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Message:

Dear Governor;

I have sent this letter to two of the State Senators, I do not know how you can help but I really need someone to look into my case, so I am coping the same letter to you. Please help me.

Thank you for anything you can do to help me get a new hearing.

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Senator John Scott;

Greetings. A few weeks ago I heard you and several others on radio station 107.3 speaking concerning the police killing the young man whose last name is Scott; and speaking on issues of importance especially for the black community.

There are several issues I've personally been affected by such as police brutality, being wrongfully profile, falsely accused and arrested for an offense I did not commit. As well as violation of South Carolina and the United States Constitution by the state and the courts of South Carolina in the court of general session and Greenville County South Carolina.

I am presently serving a 35 year prison sentence which will be in its 11th year as of July 23. The sentence was imposed after I was wrongly convicted for a crime I did not commit and to add insult to injury for crime that I was not even indicted for by the grand jury. Rights were knowingly violated by individual agents of the state and while offices of the Court acquiesced.

That was in 2003 when I was profile and beaten and tased unconscious by offices of the Greenville Police Department and in 2004 I was railroaded into prison for Armed Robbery that I had nothing to do with.

Allow me to make a long story short. I had a girlfriend of European descent flipped out on me after we left the party where a buddy of mine, who owed me money, gave me weed (marijuana) instead. My friend and I had a disagreement and after being poked in my eye I exited her

vehicle when she stopped as the light was red on Haywood Road. (A stupid move I now realize because I had a pound of weed in my pocket). I was intoxicated but I called her hoping to get her to come back to pick me up and she said she would, while waiting I cross the road and set on a concrete barrier of Highway 385 and I saw a crumpled backpack which I place the weed in and waited; she called asking me where I was and I told her and she turned onto the entry ramp to pick me up.

At the time neither of us knew a police officer was looking for an armed robbery suspect pulls into Highway 385. We found out they were looking for someone 5'10" heavysset wearing a jacket and a ski- mask; somehow they mistook me, a 6 foot three inch, 180 pounds wearing a tank top and blue jeans with a headful of dreadlocks as a person of interest.

I noticed blue lights coming up behind us I told her to switch lanes and let them go by she switched but they did too begin to said for us to pull over; I look back and saw three patrol cars and told her to keep driving while I drop hands full out the window needless to say things did not turn out well we were almost ran off the highway. The cops pointed their guns at me after getting off the interstate and looking for a well-lit place to pull over. We were ran into as we entered a parking lot, out of fear for my safety I flee and was tackled, beaten, tased unconscious and I woke up naked, in an ambulance on my way to the hospital and then to jail; all of this took place the night of June 29, 2003 between 11 PM and 12 AM.

Nine months later I was bonded out of jail by my uncle in Columbia South Carolina March 4 and stood trial July 4 July 2004 after my so-called counsel failed to protect my rights to due process I was indicted for armed robbery with a deadly weapon a handgun. Yet I was convicted of armed robbery with a toy gun. After testimony from state agents and that they collected a plastic toy gun that was used in the robbery.

My concern is how can I be convicted of a crime I didn't commit, rob a place I've never been to, without evidence of my doing anything close to what they said I did. Granted my girlfriend did commit perjury and turn states key witness after being threatened that she would lose her two-year-old daughter and face years in prison for failure to stop when we saw the blue lights that were following us.

Mostly it's a grand jury issued the due process if I was indicted for an armed robbery with a deadly weapon, a handgun, how is it possible that the state to convince me of anything other than armed robbery with a deadly weapon making it a much lesser offense.

My rights were violated by the state appointed counsel failure to defend my rights to a fair trial for which due process is part of the failure to object to the judge's jury instructions which allowed me to be convicted for an offense that was indicted for by a grand jury.

In February 2009 on the 25th and the 26th a PCR hearing was held where again State appointed council failed to assist for a competency argue that my trial council was in fact ineffective when his performance fell below professional norms and did prejudice me when he failed to object to the erroneous instructions given by Judge C. Victor Pyle, Jr. which enabled the jury to find me guilty of an offense not in the indictment.

In November 2009 relief was denied and for two years I've fought to get a rehearing and that attempt was denied in November 2011.

So I filled a second PCR and was denied even a hearing in both 2012 and 2013. I have used every avenue I know and at my disposal now I am at my wit's end to figure how I can clear my name and reclaim my life.

I have personal reasons you see in 2004 my two sons were 7 and 9 years old, now I am a grandfather. You see I've been wronged, my rights violated time and time again. I've been robbed of my family, not because I committed a crime but because I had no help in protecting