10 years including probation, and that his charges would be ran concurrent on acceptance of the plea of guilty. However, the Petitioner received a total of 30 years including probation, and he was not eligible to serve only 85%, plus his charges are being ran consecutively. See Alexander v. State, (Miss. 1992) 605 So.2d 1170. Criminal Law. In which a defendant who was convicted of armed robbery was entitled to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to §§ 99-39-13 through 99-39-23 on the issue of whether he was afforded ineffective counsel during the plea process, where the defendant alleged that his attorney erroneously informed him that if he accepted the prosecution's plea bargain offer of 15 years imprisonment he would be eligible for parole after serving 3 years and 9 months of his sentence and that he would not have accepted the prosecutor's plea bargain offer had he known that he would be ineligible for parole for 10 years pursuant to §47-7-3(1)(d) which provides that a person convicted and sentenced to more than 10 years imprisonment shall be eligible for parole after serving 10 years of sentence... The same is true in the Petitioner's case, and also in Myers v. State, (1991, Miss.) 583 So.2d 174, which provided a basis for relief. It was said in Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052; Walker v. State, 703 So.2d 266, 268, (Miss. 1992), that, failure of counsel to advise Petitioner of the maximum and minimum penalties provided by law rendered counsel's performance deficient.

Petitioner also contends that counsel was further deficient when counsel submitted a plea agreement that was not signed by the Petitioner himself. It was said in *Grabowski v. Jackson* 

County Public Defender's Office, 47 F.3d 1386 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995) to be valid, guilty plea must be knowingly, intelligently and involuntarily entered; defendant must be shown to understand nature of charge and consequences of plea. Rule 4.03 of the Criminal Rules states: The prosecuting attorney is encouraged to discuss and agree on please which may be entered by the defendant. Such agreements discussion must be conducted with the counsel, or if on represented, it may be conducted with the defendant...Defense counsel shall not conclude any plea bargaining on behalf of his client without his clients "full and complete" consent,...Defense counsel shall advise defendant of "all" pertinet matters bearing on the choice of plea to enter and likely results or alternatives. [Emphasis added].

In *Perry v. State*, 682 So.2d 1027, at 682 So. 1029, (Miss. 1996), the Court outlined the considerations in a claim of effectiveness of counsel as follows: The benchmark for judging any claim of ineffectiveness [of counsel] must do whether counsel's conduct so undermined the proper functioning of the adversarial process that the trial cannot be relied on as having produced a just result. *Strickland v. State*, 466 U.S. 668, 686, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 206364, 80 L.Ed. 2d 674 (1984). The test is two pronged: The defendant must demonstrate that the counsel's performance was deficient, and that the deficiency prejudiced the defense of the case. *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 687, 104 S.Ct. at 2064; *Washington v. State*, 620 So.2d 966, (Miss. 1993). This requires a showing that the counsel's errors was so serious as to deprive the conviction or death sentence resulted from a breakdown in the adversary process that renders the results unreliable. *Stringer v. State*, 454 So.2d 468, 477 (Miss. 1984), citing *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. at 687, 104 S.Ct. at 2064. In any case presenting an ineffectiveness claim, the performance inquiry must be whether counsel's assistance was "reasonable"

considering all the circumstances." Stringer at 477, citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 688, 104 S.Ct. at 2064-65; State v. Tokman, 564 So.2d 1339, 1343 (Miss. 1990).

The Court in *Payton v. State*, 708 So.2d 559, at 561 (Miss. 1998), said "Some Sixth Amendment violations, however, are so flagrant that no punctilious calibration of prejudice is necessary... Even an obviously guilty defendant is entitled to a fair trial." (citing *Ferguson v. State*, 507 So.2d 94, at 97 (Miss. 1987).)

# Issue Three

Whether the trial court abused its power of discretion and errored by refusing the defendant a continuance so that the defendant could get properly prepared for trial; when court denied the defendant the right to have a newly appointed counsel even after being advised of their conflicting interest; and errored when defendant was not allowed to accept his plea of guilty before an open court.

Petitioner contends that trial court abused its power of discretion and errored by refusing the Petitioner a continuance so that the Petitioner could get properly prepared for trial. It was said that, a State must provide an indigent defendant with the basic tools to present an adequate defense or appeal. *Hawkins v. Mullin*, 291 F.3d 658 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002).

