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## **Third Publication**

### DANIEL CASINI, A/K/A DANTE N. **CASINI**, late of Connellsville, Fayette County, PA (3)

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## **First Publication**

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Smithfield, PA 15478
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## LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Organization of a Domestic Limited Liability Company has been approved and filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on February 16, 2017 for a Limited Liability Company, known as my: Glad Rags, LLC. Said Limited Liability Company has been organized under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1998 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in retail sales of women's clothing and related accessories and any and all lawful business related thereto for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Business Corporation Law.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Act 295 of December 16, 1982, P.L. 1309, that a Certificate was filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on or about May 15, 2017 to conduct a business in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, assumed or fictitious name of Appalachian Mountain Quarry, with the principal place of business at 83 Swenglish Lane Smithfield, PA 15478. The name or names and addresses of persons owning and interested are Swenglish & Sons, Inc.

James Higinbotham 45 East Main Street, Suite 500 Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401 NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION-LAW NO 2489 of 2016 GD

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
David A. Palmer,
Defendant.

#### NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

To: David A. Palmer, Defendant, whose last known address is 58 Springer Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401. Your house (real estate) at 58 Springer Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401 is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff's Sale on 10/12/17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, PA, to enforce the court judgment of \$82,340.35, obtained by Plaintiff above (the mortgagee) against you. If the sale is postponed, the property will be for the Available relisted Next PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: ALL that certain Lot or piece of ground situate in the City of Uniontown (formerly Township of North Union), County of Fayette and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 3 in the James A. Deffenbaugh Plan, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 8, Page 120, and being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Northeasterly side of Springer Avenue at the line dividing Lots Nos. 3 and 4 in said plan; thence along said dividing line North 31 degrees, 47 minutes East, 174.72 feet to the Southwesterly side of a 15-foot alley; thence along said side of said alley, South 56 degrees, 42 minutes East, 50.02 feet to a point on the line dividing Lots Nos. 2 and 3 in said plan; thence along said dividing line South 31 degrees, 47 minutes West, 173.58 feet to a point on the Northeasterly side of Springer Avenue; thence along said side of Springer Avenue North 58 degrees, 00 minutes West, 50 feet to line dividing Lots Nos. 3 and 4 in said plan, at the place of BEGINNING. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING thereout and therefrom all the nine-foot vein of Connellsville Coking Coal and underlying materials under said tot, together with all mining rights and privileges as

contained in deed from Jane E. Johnson to Presley H. Moore, dated January 28, 1889, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Fayette County in Deed Book Volume 81, Page 383. BEING THE SAME PREMISES AS Carol Diane Palaisa, Executrix of the Last Will of Dorothy Jean Hopwood, by Deed dated February 18, 2011, and recorded on February 28, 2011, by the Fayette County Recorder of Deeds in Deed Book 3147, Page 2311, as Instrument Number 201100002384, granted and conveyed unto David A. Palmer. BEING KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 58 Springer Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401. TAX PARCEL NO. 38-05-0030. STERN & EISENBERG, PC. Attys. for Plaintiff, 1581 Main St., Ste. 200, The Shops at Valley Sq., Warrington, PA 18976, 215.572.8111

#### FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 29, 2017 for T.T. Scales located at 612 Edwards Street Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Tyler Buck Belford 612 Edwards Street Belle Vernon, PA 15012. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

#### FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 29, 2017 for BACK BAY AQUACULTURE located at 507 Hunter Lane Uniontown, PA 15401. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Gerald E Lofstead 507 Hunter Lane Uniontown, PA 15401. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.311.

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Fayette County has unclaimed property waiting to be claimed.

For information about the nature and value of the property, or to check for additional names, visit www.patreasury.gov

Pennsylvania Treasury Department, 1-800-222-2046.

## Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property

Fayette County Listed in Alphabetical Order by Last Known Reported Zip Code

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#### Fayette County

15012

Allen Willie

Atkinson Jeffrey

Baird Bessie A

Balis Howard F

Baranowski Brian R

Bassila Kathy Krill

Blakley William J

Bolt Joshua D

Bonari C George

Brilliantstore Info

Britt Carole Estate

Buick Geo

C Harper Collision Center

Caputo Kathryn

Caruso Alarm

Chevrolet C H

Cornell Amy L

Coulson Kimberly B

Csokuly Raymond L

Curcio Michele L

Donley Ronald W, Nellie M

Dorazio Daniel J

Dunner David

Farmer Stella

Ferguson Eric J

Gaskill Wilma

Geer Sarah

Gonzalez Marina C

Graham Eugene

Haag Elizabeth A

Hafner Vickie J

Harper Chevrolet

Herron Sean

Hnatko Francis

Horrell Construction

Jackson Barbara

Johnston Lynn T

Kingsland Pamela

Kirkland W W

Kreis Mary E

Kuhns William

Landry Jonathan

Long Kimberly

Loranger Robert A

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Marcavage John Jr Estate

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Mikolics Veronica

Muro Alan G

Mutich Charles M

Osborne Kim

Ostetrico Mark A

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Premier Rehabilitation Enterprises

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Shutterly Jaimie

Slagus John J

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Sopsic Swanee

Suppa Thomas

Tirpak Nathan R

Tri County Medical Practice

UTD5792 John Robert Ferguon & Theresa

Valko Mickey

Vaughn Michael

Washinski Steven W

Weatherford Jason

Wilson Andrew Estate

Wilson William

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Clark Delores

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Constantine Kristine, Larry E

Cooley Rosa Cross Emma

Curry Elizabeth L Estate

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David Ella
David Jessica M
Davis Robert G
Dickison Michelle R
Dietz Leslie R
Diggs Genia
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Duney Jerome

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Hayes Joseph
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Halli J

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Braum Anna L

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## JUDICIAL OPINION

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA, :

v.

ROBBIE DEAN HALL, : NO. 1008 OF 2016

Defendant. : JUDGE NANCY D. VERNON

## **OPINION AND ORDER**

VERNON, J. May 26, 2017

Before the Court is a Motion to Dismiss filed by Defendant, Robbie Dean Hall, requesting this Court dismiss all charges since "the alleged victim was not injured or acting in his capacity as a police officer."

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Dennis Heath, Jr. is a part time officer for Dunbar Borough and Perryopolis Borough Police Departments and a detective with the Fayette Bureau of Investigations. N.T, 8/15/2016, at 3-4. On March 12, 2016, Heath was traveling in his personal vehicle on Woodvale Street in Dunbar Borough at 1:45 a.m. when the vehicle of Defendant, Robbie Dean Hall, made two complete circles at an intersection then proceeded in the wrong lane head-on towards Heath. Id. at 5, 13. Heath was not in any type of uniform. Id. at 13. Heath began to blow his horn and applied his brakes when at the last minute, Defendant swerved to avoid the collision. Id. at 6. Defendant pulled his vehicle into the parking lot of Leapline Auto Repair and attempted to turn around. Id. Heath exited his vehicle and showed Defendant his Fayette County Detective Badge, identified himself as a police officer, and asked Defendant if he was okay. Id. at 6-7. Defendant's speech was slurred, his eyes were glassy, and he smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverage as he stated that he was attempting to drive home. Id. at 7.

Heath testified that his first concern was that Defendant was experiencing a medical emergency, but after interacting with him, he believed that Defendant was too impaired by alcohol to drive safely. Id. Heath directed Defendant to give him the keys to his vehicle, to which the Defendant refused. Id. at 8. Heath repeated that he is a police officer, showed his badge again, and said, "I need to have your keys." Id. Heath then reached through the window in an attempt to shut off the vehicle. Id. Defendant grabbed Heath's arm, bent it backwards, pushed it into his chest, pushed him back and said "get the (f...) off of me." Id. Heath attempted a second time to reach the ignition when Defendant drove away. Id. Heath alleged that he was afraid for his safety and for anyone on Woodvale Street. Id. at 9.

Heath followed Defendant for approximately 50 yards when Defendant stopped at a residence and exited the vehicle. Id. Heath observed Defendant lose his footing on the front steps and as Defendant fell, Heath attempted to place handcuffs on his left arm. Id. Heath fell also and struggled with Defendant in front of the residence. Id. Defendant broke free and entered the residence through the unlocked front door. Id.

