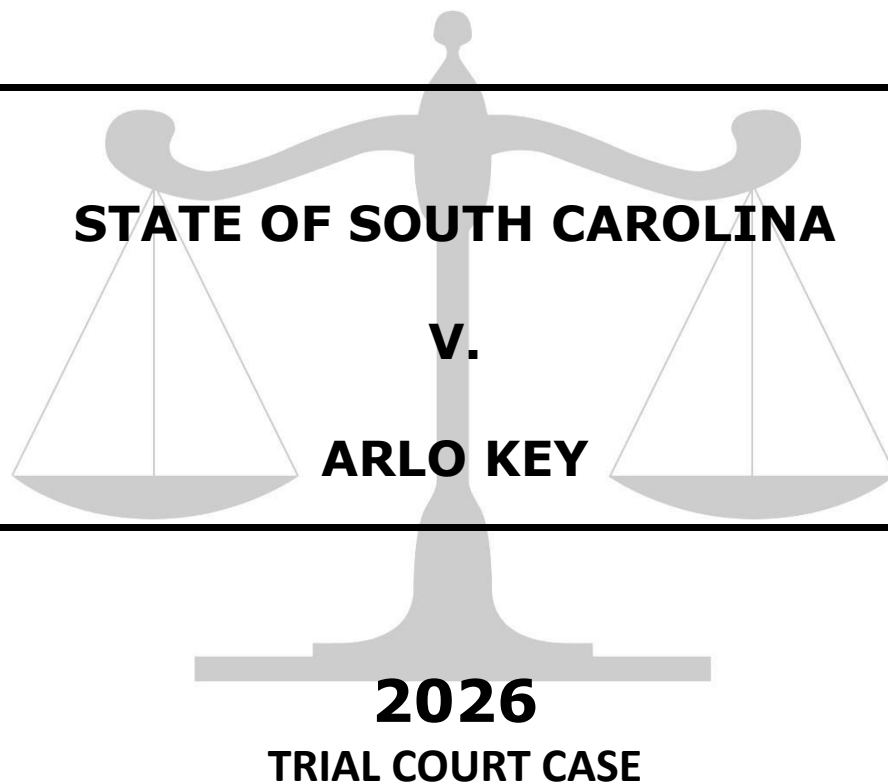




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THE CASE OF
"THE WINDSHIELD MURDERER"



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Hon. C. Tyler Atkinson, Judge Denton Municipal Court

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- (1) The trial will take place in Lexington County which is in the state of South Carolina. The trial will be governed by the Rules of Evidence and Procedure posted with the case.
- (2) This case is a fictional adaptation of an original trial. However, the facts contained herein are not presented as historical facts. Outside research would conflict with the facts presented in this case packet. Students may not use information gathered outside of the case packet in their presentations.
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- (4) The exhibits are pre-numbered. When they are offered into evidence and used as evidence, the exhibits do not have to be associated with one particular litigant. For example, just say "The S offers Exhibit 1" instead of "The State offers State's Exhibit 1."

Provision of Law:

Penal Code Sec. 19.02. Felony Murder. A person commits an offense if they commit or attempt to commit a felony, and in the course of and in furtherance of the commission or attempt, or in immediate flight from the commission or attempt, they intentionally commit or attempt to commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that causes the death of an individual.

Transportation Code Sec. 550.021. Accident Involving Injury or Death. The operator of a vehicle in an accident that results in injury or death of a person shall stop the vehicle at the scene, determine if a person involved in the accident requires aid, provide any person injured reasonable assistance, including making arrangements for transporting the person to a hospital if it is apparent that treatment is necessary. A person commits an offense if the person does not comply with this section. An offense under this section is a felony in the second degree if the accident resulted in the death of a person.

Penal Code Sec. 37.09 Tampering with Evidence. A person commits an offense if, knowing that an investigation or official proceeding is pending or in progress, they alter, destroy, or conceal any record, document, or thing with intent to impair its verity, legibility, or availability as evidence in the investigation or official proceeding. An offense under this section is a felony in the third degree.