Petitioner also contends that the trial court errored when it denied the Petitioner the right to have a newly appointed counsel after being advised of their conflict of interest. When a defendant voices a seemingly substantial complaint about counsel, the court should inquire into the reason for dissatisfaction. *U.S. v. Simeonov*, 252 F.3d 238 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2003). In *Lockhart v. Terhune*, 250 F.3d 1223 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001). Defendants Sixth Amendment right to counsel includes the right to be represented by an attorney with undivided loyalty. The same is true in

Smith v. State, (Miss. 1995) 666 So.2d 810. Constitutional Law 268.1(b). It is stated in Universal Acupuncture V. Quadrine and Schwartz, 370 F.3d 259 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2004). Under New York Law, client may discharge his or her a lawyer at any time, with or without cause. I.d., at 1258-1259 (quoting Rummel v. Estell, 590 F.2d 103, 104 CA5 1979).) The court observed that only in cases of outright denial of counsel, of affirmative government interference in the representation process, or of inherently prejudicial conflicts of interest had this court said that no special showing of prejudice need be made.

Petitioner argues that trial court errored when it did not accept the Petitioner's plea of guilty before the open court. Rule 11. Pleas (a)(2)(c) states: Before accepting a plea of guilty or nole contendere, the court must address the defendant personally "in an open court" and inform the defendant of and determine that the defendant understands...(b)(d) Ensuring That the Plea Is Voluntary. The court shall not accept a plea of guilty or nole contendere without first, by addressing the defendant personally "in an open court," determining that the plea is voluntary and not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from a plea agreement. The court shall also inquire as to whether the defendant willingness to plead guilty or nole conetendere results from prior discussions between the attorney for the government and the defendant or the defendant's attorney. Statutes involving criminal procedure should also be examined. Miss. Code Ann. §99-19-3 (1972) In \*1024 §99-19-3. Convictions Obtained Only by Verdict or Guilty Plea - No Punishment without Legal Conviction states: A person indicted for a criminal offense shall not be convicted thereof, unless by confession of his guilt "in open court." Now \*1025 Miss. Code Ann. §99-19-3, provides that a person shall not be convicted for criminal offense for which he has been indicted unless by a confession of his guilt "in open court" or by the verdict of a jury.

The government has a special responsibility to ensure the integrity of the criminal judicial process by living up to the code of professional ethics and fair play at all times. *U.S. v. White*, 222 F.3d (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000); *U.S. v. Walker*, 234 F.3d 780 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2000). District courts have an independent duty to ensure fairness of criminal trials. *Haupt v. Dillard*, 17 F.3d 285 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994); *Liljerberg v. Health Serv. Corp.*, 486 US 847, 100 L.Ed. 2d 855, 108 S.Ct. 2194 (1988). Right to a fair trial is basic requirement of due process and includes right of unbiased judge. *U.S. v. Fuchs*, 218 F.3d 957 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000) states: A trial court commits plain error when (1) there is error, (2) that is plain, and (3) the error affects substantial rights, which the Petitioner has been subject to all three.

# Issue Four

Whether a defendant is denied fundamental fairness and due process of law and notice of charges when indictment failed to include an essential element when it named the defendant as the victim of the crime?

Petitioner contends that the prime facie of his indictment for Armed Robbery errored when it named him as the victim of the crime. *Huges v. State*, 207 Miss. 594, 42 So.2d 805 (1949) states, an indictment "must" state name of victim of an offense, and a failure to state or material variance between statement and proof of the name is "fatal." An example of this is in *Mayes v. State*, 193 So.2d 728 (Miss. 1967), which stated, an indictment for embezzlement that does not set out the name of the owner of the property embezzled is fatally defective, and the defect was not waived by the defendant's failure to demur. The same was said in *Crosby v. State*, 191 Miss. 172, 2 So.2d 813 (1941), where an allegation as to the ownership of the building said to have been burglarized being an essential element of an indictment of burglary to

contain such allegation was finally defective, and could not be remedied by amendment. It was said in U.S. v. Loavza, 107 F.3d 257 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

- 1) If indictment does not contain every essential element of offense, it is invalid, and bill of particulars cannot cure the defect.
- 2) To be legally sufficient, indictment must contain elements of offense charged, fairly informing defendant of charge, and enable defendant to plead double jeopardy as defense and future prosecution of the same offense.

