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INDICTMENT

CONSPIRACY MCA § 97-1-1 - Counts I and II
MULTI-COUNT MCA § 99-7-2 (Common Plan or Scheme)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT
TO ADVISE CRIMINALS MCA § 97-11-3 - Count III

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HINDS COUNTY


CIRCUIT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

September Term, A.D., 2016

Cause Number: 16-837

The Grand Jurors for the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful persons of Hinds County, First Judicial District, in the State of Mississippi, elected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for said County and State aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oaths present:

COUNT I

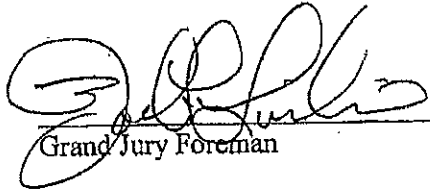
that, ROBERT SHULER SMITH and , in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi on or about and between the dates of December 1, 2015, and June 22, 2016, did then and there knowingly, unlawfully and feloniously, without authority of law, conspire with Ivon Johnson and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit the crime of Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree in violation of § 97-9-105 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended, by conspiring to hinder the prosecution, conviction and punishment of Christopher Butler in Hinds County Cause Numbers 12-452 and 12-831 in violation of §§ 97-1-1 and 97-9-105 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended, and

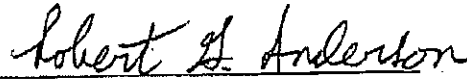
COUNT II

that, as part of a common scheme and plan, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi on or about and between the dates of December 1, 2015, and June 22, 2016, **ROBERT SHULER SMITH** and [REDACTED] did then and there knowingly, unlawfully and feloniously, without authority of law, conspire with Ivon Johnson and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit the crime of Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree in violation of § 97-9-105 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended, by conspiring to hinder the prosecution, conviction and punishment of Christopher Butler in Hinds County Cause Numbers 16-50 and 16-275 in violation of §§ 97-1-1 and 97-9-105 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended, and


COUNT III

as part of a common scheme and plan, in Hinds County, Mississippi on or about and between January 14, 2016, and June 22, 2016, **ROBERT SHULER SMITH** while acting in his capacity as District Attorney for the Seventh Circuit Court District, Hinds County, Mississippi, did wilfully and unlawfully consult, advise and counsel defendant Christopher Butler, who was then and there a defendant charged with a crime in the Seventh Circuit Court District, Hinds County, Mississippi, by meeting with Christopher Butler at the Hinds County Jail outside the presence of Butler's attorney, by later advising Butler's attorney in various ways to attack the State's pending case against Butler, and by other means seeking the release of Butler from jail in violation of § 97-11-3 of the Mississippi Code, as amended, contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.


Grand Jury Foreman


Special Assistant Attorney General

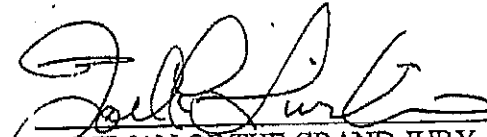
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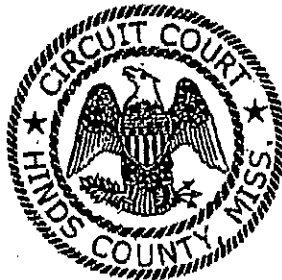
ENDORSED: A TRUE BILL

COMES NOW Joel Sindair, Foreman of the Grand Jury of Hinds County, Mississippi, and makes oath that this indictment presented to this Court was concurred in by twelve (12) or more members of the Grand Jury and at least fifteen (15) members thereof were present during all deliberations.


FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this, the 7 day of Sept., 2016.

ZACK WALLACE, CIRCUIT CLERK



BY:  D.C.