Code of Criminal Procedure 2.01 Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt. All persons are presumed to be innocent and no person may be convicted of an offense unless each element of the offense is proved beyond a reasonable doubt. A "reasonable doubt" is a doubt based on reason and common sense after a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence in the case. It is the kind of doubt that would make a reasonable person hesitate to act in the most important of his or her own affairs. The fact that they have been arrested, confined, or indicted for, or otherwise charged with, the offense gives rise to no inference of guilt.

CAUSE NO: 22-123456

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

VS.

ARLO KEY

FELONY INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE: FELONY MURDER

Arlo Key hereinafter called Defendant, in the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, on or about the 26th day of October 2021, did then and there intentionally or knowingly commit or attempt to commit a felony, to-wit: FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID as proscribed in Transportation Code 550.021 which is captioned accident involving personal injury or death, and in the course of and in furtherance of the commission or attempt, or in immediate flight from the commission or attempt, Defendant committed or attempted to commit an act clearly dangerous to human life, to-wit: transported Jefferson Doyle to Defendant's home when he was seriously injured and lodged in Defendant's car, or lodged in the windshield of said car, and Defendant secreted him in Defendant's garage which prevented him from receiving medical care, which caused the death of Jefferson Doyle.

COUNT TWO: TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE

Arlo Key hereinafter called Defendant, in the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, on or about the 26th day of October 2021, did knowing that an offense had been committed alter and destroy and conceal a thing to wit: moving victim's deceased and burning defendant's car seat, with intent to impair its verity or availability as evidence in a subsequent investigation or official proceeding for said offense.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE

SIGNED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WIGGINS

SIGNED BY GRAND JUROR FOREPERSON

Affidavits

AFFIDAVIT OF FLETCHER CRUZ

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Fletcher Cruz. I am over the age of 18 years and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I am a detective with the Lexington County Sherriff's office. I am assigned to the traffic investigation unit. I investigate everything from basic traffic offenses, to driving while intoxicated offenses and accidents that lead to injury or death. I'm trained in roadside investigations including accident reconstruction. I am familiar with the layout of the town and locations depicted in **Exhibit 4**.

For this case, late October 2021, I received a call from the homicide detective who had been called out on a deceased person call at the park. He was advised by the medical examiner that the death was caused by a motor vehicle accident.

I went to the park where the victim's body had been found. I took the picture in Exhibit 6, which shows the general area of the park where the body was located. He was back under the treeline. He was identified by his license which was found near his body. His name was Jefferson Doyle. He had a local address. I'm not a medical expert, but have investigated many fatal vehicle accidents. Mr. Doyle had a contusion or large bruised, cut on the top of his head right above his forehead. He had bruises on this arms, body and legs. His left leg had a large, deep gash at the knee joint. There really wasn't anything at the scene. No tire marks or blood evidence. To me and really everyone involved it was clear that the location where the body was found was not the actual accident location.

I located his family. His son stated that Mr. Doyle has been homeless for some time – living in a tent under the highways in town. He hadn't spoken with his dad in at least a year. I had no further

investigative leads. I maintained the file of all evidence in my desk drawer. It would be four months before anything else happened on the case.

On February 26th, early in the morning, we got an anonymous call through the police tip line that the person who killed Jefferson Doyle was the defendant, Arlo Key, and that the car involved in the accident was still parked in Arlo's garage at their house. We went to Arlo's house to just see if anyone was home. The house is actually on the same road as the park where Mr. Doyle's body had been found. Arlo answered the door and broke down crying as soon as they saw us. Arlo showed us to the garage where the car was – it was clear that the car had been involved in an accident. The front windshield was smashed in and there was blood in the vehicle. Arlo agreed to come down to the police station for an interview. Arlo sat in the back left seat of my vehicle to get to the station. I don't have any bars separating the front and back seats. Another officer also sat in the back. It took approximately 25 minutes to get to the station – as there was a bit of traffic.