Also in *United States v. Santeramo*, 45 F.3d 622, 624 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 1995) (pre curiam). The requirement that an indictment is to contain all of the elements of the offense provides a defendant with notice and protection from double jeopardy. See Const. Amend V ("nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb"); (Const. Amend VI ("the accused shall enjoy the right... to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation"). An indictment also "limit[s] [the defendant's] jeopardy to offense(s) charged by a group of his fellow citizens acting independently of either prosecuting attorney or judge."

Stirone v. United States, 361 U.S. 212, 218, 80 S.Ct. 270, 4 L.Ed 2d 252 (1960). Happily, the rule that the indictment, to be sufficient, must contain all the elements of the crime... is still a vital part of our federal criminal jurisprudence." United States v. Wander, 601 F.2d 1251, 1259 (3d Cir. 1979) quoting United States v. Knox Coal Co., 347 F.2d 33, 37 (3d Cir. 1965)).

Petitioner also contends that failure of the indictment to be amended by grand jury was in direct violation of statute that states that amendments to indictments as to substance of charge must be made by grand jury. *Hughes v. State*, 665 So.2d 852 (Miss. 1995). The Supreme Court has stated that a defendant has a "substantial right to be tried only on charge(s) presented in an indictment returned by a grand jury. Deprivation of such a basic right is far too serious to be

treated as nothing more than a variance and then dismissed as harmless error." Stirone v. United States, 361, U.S. 212, 217, 80 S.Ct. 270, 4 L.Ed. 2d 252 (1960). Indictment may only be amended for matters of form and not of substance, and trial court cannot amend indictment to change charge therein to another crime except by action of grand jury which returned indictment Shive v. State, 507 So.2d 898 (Miss. 1987). The same as said in U.S. v. Ohinsa, 243 F.3d 635 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2001), which states: in indictment may not be amended except by resubmission to the grand jury, unless the charge is merely a matter of form. U.S. v. Chay, 309 F.3d 602 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002) states, even under plain error review, if constructive amendment to indictment prejudiced defendant, the conviction must be reversed. In U.S. v. Harris, 344 F.3d 803 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003) U.S. v. Clemente, 22 F.3d 783 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994), it was said that,

- 1) The Fifth Amendment requires that defendant be tried only on charge handed down by grand jury and, thus, after indictment has been returned, its charges may not be broadened through amendment except by grand jury.
- 2) Variance rise to the level of reversible error where evidence presented at trial, together with jury instructions, raises possibility that defendant was convicted of offense other than that charged in indictment. *U.S. v. Cianci*, 378 F.3d 71 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2004) states: Amending the indictment is considered prejudical pro se and thus demands reversal.

It was said in *U.S. v. Rosario-Diaz*, 202 F.3d 54 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2000) that, if a court permits a jury to convict a defendant on evidence of a crime not included in the indictment, the constitutional right to the grand jury is violated. To be sufficient, an indictment must allege each material element of the offense, if it does not, it fails to charge that offense, because an indictment is jurisdictional, a defect in an indictment is not waived by a guilty plea. *U.S. v. Berries-Centone*, 250 F.3d 294 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001) (1), (2). It is said that an omission in an

any time notwithstanding this section [code 1942, §2449] Cook v. State, 72 Miss, 517, 17 So. 228 (1895), Taylor v. State, 74 Miss. 544, 21 So. 124 (1897). Pleading guilty does not waive a defendant rights to indictment by a grand jury U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. 5.

A) The defect in the Section 924(c) Counts of the Indictment. [1] The Grand Jury Clause of United States Constitution provides that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury."

U.S. Const. Amend. V. We have said that [t]o comport with the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, a criminal indictment must (1) contains all of the elements of the offense so as to fairly inform the defendant of the charge(s) against him and (2) enable the defendant to plead double jeopardy in defense of future prosecutions for the same offense.

# **CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons stated herein, Petitioner Charles Rudd, Pro Se, respectfully requests that this Court to reverse, vacate, set aside, or expunge the plea and conviction with prejudice, impose a sentence of "time served," ordering the Petitioner release forthwith, and/or any other different relief as it may deem just and proper.

This the 29 th day of November, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rudd #L7678

Unit 32-E Building Parchman, MS 38738

# **VERIFICATION**

I, Charles Rudd #L7678, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in the foregoing brief are true and correct.

This the 29th day of November, 2005.