Heath followed Defendant and "at the door threshold" without entering the residence, Heath grabbed Defendant's arm while yelling, "police, stop resisting." Id. Defendant responded, "you're trespassing, get the (f...) off my property." Id. at 10. Heath continued to attempt to apply the handcuffs by pulling on Defendant and Defendant continued to try to get back inside. Id. Defendant slammed the door into Heath and caught Heath's hands in the door causing Heath to lose his grip from Defendant's arm and drop his handcuffs. Id.

Heath retreated to his personal vehicle and contacted county dispatch to confirm Defendant's vehicle was registered to that address and to request Pennsylvania State Police assistance. Id. at 11. Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Delaini and Thompson arrived at Defendant's residence along with several other units. Id. Heath identified Defendant for the Troopers by looking inside the window of the residence. Id. Heath testified that the only injury he suffered was his hand getting hurt in the doorway of the residence and that he did not receive medical attention. Id. at 15.

Trooper Jason Delaini testified that he arrived at Defendant's residence as a result of the call placed by Heath. Id. at 18-20. Heath gave Trooper Delaini the information of what transpired and Trooper Delaini attempted to make contact at the door by knocking loudly and announcing, "State Police." Id. at 20. A female identified herself as Defendant's mother and stated that Defendant was upstairs but hadn't done anything wrong. Id. at 20-21. Trooper Delaini observed Defendant through a solid glass door and watched as he came down the steps inside the residence. Id. at 21. Trooper Delaini described Defendant as having an unsteady gait, staggered when he walked, and was yelling at the officers that they were trespassing. Id.

Trooper Delaini asked Defendant to come outside, but Defendant instead went into an adjoining room and began to search through items beside a chair. Id. at 22. At this point, Trooper Delaini entered the residence because, for trooper safety, he did not know what Defendant was searching for around the chair. Id. Defendant failed to obey Trooper Delaini's commands to get on the ground and instead lunged away from the Trooper requiring the Trooper to deploy his Taser. Id. at 22-23. Trooper Delaini transported Defendant to Highlands Hospital and during the ride asked if he would be willing to submit to a blood draw, to which Defendant responded, "yes." Id. at 24-27.

#### DISCUSSION

The instant Criminal Complaint stems from the alleged drunken driving of Defendant, a purported violation of the Motor Vehicle Code. In deciding the Omnibus Pretrial Motion pending before the Court, we must determine whether Dennis Heath, Jr.'s actions amounted to an arrest, or attempted arrest, of Defendant. Generally, Section 6304 embodies the authority to arrest without a warrant pursuant to the Motor

#### Vehicle Code:

- (a) Pennsylvania State Police.--A member of the Pennsylvania State Police who is in uniform may arrest without a warrant any person who violates any provision of this title in the presence of the police officer making the arrest.
- (b) Other police officers.--Any police officer who is in uniform may arrest without a warrant any nonresident who violates any provision of this title in the presence of the police officer in making the arrest.
- (c) Other powers preserved.--The powers of arrest conferred by this section are in addition to any other powers of arrest conferred by law.

## 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 6304.

Section 3811 expands the arrest authority to authorize the arrest of an individual without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe that the individual has violated section 3802 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

"A police encounter with a suspect may be characterized as a mere encounter, an investigative detention, a custodial detention or a formal arrest." Commonwealth v. Haupt, 389 Pa.Super. 614, 567 A.2d 1074 (1989). The Supreme Court has stated that an "arrest" occurs when "any act that indicates an intention to take [a person] into custody and that [act] subjects him to the actual control and will of the person making the arrest." Commonwealth v. Richards, 327 A.2d 63 (Pa. 1974). An "arrest" can include either a formal arrest or its functional equivalent, a custodial detention. Commonwealth v. Kiner, 697 A.2d 262 (Pa.Super. 1997). "Whether an arrest has been made is viewed in light of the reasonable impression conveyed to the person subjected to the seizure rather than in terms of the subjective views of the police officer making the arrest." Commonwealth v. Carter, 643 A.2d 61 (Pa. 1994)

Among the factors courts generally consider in making the assessment whether a detention becomes an arrest include the cause for the detention, the detention's length, the detention's location, whether the suspect was transported against his or her will, whether physical restraints were used, whether the police used or threatened force, and the character of the investigative methods used to confirm or dispel suspicions. Commonwealth v. Stevenson, 894 A.2d 759, 770 (Pa. Super. 2006).