We took Arlo to an interview room. I read them the basic Miranda warnings before asking questions. Arlo stated they understood their rights and that they wished to speak to the police regarding what they know. I let them just tell their story once through. I asked basic questions, like "and what happened next." After that, I pulled up a statement form and went over their rights again. Then I helped them type up a written version of their story. Along the way I made sure that what I was typing was Arlo's own words with statements like "does that look correct on the screen." I didn't suggest any of the words. I printed the form and Arlo signed both of the signature lines (**Exhibit 1**).

After finishing up with the statement, Arlo sat in my office with another officer while I worked on a search warrant for the residence and an arrest warrant for Arlo. Both were signed by a Judge and I had another officer escort Arlo Key to the county jail facility to be booked in for the charge of Murder.

I and several other officers went to the residence at 511 Park Road, Lexington County, to execute

the search warrant. We had secured the keys during the earlier interview with Arlo. I went to the garage and opened the garage door.

Again, I saw the vehicle had extensive damage. The hood was dented in. The windshield was almost gone at this point. The roof was damaged right above the passenger seat area. The two front seats had been removed. There was damage throughout the car. I verified the license plate matched to the vehicle and was registered to Arlo Key. I saw some stains in the passenger side floorboard that appeared to be blood. There was a hammer located on the back trunk of the vehicle. We collected the hammer as evidence. We followed normal procedures for capturing evidence and then had the car towed to the police impound indoor facility for storage.

I found the two front car seats in the backyard of the residence. All the fabric was burned from the seats. All that remained was the metal structure of the seats. Inside the residence, on the kitchen counter, I found a receipt from a bar which showed alcohol purchases made on Oct 25, 2021 (**Exhibit 2**).

On February 27th, 2022, Avery Beasley came into the police station for an interview. Avery's story matched that of Arlo's written statement.

During my investigation I also spoke to Arlo's brother, Wilbert Key. Wilbert told us that he was at the firehouse at 111 Firehouse Road on duty as a firefighter on the night of October 25th into the morning of October 26th. All firefighters in Lexington County are also trained Emergency Medical Technicians, and thus, – trained to administer trauma level first aid, stabilize patients, and transport them in ambulances to hospitals.

AFFIDAVIT OF AVERY BEASLEY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Avery Beasley. I am over the age of 18 years and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I've lived in Lexington County my whole life. I know the town like the back of my hand (**Exhibit 4**). I work in nursing as a certified nurses aid since 2012. I took a two-week course on the basics of the job. Then there is a state level test that I passed. I have to do yearly in-service training. A nurses aid helps elderly patients with daily lifestyle needs, such as, – changing bedding, dressing, feeding. Sometimes I'll take a patient's temperature and heart rate. I don't handle any medication. If something comes up, I'll get the head nurse.

I've known Arlo Key for several years. We both work as nurses aides at the same company. As long as I've known Arlo, they have lived on Park Road (**Exhibit 5**). I actually stayed with Arlo for a couple months when I was in between apartments. I live at the Brushings Lane Apartments. We all are in a bigger friend group that would all meet up for drinks after work some nights. Arlo was on-again, off-again dating Atlas Gibson. Atlas would go out with us as well.

On October 25th, 2021, we were all planning on going out to the Platinnum Bar and Joint – PB&J for short. I think we were celebrating a birthday for Atlas' cousin. PB&J is a basic night club – with dancing and drinks, just a place to hang out. On Monday nights they have a drink special – its dollar mixed drinks. They are like tiny plastic cups with barely any alcohol in them. It is located one city over from where we live. From either my apartment or Arlo's house it would take about 30 minutes to get to PB&J. From my apartment you head west – or away from the river – on Highway 942 to get to PB&J.