Charles Rudd #1 7678

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF SUNFLOWER

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for said jurisdiction, the within named Petitioner, who after first being by me duly sworn, stated on oath that the statements set forth in the above forgoing are true and correct as therein stated.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBE before me, this the Alay of Allemin, 2005.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

#### CHARLES RUDD #L7678

vs.

CASE NO: 99-0393 & 2002-0229

### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Petitioner Charles Rudd, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A(g), requests this Court to appoint counsel to represent him in this Habeas Petition for the following reasons:

- 1) Petitioner is not able to afford counsel, see the Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis and Affidavit in support filed with this Court.
  - The issues involved in this case are complete. 2)
  - 3) The issues involved in this case will require investigation.
- 4) The prison limits the hours that the petitioner may have access to the law library and the law materials contained there are very limited.
  - 5) Petitioner has a very limited knowledge of the law.
- The end of justice would best be served in this case if an attorney was appointed 6) to represent the petitioner.

Signed this 29 th day of November, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Rudd #L7678

Unit 32-D Building

Parchman, MS 38738

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Petitioner has requested this Court to appoint counsel to represent him concerning the attached Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. The Court has discretion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A(g) to appoint counsel concerning matters brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2241, 2254, 2255. For the reasons stated in petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel and based on the allegations contained in his petition this Court should appoint counsel.

Signed this 29th day of November, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Rudd Charles Rudd #L7678

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# AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the aforesaid jurisdiction, Charles Rudd, M.D.O.L. #L7678, who, being first duly sworn on his oath, does depose and sayeth:

I, Charles Rudd, do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the State of Mississippi, and because of my poverty I am not able to pay the costs for this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, which I am about to commence, and that, to the best of my belief, I am entitled to the redress which I seek by such sort.

Charles Rudd #L7678

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIPTED REFORE ME, this the day of Alexander, 2005.

My Commission Expires:

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# COUNTY OF SUNFLOWER

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the under signed authority in and foresaid jurisdiction, the within named Petitioner, who after first being by me duly sworn, stated on oath that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing are true and correct as therein stated.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this the May of Manage, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC

MISSISSIPPI STATEVIDE NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2008 BONDED THRU STEGALL NOTARY SERVICE

My Commission Expires:

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I, Charles Rudd, M.D.O.C. #L7678, have this day and date mailed, via United States Mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy to the following:

Ms. Lee Westbrook Madison County Circuit Court Clerk P.O. Drawer Street Canton, MS 39046

Madison County, District Attorney P.O. Box 121 Canton, MS 39046 Mr. Jim Hood Attorney General P.O. Box 220 Jackson, MS 39205

Mr. Charles Rudd Petitioner Pro Se Unit 32-A Building Parchman, MS 38738

This the 29th day of November, 2005.

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January 3, 2006

Ms. Lee Westbrook, Clerk Circuit Court P.O. Drawer 1626 Canton, MS 39046

RE: Submitting Of Exhibits In Support Of Habeas Corpus Petition

Attn. Clerk:

Enclosed, please find a filing with the Court, one original and three Copies of the following Exhibits: Affidavit In Support of; Letters? Responses.

Once the Exhibits has been filed, please return a copy of each of the above Exhibits for the Petitioner's file, stamped "Filed".

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CHARLES RUDO L7678 Parchman, MS 38738

PETITIONER IN PRO SE:

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### Affidavit in Support Of

I Charlotte Rudd, give this statement of my own free will without any threat or promise by any party, to wit;

On or about July 15, 2002, I received a call from Ms Lisa Ross about 10:30a.m. She stated that she was the court appointed public defender who was assigned to represent my brother, Charles Rudd, in this case. She stated she only had a couple of days to follow up on his case as far as any witnesses to testify on his behalf. She gave me to names of Niki and Bugaloo, in which are nicknames, to get addresses on to contact. Ms Ross said that Charles gave these two names because these two people could testify on his behalf of his where about on the said night of the crime. I agreed to get the addresses of the two persons because I knew where to find them. I told her as soon as I get the addresses I would give her a call back.

After ending the conversation with Ms Ross, I immediately got dressed and went over to Niki's house. She stayed about five minutes away from me at the time. I explained to Niki that the public defender needed to contact her to testify on Charles's behalf concerning his where about on the said night of the crime. Niki said it would be okay for me to give the public defender, Ms Lisa Ross, her address and telephone number. I then tried to locate Bugaloo. I had no luck.