Here, Heath was not on-duty in any capacity as an officer or detective. Heath was in a personal vehicle and was not in any type of uniform. Heath displayed a badge for the Fayette Bureau of Investigations. Heath twice reached into the window of Defendant's vehicle in an attempt to remove the keys, announcing that he was a police officer, and also, verbally commanded Defendant to shut off his vehicle. Heath followed Defendant to his home. Outside of the residence, Heath "attempted to place handcuffs on [Defendant's] right arm." By Heath's own words, he "struggled" with Defendant on the front steps, but Defendant was "able to break free." Defendant opened the unlocked front door and Heath "basically followed [Defendant]." Heath denied entering the home, rather describing the encounter as occurring at the "door

threshold" and that he "was able to grab [Defendant's] arm again." Throughout the encounter, Heath was yelling "police, stop resisting." At the door, Heath described the two as "tugging back and forth." Heath stated that Defendant was pulling back inside the house as he attempted to apply the handcuffs again. Defendant slammed the door thereby breaking Heath's "grip from his arm and handcuffs."

Viewed in light of the reasonable impression conveyed to the person under arrest rather than in terms of the subjective views of the police officer making the arrest, the totality of the circumstances here establish that Heath attempted to arrest Defendant rather than simply detain him when Heath followed Defendant to his home, scuffled in the front yard, followed him up the steps, gripped his arm, and twice attempted to place handcuffs on Defendant. Heath's actions were attempts to restrain Defendant's physical movement and to take him into custody. Heath's words of identifying himself as a police officer while Defendant was in the vehicle confirm that Heath was acting in his alleged capacity as a police officer. Heath's exclaiming "police, stop resisting" illustrate that he was attempting to make an arrest as the word "resisting" indicates an arrest is being conducted.

Turning now to the position from which the Commonwealth alleges Heath's authority to arrest Defendant was derived. Heath serves as a part time officer for Dunbar Borough and Perryopolis Borough Police Departments and a detective with the Fayette Bureau of Investigations. Heath was not on-duty as an officer or detective, nor was he wearing any uniform associated with any department. Heath showed his badge from the Fayette Bureau of Investigations, a badge which did not convey on him the authority to arrest while off-duty and without uniform.

By statute, 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 6304, the authority to arrest without a warrant pursuant to a violation of the Motor Vehicle Code vests solely in uniformed Pennsylvania State Police, while local police are restricted to the issuance of citations for Motor Vehicle Code Violations except when the powers of arrest are further enumerated. Section 3811 grants the arrest power to local police to arrest without a warrant when probable cause exists for violations of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance. Nonetheless, Section 6304 strictly requires the arresting officer act only while "in uniform."

The remaining alternative for the authority to arrest is whether Heath was acting in his capacity as a private citizen. The Superior Court addressed by footnote the distinction of when an officer is permitted to arrest under the private citizen concept and so held that when an officer acts under the color of state law in effectuating an arrest, the officer is acting in his official capacity and not as a private citizen. Kiner, supra. Therefore, in order for the arrest to be valid, the officer must have authority to effectuate the arrest. Id. The factors of Heath identifying himself as a police officer, showing a badge, and attempting to use handcuffs confirm that his actions were under his authority as a police officer and not as an arrest made by a private citizen.

A review of all evidence reveals that Heath lacked statutory authority for his actions in stopping Defendant for an alleged violation of the Motor Vehicle Code and thereafter, attempting to arrest him, since Heath was not on-duty and not in uniform

pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 6304 and § 3811.

The Court is cognizant that from the viewpoint of this Defendant, an unknown man approached his vehicle at approximately 1:45 a.m. claiming to be a police officer; the man was not in uniform and was driving a personal vehicle. The man showed a badge, but the badge did not confer authority to stop or arrest for Motor Vehicle violations while off-duty and out of uniform. The man followed the Defendant to his home and physically attempted to restrain him by holding his arm, scuffling with him, and attempting to place him in handcuffs. The courts have held that the legislature's intent in requiring an officer to be in uniform is "to enable the motorist to be as certain as possible that the person who arrests him is, in fact, a police officer." Commonwealth v. Turner, 487 A.2d 404, 408 (Pa.Super. 1985). In an age with reports of frequent police impersonators and with arrests being attempted by officers out of uniform, the Court must determine whether these actions by Heath require suppression of the evidence.