Both Arlo and I worked on October 25th. My shift was from 7AM to 3PM. Arlo worked 2PM to 10PM. Before we left for PB&J, Arlo stopped by their house to change and then came to my apartment to pick me up. They got to my house somewhere around 10:45PM. We both had one mixed alcoholic drink at my place and we split an Ether pill. I had taken Ether before, but Arlo never had. Ether is a basic synthetic street drug. It's a stimulant and hallucinogenic that increases energy, but distorts sensory perception and time perception. It takes 30 minutes to kick-in, but can last for up to 6 hours.

Arlo drove us to PB&J. We got there around about ten minutes before midnight. Atlas and their cousin had brought a lot of people. We didn't really know all of them. We all had several drinks and Arlo and Atlas shared a marijuana joint. Arlo seemed a bit more loose compared to normal – really “off.” At one point, Arlo stumbled over a group of chairs on their way to the bathroom. Arlo wasn't injured at all. PB&J closed at 2AM. We all hung out in the parking lot for a while and then started leaving.

Arlo got into the driver's seat of their vehicle and started driving away without me. The car lurched forward, almost hitting the side of the building of the club. Arlo opened the door and fell out onto the ground – laying on the ground. I helped them up and told them I would drive us home. We got to my apartment around 2:45AM. Arlo's said their phone was dead. They made a quick call from my cell phone and then headed home. I don't know who they called. I watched Arlo drive out of the apartment complex – they didn't hit anything on their way out. I went in and went to bed.

Around 3:30AM, I heard my phone ringing – it was Arlo. They wanted me to pick them up from their house. Arlo was whispering into the phone – like there was someone else near them that they didn't want to hear the conversation. I drug myself out of bed and jumped in my car to get them. When I got to their house, I called Arlo from my cell phone. Arlo came running out of the house from the front door. I didn't see their car out front, so I assumed it was parked in the garage. That's normal though. Arlo was frantic and was screaming, “drive, drive.” I've never seen them in an extreme state like that before. I

didn't know where we were going, I just drove away. Arlo borrowed my phone to try to call Atlas. I still didn't know what had happened or what was going on.

I drove to Atlas' apartment, but they weren't there or didn't answer the door. Arlo then called Atlas' sister, but she didn't answer. Arlo finally said something like, "I didn't mean to do it." Finally, I got some of the story out – I didn't fully believe it. Arlo said they hit a skinny, older white man on the road, stopped and tried to pull them off the hood and windshield of the car but couldn't. Arlos said the man was still stuck in the windshield of the car that was parked in the garage. I asked if he was dead. Arlo said, "He was making moaning noises, so I don't think so."

We were driving around trying to find Atlas for about 45 minutes before we made it back to the house. Arlo went to the back of the house to try to find another number for someone who might know where Atlas was. I went to the garage. I didn't really go that far in. It was dark. I turned on the light switch which was on the wall right by the door. I saw the glass – scattered everywhere. And then I saw him. His legs were on the hood of the car – facing down toward the car. His rear end was on the dash and the rest of him was in the car. I listened for a minute but didn't hear anything. He didn't move at all. I kinda just knew he was gone already. I don't think anyone could have survived that kind of a crash.

I shut the door and ran back into the living room. I called out to Arlo. I wasn't going to be a part of this. I told Arlo to call 911 and tell them what happened. I kind of got emotional at that point – like I didn't fully believe it earlier. I became real when I saw the body. Arlo and me exchanged words because they refused to call 911. I gave up and left. Arlo jumped in the car with me.

At my apartment, Arlo explained that it was dark and the man just appeared in the road, "I didn't mean to hit him." Arlo said the accident happened on the off ramp of Highway 942. It is dark right there – not many street lights at all. Then they stopped the car on Roderick way in between the two Highways to try to get him off the car. Arlo said that after parking the car, they turned back to the guy and apologized to him. Arlo said the guy never made any sounds while in the garage. Based on my

interaction with Arlo that night, I really think they weren't in their right mind. The drugs and alcohol just messed with their ability to think straight.

I went back to bed. Arlo laid down on my living room couch.