I called Ms Lisa Ross about 2:00 p.m. that afternoon with the contact information did have for Niki. Ms Ross stated that she would call Niki to setup a time to talk and prepare her for the testimony. I asked Ms Ross when the court date for Charles would be because I wanted to be there for his support. Ms Ross stated that his trial was in a couple of days. I asked Ms Ross why she had such a short period of time to prepare for the case. She stated that she had other cases to prepare for also! Ms Ross then stated that she would be contacting Niki that day to set up a time to come by and talk to her. She said that she would get back with me.

I called Niki about 6 o'clock that night to find out if Ms Ross had called or came by. Niki said "No and I've been waiting." I tried to call Ms Ross back but I had no luck with her answering the phone. I tried to call the next day after that and still no luck. After several attempts to contact her, I ended up calling the Madison County Circuit Courthouse to find out the actual time and date of Charles's trial.

On or about July 17, 2002, I Charlotte Rudd, was on my way to the Madison County Circuit Courthouse when I received a call on my cell phone, from Ms Ross, to make sure I was coming to my brother's trial. I told her that I was on my way then. I asked her why she didn't go by Niki's house or at least call. She said she would discuss things with me once we met up at the courthouse.

On or about July 17, 2002, I Charlotte Rudd, entered Madison County Circuit Courthouse about 9:00 a.m. Minutes later I was approached by a black woman that asked if I was Charlotte. I said "Yes." She then proceeded to tell me that she was Lisa Ross. I was then asked by Ms Ross to come to the back. She explained to me that the case against Charles did not look good and she needed my help in convincing him to take a plea of guilty. When I asked why she said things such as, she didn't feel she could win in Madison County and they would convict him "just because". She said that's why they have such a high conviction rate. She then stated she was not taking him to trial under those conditions because she watched three others get a lot of time for the same crime weeks prior to that day. She stated that it was in Charles's best interest to except the guilty plea.

After Ms Ross convinced me that a plea was the best thing for Charles, I was showed to the holding cell where Charles was being held. I did what Ms Ross asked me to do and talked to Charles about accepting the plea. As I worked on convincing Charles to accept the plea, Ms Ross left the room. Minutes later, Ms Ross re-entered the room stating that she could have gotten Charles eight years had he not got an escape charge. However, she could get him a total of ten years, which would include his escape charge. Ms Ross stressed how that was a good deal considering the robbery by itself carries life and the escape charge carries ten years. So even though Charles didn't want to accept the plea because he didn't remember committing the crime, he agreed to at least think about it after I asked him to do it for me of not for himself.

After a few minutes of convincing Charles to accept the plea and it seemed that he would do it for me, Ms Lisa Ross asked me to leave the room so she could get the papers in order and signed. I was then showed back up front. Shortly thereafter, I was again called to the back, but this time we all went in another room with a T.V. and a VCR showing a tape of the crime. In my own personal opinion, the person that was being viewed did not resemble Charles, but it was a poor quality film, which made it hard to tell who the two men were.

As Charles and I viewed the tape, he informed me that he still did not remember that night because he was under the influence of alcohol and drugs. I in turned asked him to at least make an attempt to come up with a name of a person that may have been in the store or even come close to the other person on tape, because that was the only way that Ms Ross said they would accept the his plea. Charles did what he was asked even though he was very emotional, unstable and not fully willing to accept his plea of guilt. This caused the judge to get very upset, stopping the recorder on several occasions.

Meanwhile, as we listened to the judge explain the plea agreement both, Charles and I, realized that Ms Ross had told us one thing yet the judge said another. That was the breaking point for Charles and he told the judge that he no longer wanted Ms Ross as his attorney because he felt she was not representing him to the best of her ability and he wanted a continuance to obtain new representation. He was denied both. He was then told either he accept the plea or go to trial that day. I then begged Charles to go ahead and accept the plea because I could not see how he would get a fair trial under these circumstances. I told him that if he accepted the plea I would try to get him a lawyer and help him as much as I could, so he did what I asked.

After being told by Ms Lisa Ross to simply answer "yes" to all the questions, whether he understood or them not, Charles was taken back to the Madison County Jail to await his

sentencing. On October 17,2003, one year and three months after going before the judge to accept his plea, Charles was sentenced twenty years for robbery, five years for escape and five years of supervised probation, which is a total of thirty years instead of the ten Ms Lisa Ross had originally promised.