Suppression of the evidence is the appropriate remedy for an arrest in the absence of statutory authority. Kiner, supra., citing Commonwealth v. Savage, 403 Pa.Super. 446, 589 A.2d 696 (1991). The remedy of exclusion under such facts is not invoked as a means of punishing the state, but rather as a means of assuring that a defendant's constitutional rights are protected adequately when infringed upon by the use of unlawful state action." Id. Our Supreme Court has held that in determining whether the exclusionary rule applies, the good or bad faith of an individual acting under the color of state law is irrelevant. Id. "If we did not suppress the evidence in this type of case, the law could be made a mockery by willful noncompliance without any adverse consequences. Id.

As in Kiner, Heath, acting under the color of state action, acted beyond his statutory authority when he attempted to arrest Defendant. Heath's failure to effectuate the arrest because Defendant broke free from his grasp is of no consequence. The arrival of on-duty, uniformed Pennsylvania State Police Officers who ultimately took Defendant into custody does not cure the fatal defect, since without Heath's actions, the blood evidence would not have been seized

Defendant stands charged with the following ten counts:

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Count 1 – Aggravated Assault {18 Pa.C.S.A. §2702(A)(3)};

Count 2 – Aggravated Assault {18 Pa.C.S.A. §2702(A)(6)};

Count 3 – Flight to Avoid Apprehension {18 Pa.C.S.A. §5126(A)};

Count 4 – DUI General Impairment {75 Pa.C.S.A. §3802(A)(1)};

Count 5 – DUI Highest Rate {75 Pa.C.S.A. §3802(C)};

Count 6 – Resisting Arrest {18 Pa.C.S.A. §5104};

Count 7 – Disregarding Traffic Lane {75 Pa.C.S.A. §3309(1)};

Count 8 – Careless Driving {75 Pa.C.S.A. §3714(A)};

Count 9 – Reckless Driving {75 Pa.C.S.A. §3736(A)}; and

Count 10 – Failure to use safety belt {75 Pa.C.S.A. §4581(A)(2)(ii)}.
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As a result of the foregoing analysis, this Court is constrained to dismiss all charges pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code, namely Counts 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Remaining for

the Court's consideration are the two charges of Aggravated Assault and the charges of Flight to Avoid Apprehension and Resisting Arrest.

At Count 1, Defendant is charged with aggravated assault in that it is alleged he attempted to cause or intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to an officer enumerated at 18 Pa.C.S.A. §2702(c), being "Officer Dennis Heath, Dunbar Borough Police Department, while in the performance of his duty, did shove the victim and drove away while the officer was attempting to remove the keys from the ignition." See, Information

At Count 2, Defendant is charged with aggravated assault in that it is alleged he attempted by physical menace to put an officer enumerated at 18 Pa.C.S.A. §2702(c), being "the defendant did shove the victim, Officer Dennis Heath and fled the scene with the victim in close proximity to his vehicle." See, Information.

To sustain the charges of aggravated assault would require a finding that Dennis Heath, Jr. was acting "in the performance of [his] duty" as a police officer. We have found, supra., that Heath was not acting under his authority as an officer and as such, must dismiss the charges of aggravated assault.

At Count 3, Defendant stands charged with flight to avoid apprehension being the facts alleged in the Information that he concealed himself within his residence to avoid apprehension.

At Count 6, Defendant is charged with resisting arrest for his alleged intent of preventing Trooper Jason Delaini of the Pennsylvania State Police from effectuating a lawful arrest for an aggravated assault on a law enforcement official and driving under the influence.

Counts 3 and 6 require an examination of whether the actions of the Pennsylvania State Police were able to cure the defects of Heath. We have held they did not, and as such, are constrained to dismiss the remaining charges of flight to avoid apprehension, where Defendant was not properly charged with a felony, and resisting arrest, where the Pennsylvania State Police Troopers were also without cause to arrest Defendant.

WHEREFORE, we will enter the following Order dismissing all charges.

#### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 26th day of May, 2017, upon consideration of the Motion to Dismiss filed by Defendant, Robbie Dean Hall, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED and DECREED that all charges are DISMISSED.

BY THE COURT: NANCY D. VERNON, JUDGE

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