The next morning I left to go run some errands. When I came back to my apartment, Arlo was there with Atlas and the cousin from the night before. They were all talking about what they were going to do next. I told them I think they should just burn everything and be done with it. Atlas wanted to find a way to give the body back to his family. Arlo asked to borrow my car – I was shook. I told them, “Uhm, no. I’m not involved in this.” I drove them all to someone else’s apartment across town and dropped them off. They all came back to my apartment really late that night. Arlo said they put the body in the Mercy Meadows Park which was close to Arlo’s house.

Everyone left except for Arlo. Arlo told me not to ever saying anything to anyone – not in a threatening way, just out of concern.

The next Monday, I was meeting a new acquaintance for a date at PB&J. I didn’t want to go alone so I brought Arlo with me.

A couple months went by and nothing happened. Arlo didn’t drive that car obviously. I went over to their house once and went into the garage. The windshield was smashed up a more than when I saw it that night. The garage smelled pretty bad. There were blood stains on the carpet of the car. Late February, I got a call from a friend telling me that Arlo had been arrested. At first I thought Arlo turned himself in due to guilty. But, my friend say someone gave an anonyous tip to the police.

I knew eventually I would be pulled into all of this because I had been with Arlo before and after it happened. Eventually, I gave a statement to some prosecutors and then to the Grand Jury. I lied in both of those statements, because I didn’t want Atlas to get in trouble for moving the body. I was trying to keep it from getting worse. I should have told the truth.

In exchange for my testimony today, the prosecutor has granted me immunity for any felony

perjury charges that they could have filed against me.

AFFIDAVIT OF NOBLE WILKINS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Noble Wilkins. I am over the age of 18 years, and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write, and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I am the lab director and owner of Forensic Consultants which is located here in Lexington County. I started the company since 1976. We do most the things other crime labs do except for DNA analysis. WE examine physical evidence and work crime scenes. I have a BS in Chemistry with minors in math and physics from the University of South Carolina, and a Masters of Science in Physics from the same university. Some other academic work toward a PhD in chemistry from Smith College in Massachusetts. I didn't complete my PhD. I've worked in forensic chemistry for 33 years. During that time, I've attended a number of seminars and trainings dealing with all aspects of forensic science, including blood spatter analysis, hair ethnicity identification and material hardness tests. In the early 70s there wasn't a lot of clear training on blood spatter analysis. Today there are several full training schools on blood spatter analysis. I took a 4-day course at University of Georgia. I've also taught the subject at an undergraduate professor at Midlands Technical College.

I have testified as a blood spatter analysis in hundreds of state and federal murder trials both as a prosecution and defense expert witness. I'm paid \$175 per hour for my services. I have spent 15 hours so far in preparing my testimony and anticipate another 2 hours while testifying.

The analysis of blood spatter is based on basic physics. It's the study of how the liquid form of blood is presented on a surface. A blood spatter analyst starts with an end state of blood located in a specific location in a specific pattern. Blood does not vary significantly from person to person in terms

of its physical characteristics. Blood remains as a liquid mass unless acted on by forces. If those forces are equal to the weight of gravity it will cause the formation of drops of about .05 ml volume. Meaning if we take blood in a pipette in a controlled environment – so no side winds present – and we release the blood from the pipette straight down, 90 degrees, onto a non-porous surface, the blood will hit the surface in one location and then radiate out from the center into droplets of containing .05 ml volume of blood. If greater forces are exerted on the blood the resultant drops will be smaller than 0.05 ml.

Where blood spatter analysts are most helpful is in determining the direction of travel of blood drops. The definition of the direction of travel can be arrived at by looking at the length to width ratio of the blood drop. Gravity pulls blood down to the surface of the earth. Just like a rain drop, the blood drop will trail off in the direction it was traveling from – the tail will point backwards. So if blood is in flight or moving through the air – it will act as all objects in flight do. It will be pulled downward by gravity.

“Cast off” is where blood is leaving an object that is in motion. For instances, if I had blood on my hand then fling my hand quickly in one direction with a wall nearby, the wall will show a pattern of blood drops in the direction along the path my hand was moving. As the blood drops left my hand they would be deposited in a line across the wall’s surface.