I feel that I was totally wrong in persuading Charles to accept a plea. I also feel that the court appointed public defender, Ms Lisa Ross, showed very poor representation of Charles Rudd and the courts. Do to her unconcern and preparation for the case and do to the lack of witnesses and information collected on Charles's behalf, resulted in the misleading and dishonest counsel of Ms Lisa Ross. I feel that Ms Ross was wrong for misleading Charles and my self, causing Charles to accept a plea. Had it not been for me and the position Charles was placed in, he would not have accepted the plea. If the court could, please give Charles Rudd another chance to a fair pre-trial or simply the ten years he was originally promised.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Rudd

State of Mississippi)
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Personally Appeared Before Me, the undersigned authority in and for said jurisdiction, the within named person, who, after first being by me duly sworn, stated on oath that the statement set forth in the above and foregoing are true and correct as therein stated.

Charlotte Rudd

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,

This day of Fibruary 2005.

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April 15, 2002

Post Office Box 2168 Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2168 Telephone (601) 948-4471 Fax (601) 355-8635 E-Mail msbar@msbar.org Website www.msbar.org

Mr. Charles Rudd Madison County Jail 2935 Hwy 51 South Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Rudd:

Your Request for Assistance has been received and reviewed. In response to your Request, you did not mention the name, address, or phone number of your attorney. Without this information, we cannot provide you with any type of assistance.

If I do not hear from you regarding this matter within 30 days from the date of this letter, I will consider this matter to be concluded as far as the Consumer Assistance Program is concerned, and I will permanently close this file and the contents will be destroyed.

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Your letter dated April 22, 2002, has been received and reviewed. In response to your letter, I am confused as to why you did not keep or retain the name or address of your attorney.

Since you are apparently having difficulty obtaining a court appointed attorney, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ben Conner, who is the attorney that assists in assignments of court appointed attorneys in Madison County. For your information, Mr. Conner's address is 164 East Center Street, P. O. Box 563, Canton, MS 39046-0563.

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<u>INDICTMENT</u>

THIS DAY

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LEE WESTBROOK
CIRCUIT CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

ARMED ROBBERY, MISS. CODE ANN. §97-3-79 CAUSE NO.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1999 RECALLED NOVEMBER 17, 1999

The Grand Jurors of the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful citizens of said county, elected, summoned, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of the said county aforesaid, at the term aforesaid of the Court aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oath present that,

#### CHARLES J. RUDD

late of the county aforesaid, on or about the 9th day of September, 1999, in the county aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this court,

did willfully, unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously, take from the presence of WENDY ROUNDTREE money, the personal property of SHELL SPRINT MART, a business, against his will by putting the said, CHARLES J. RUDD, in fear of immediate injury to his person by the exhibition of a deadly weapon, a gun, in the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated §97-3-79 (1972), as amended,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

Endorsed: A True Bill

FØREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

#### AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW James H. Burns, Foreman of the September, 1999, Madison County Grand Jury, and makes oath that this indictment presented to this Grand Jury was concurred in by twelve (12) or more members of the Grand Jury and that at least fifteen (15) members thereof were present during all deliberations.

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the day of Michel . 1999

LEE WESTBROOK, CIRCUIT CLERK

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COUNTY OF SUNFLOWER

Charles Rudd # 17678 Un. 4 29-5 Bailding Parchman, MS 38738

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This the day of , 2006.

Mr. J.m Hood Attend Box 230

Madison County, District Attorney P.O. Box 121 Conton, MS 3904B

Ms. Lee Westbrook Midison Lounty Circuit Court Clerk P.O. Bawer Street

This is to certy that I, Charles Rudd, M.O.O.C. # 17678, hove this day and date mailed, Via United States Mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy to the following:

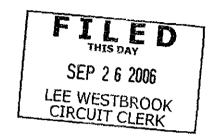
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Liaples Rudd #L7678 Unit 29-I Building Parchman, MS 38738

September 13, 2006

Ms. Zee Westbrook, Clerk Cirvit Court P.O. Drawer 1626 Canton, Ms 39046



RE: Resubmitting Notice of Appeal ? Designation of Record

Attn. Clark,

I hereby resubmit my notice of appeal ? Designation of Record. I submitted the Sirst on or about Feb. 6, 2006. To date no file has been made in the Count of Repeass Copies of previously filed notice has been attached. Asso, please find and file with the Court, Resubmitted Notice? Designation of Record. Once the petitions has been filed, place Return a copy of each marked "Filed".