Also, the angle at which the liquid hit the surface is also able to be determined. The lower the angle the drop hits a surface the longer the pattern will be. A direct 90 degree hit will leave no trail.

There’s also surface contact stains. A transfer pattern will leave an imprint of the surface that blood is leaving from. For instances a bloody shoe could leave a shoe print on the surface that it comes into contact with. The blood prints will be heavier or more pronounced in the direction the shoe is traveling from and more faint in the direction that the shoe is traveling toward.

I was contacted by Detective Fletcher Cruz to look at some physical evidence in connection with this case. In March 2022, I went to the Lexington County Auto Impound to collect evidence and take photographs of a vehicle. First off, I did a general visual examination of the vehicle (**EXHIBIT 9**).

The roof on the front section of the car had a large indentation above the passenger side area. There were several hairs and spattered blood found in the area of the roof where the indentation was made right above the windshield area. **Exhibit 7** depicts this area, although that picture was taken by Detective Cruz from the garage where the car was recovered from. The windshield had been smashed into the vehicle.

At the impound, I observed blood throughout the passenger side interior of the vehicle. **(EXHIBIT 8)**. Specifically, there was blood in the floorboard, in the door pocket of the passenger side door and on the area of the passenger seatbelt buckle return and the center console.

There are several significant stains on the center console on the side facing the passenger seat of the vehicle **(EXHIBIT 10)**. There were some hairs on the console and some hair prints in the dried blood – right at the point where the seatbelt receiver would touch the center console. I collected the hair. Closer to the front of the vehicle, the center console has a vertical stain that is indicative of a drip or stream of active bleeding coming from above, dripping down between the console and the passenger seat.

If you open the arm rest up, there is a storage compartment. It was closed when I first viewed the car. However, upon opening the arm rest, there are very fine, small blood drops - almost like a mist – on the area closest to the driver's side in that storage area under the arm rest. These drops are consistent with expired blood, which is – blood that has been forcefully expelled from someone's lungs or mouth after a cough or forceful wheez. To get blood into that console, the person's head would have to be above the console and on the passenger side area, – facing the driver and in a downward slant. This same storage compartment had several small glass fragments. When analyzed the glass was consistent with windshield glass. The presence of blood and glass indicate the arm rest compartment was open during the incident.

Also the seatbelt receiver had blood stains on it and also hair was present on the receiver. I have

sufficient training on determining ethnicity based on hair samples. I determined the hair to be consistent with a Caucasian person. It was blonde in color. It was not determined where the hair was located on the body before it was transferred to the location in the car.

The head could not have been in the same position to deposit expired blood into the enter console and also make the hair and blood transfer further down on the seatbelt receiver. We can deduce two different points in time based on this evidence – or at least one movement of the head from one of these locations to another.

I also examined the passenger side, inside door. The front pocket of the door had a large amount of pooled, dried blood. Inside the pocket, there is a stain consistent of active bleeding, dripping down the wall of the pocket. There was no evidence that blood outside the pocket dripped into the pocket. The blood in the pocket was not cast off blood. The large volume in the pocket is indicative of an active bleed taking place inside that pocket. Also, there is a contact, transfer stain on the outside of the pocket. That stain had the pattern of a person's left hand: – four fingers and then a thumb. I was able to theorize that a hand contacted the outside of the pocket and at some point was placed inside the pocket where blood from that hand actively bleed into the pocket. Again, we can theorize two different points in time: – one caused by the initial transfer stain without evidence of significant active bleeding, and one that caused stains in the pocket with active bleeding. It is my opinion that the hand came to rest inside the pocket and remained there until the body was removed from the vehicle.

The passenger side door also had scattered drops along it indicating blood in flight, which were located between two pockets in the door. The small blood droplets had a larger mass heading toward the back of the car and a tail toward the front of the car. In total there were 13 or so small drops that were all following the same trajectory and had the same volume of blood. I drew the opinion that these would have been deposited during the initial moment of the body traveling through the windshield and into the vehicle. The blood was not expired blood. The drops were larger than expired blood.