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Respectfully submissed,

Charles Rueld

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MANISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Charles Rude	PETITIONER
State of Mississipp FIL SEP 26 LEE WEST CIRCUIT	2006
Comes now, <u>Charle Rudd</u>	Pro Se, being aggrieved by the
Order of this Court entered on	in the above numbered
cause and does desire to appeal this decis	C
The clerk of this Court is hereby r	equested to send up to the Mississippi Supreme
Court the complete record in this cause.	
In Lieu of Appeal Bond petitione	attaches hereto an Affidavit of Poverty as
provided by Mississippi Code Annotated	, Section 11-53-17.
	Charles Rudd PETITIONER MDOC# L 7678
	Unit 29 J Building Address
	Parchman MS 38738

Address

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON	_ COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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Charles Rudo VS.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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LEE WESTBROOK

PETITIONER

CAUSE NO. 99-0393 ? 2002 -0229

RESPONDENT(S)

### DESIGNATION OF RECORDS

I, Charles Rudd , Appellant, Pro Se, pursuant to Mississippi Supreme Court Rule, 10(b)(1), designates the following parts of the record as being necessary to be included on appeal.

- All Clerk's papers, trial transcripts and exhibits filed, taken or offered in this case.
- The order entered on the 25th day of January, denying Petitioner Post Conviction Motion.

This the 13 day of September, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

MDOC# レク6ク8

Parchman, MS 38738

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF <u>Maclison</u>	COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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I, Chaples Ruck , Petition	ner, Pro Se, pursuant to MRAP
11(b)(1), certify that I am unable to obtain the cost of prep	paring the designated record on
appeal because I am incarcerated in Mississippi Departme	ent of Corrections and cannot
freely contact the court reporter for this information. The	erefore, according to Mississippi
Rules of Appellate Procedure 11, cost is estimated at the	statutory rate per page for the
clerk's papers and at \$300.00 per day of proceedings to be	e transcribed, totaling
approximately \$	
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<u>Charles</u> PETITIONE MDOC#_	
Z/mit Address	29- I Building

Parchman, MS 38738
Address

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF SUNFLOWER

SS:

FILED
THIS DAY

SEP 2 6 2006

LEE WESTBROOK
CIRCUIT CLERK

### AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the aforesaid jurisdiction, Charles Rudd, M.D.O.C. #L7678, who being first duly sworn on his oath, does depose and sayeth:

I, Charles Rudd, do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the State of Mississippi, and because of my poverty I am not able to pay the cost for this Appeal., which I am about to commence, and that, to the best of my belief, I am entitled to the relief which I seek by such sort.

Charles Rudd #L7678 Unit 29-H Building Parchman, MS 38738

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this

day of <u>Sept.</u>, 200

AMULY MANTON

My Commission Expires:

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have this day and date mailed, via United States Mail, postage pre-paid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing and attached instruments to the following:

M3. Tee Wastbecck Clark MR. Jim Hood

Mudison County Circuit Court Attorney General

P.O. Drawer D. 1626

Conton, MS 38046

Jackson, MS 39205

Ms. Bette W. Sephton Clark Count Reporter? Transcriber

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P.O. Box 249

P.O. Drawer 1626

Jackson, MS 39208

Lanton, MS 39046

This the 13th day of September, 2006.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Thenk you in solvance for your time and assistance in this matter

Enclosed, please find and file with the Court, Notice of Appeal ;
Designation of Record. Once the petitions has been filed, please return
a copy of each of the above pleadings marked "Petitioner's File Copy!

Attn. Clerk,

RE: Submitting Notice of Appeal ? Designation of Record

Ms. Lee Westbrook Clerk
Circuit Court
PO. Daner 1626
Lanton, Ms 39046

Febuary 6, 2006

Charles Rudd # L7678 Unit 29-5 Building Parchman, MS 58738 Address: Un. 1 29-5 Building Parkman, 1715 38738

Signed: Churles Ruch LA678

Based: Feb. 6,200\$

This appeal follows Post Convitin Reliet

On January 24, 2004.

Motile is hereby given that Charles Rudd, Defendant in the above named case, appeals from the order or judgment entered

Notice of Appeal

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Charles Rudd

Defendant

Plaint: ff

Lose No 99-0393 \$ 2005-225

In The Circuit Court of Madison County.
In The State of Mississippi

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Me Sarah Ratchiff Madisin Canty Court Reporter P.O. Drawer 1636 Canten, MS 34046

Ms. Lee Westbrak
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Canton, ms 59046

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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Charles Rudd

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State of Mississippi

Case No. 2006-TS-01249 in the Madison County Circuit Court Case No. 99-0393 - 2002-0229

To: Gina Rozlyn Miller Court Reporter P.O. Box 39

D'Lo, MS 39062

### SHOW CAUSE NOTICE TO COURT REPORTER

You are hereby directed to show cause in accordance with Rule 2(b) of the Mississippi Rules of Appellate Procedure why sanctions should not be imposed on you by the Supreme Court for failing to file the transcript of proceedings in the above styled cause within the time allowed under the Rules of Appellate Procedure and any extensions which you may have received.

A written response to this notice must be filed within 14 days following the date of this notice to the address below and with the above caption. If the default is cured within 14 days, a separate response to the show cause will not be required.

Executed this the 10th day of July, 2007.

CLERK

MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT Post Office Box 249

Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0249

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cc: Lower Court Judge Lower Court Clerk Counsel of Record Exhibit # AA

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**CHARLES RUDD** 

**PLAINTIFF** 

VS

CAUSE# 2005- 0120 2002-0229 1999- 0393

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**DEFENDANT** 

### **CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

I, LEE WESTBROOK, Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above enclosed instrument of writing is a true and correct copy of the papers filed in the cause of <u>CHARLES RUDD vs STATE OF MISSISSIPPI</u> and is a matter of record in the Circuit Clerk's Office in Madison County, Mississippi.

THE, the 15th day of August, 2007.

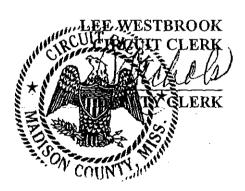


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Serial: 142499

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2006-TS-01249

CHARLES RUDD

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Appellant

Appellee

### ORDER

This matter is before the undersigned Justice on the Motion to Correct Records filed pro se by Appellant. Appellant asks that the appeal record be supplemented. After due consideration the undersigned Justice finds that the Motion to Correct Records should be remanded to the Madison County Circuit Court for decision and entry of an order on the content of the appeal record and whether supplementation is appropriate. The undersigned Justice further finds that proceedings in the appeal should be suspended.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Correct Records filed pro se by Appellant is remanded to the Madison County Circuit Court until October 19, 2007, for decision and entry of an order on the content of the appeal record and whether supplementation is appropriate. Proceedings in the appeal are suspended pending further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED, this the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2007.

GEORGE C. CARLSON, JR., JUSTICE

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**CHARLES RUDD** 

VS.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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CIRCUIT CLERK

**MOVANT** 

CAUSE NOS. 99-0393, 2002-0229 and CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2005-0120

RESPONDENT

### **ORDER**

THIS MATTER having come on for consideration by the Court pursuant to an order from the Supreme Court of Mississippi remanding this cause to the trial court for consideration of the Appellant's *pro se* Motion to Correct Records originally filed in the Supreme Court (#2006-TS-01249) with no notice of said Motion being given to the trial court.

The trial court after reviewing a copy of said motion finds that the clerk of the trial court shall have thirty (30) day(s) from the date of this order to copy all documents in Criminal Cause Numbers 2002-0229 and 99-0393 and Civil Cause Number 2005-0120 and forward same to the Appellant. By First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid. The Court can not determine the exact nature of the documents requested by the Appellant since some documents exist in one but not all of the files; it is not possible to decipher the Appellant's short hand in items 13 & 14 and item 15 is over broad and not specific as stated in said Motion. The Appellant shall have thirty (30) day(s) after the date of mailing all of the court files to file any supplemental brief he deems necessary

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 281#

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2007

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## LEE WESTBROOK

Circuit Clerk Madison County P. O. Drawer 1626 CANTON, MISSISSIPPI 39046 Date Received\_ Accepted\_ Inmate Signature\_ Date/Time\_ Inspected by\_

ATTENTION

REMOVE METAL FASTNER WHEN INSPECTING

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