The dashboard had been wiped down. There was no glass or blood evidence gathered from the dashboard.

There was no evidence that I could get from the front seats. They had been completely burned. The seats would have had evidence that I could have drawn opinions from due to the location of the body on or above the passenger seat.

I conducted no DNA analysis. I didn't confirm that any of the blood samples matched the victim in this case.

There was a hammer collected by police. They also collected some of the broken windshield glass. There are markings in the hammer head and in the fiberglass handle that were consistent with this hammer being used to break windshield glass. I collected samples of both the front and back windshield. A front windshield is a laminate – two sheets of glass with a plastic sheet in the middle. The back windshield is not a laminate – it is just a sheet of glass. The front windshield is built as a laminate to slow down an object or a person from traveling through the window. A person can make it through, but there is an increased resistance from the plastic sheet.

I made visual observations of the hammer: with my own eyes and also under a microscope. If you hit glass with a hammer, the glass will break but not the hammer. However, glass is harder than steel – in that it more strongly resists scratching to its surface. You can scratch steel with glass but you can't scratch glass with steel. The hammer was made of steel. There were specific gouges in the hammer. I put the glass on a hard table and struck the glass with the hammer. I was able to replicate the damage to the hammer. Confirming this hammer was used to break out parts of the window. I then scratched the handle with the glass provided in an attempt to replicate the gouges on the handle and was able to replicate the same gouge marks. I couldn't tell you that the gouges were made from the hammer striking the specific vehicle that I was tasked with examining for this trial.

AFFIDAVIT OF QUINN DAVENPORT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Quinn Davenport. I am over the age of 18 years and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I am the lead medical examiner for Lexington County. I received my bachelors of science, masters of science and medical degree all in pathology from University of South Carolina. My residency out of college was a four year stint at Lexington County Hospital in the late 70s. I am Board Certified through University of South Carolina in clinical pathology. I'm an Associate Professor of Pathology at University of South Carolina. I've published several papers and presented oral presentations at state conferences on various topics including vehicular accident trauma and sudden infant death syndrome. I've consulted with the United Nations on projects around the world including the Bosnian and Rwandan genocide events in the early 90s. My team was called in to lead the investigation after the deaths in the Branch Davidian compound fire which was also in the early 90s. I am qualified as an expert in trial courts in South Carolina and in Federal and International Tribunals. My job includes testifying at trial so I'm not paid by any party in this case for my testimony.

As the chief medical examiner, I have administrative responsibilities. We have a drug lab and a crime lab. But, I also perform case work – including individual autopsies. Pathology is a subset of medicine that involves doing studies on tissues in labs to determine diseases in the body. A pathologist supervises a laboratory in a hospital. Pathologist also can perform autopsies to determine cause of death. The medical examiner has the job of conducting an inquest where a person dies suddenly or with unexplained causes of death. I've personally performed over 3,000 autopsies in my career.

For a case, I get information from the police and also a report from my own investigator who could go out to the scene. In October 2021, I personally performed an autopsy of Jefferson Doyle. He was brought to my office on October 26, 2021. I performed the autopsy the next day. We sent an investigator to the park to see if there was any information that would help with the autopsy.

It was clear, how the body was found in the park was not consistent with the injuries and conditions of the body. For example, the lividity present on the body suggested the body had been moved to the park. Lividity is post mortum pooling of blood. After death, because there is no blood circulation, the blood pools in the area of the body that is closest to the earth – pulled down due to gravity. Lividity manifests in the skin changing color to a dark purple – it would almost look like a bruise. Lividity can begin setting in within 30 minutes after blood circulation ceases and will become fixed within 4 hours. The presence of lividity can tell us the position of the body when death occurred.

For this case, at the park, the body was found on his back on the ground. However, the prominence of lividity was presented on the front of his body – specifically his face and the front of his neck and chest. There was no lividity present on his back or on his lower torso or legs, indicated that for at least the first four hours after death, the body remained in a face down position with his torso and legs elevated above his upper body.

We can go through the injuries that I found on the body during the autopsy. We'll start at the top and then work down.

Starting with the head, I saw a gliding abrasion on the right forehead. This implies that the body came into contact with a hard surface at that location. The skin was scratched. There was not much bleeding from this injury. This was not a serious injury. This injury alone would not have caused serious injury or death. Although, this injury likely caused Mr. Doyle to immediately yet temporarily lose consciousness due to the impact. I can't tell for sure the exact length of this temporary lack of consciousness. It is likely to have been at least 30 minutes and could have been up to the point of his

death. There were no fractures of the skull or bleeding in the brain.

Next, for the torso, there were no internal injuries, and also, no organ damage such as to the heart of lungs. No broken ribs. No internal bleeding. There were a parallel, deep abrasions from the lower chest on the right side downward to the upper right thigh. This is consistent with a dicing injury caused by contact with shards of glass. The abrasions were confined to the skin and did not affect any vascular structure. They would not have created any major bleeding. There were small fragments or shards of glass found within the wounds. These were caused by impact with open glass. The injuries were consistent with the body being moved through the windshield of the car and being lodged in the vehicle.

For the arms, there were compound fractures of the right humerus along the distal or inside portion of the right arm just proximal to the elbow joint. This was immediately under the back of the elbow area on the right arm. The left hand had a localized abrasion or bleeding injury on the right thumb extending down to the wrist joint. These were all not life threatening injuries if basic first aid were administered to stop bleeding. Left untreated, the injury to the left hand would have caused a lot of blood loss.

The main injuries were found on Mr. Doyle's legs. Both legs had a simple fracture of the femur – a broken bone – with overlaying areas of abrasion and soft tissue hemorrhage. These injuries were localized approximately 6 inches above the knees. These injuries were immediately life threatening, mainly due to issues with blood loss from open wounds. If Mr. Jefferson were treated in a hospital setting within 20 to 30 minutes of the incident, he would have assuredly survived the injuries. Medical treatment beyond the 30 minute time frame would still have been advised. However, the chance of survival after 30 minutes would decrease significantly as time progressed. Based on my experience, the blood loss due to arterial injuries from these types of wounds would have caused death within a few hours, with the outside range being a maximum of 4 hours. These breaks would likely have resulted from the initial impact with the vehicle. The severity also indicates this break was the location of the

first contact between the body and the vehicle. The location of the separated femur post-mortum indicate that Mr. Doyle was facing the vehicle upon impact.

In total, the injuries paint a clear picture. While facing the vehicle, Mr. Doyle's legs were impacted by the front of the car, directly above his knees. This would have caused his torso to move forward in relation to his lower body. As the car moved forward, Mr. Doyle's head impacted the vehicle's windshield causing the injury to his forehead and immediate loss of consciousness. He moved through the windshield causing the dicing injuries to his torso and the injury to his left hand.

In my professional opinion, the blood loss would have been the primary means of death. The most significant bleeding coming from the area of his broken legs, with a less serious source of bleeding from his left hand. There is a strong possibility that Mr. Doyle never regained consciousness after the impact even though death was prolonged.

As a Medical Doctor, I am familiar with the effect of drugs and alcohol on an individual's decision making ability. I have read several studies on the effects of intoxication where the researcher provided subjects with a measured dose of certain substances and monitored their ability to perform tests. Comparing the individuals performance before and after intoxications allows the researcher to arrive at an overall effect levels.

I reviewed the case file from the police and learned that within a few hours of the incident, Arlo had consumed marijuana, alcohol and an ether pill. Ether causes time distortions. An individual experiencing Ether would have trouble understanding the passage of time. A positive experience could feel like it is lasting for an extended period of time – minutes stretched into what feels like hours. A negative experience could feel compressed – hours could feel like they pass in minutes. Moderate alcohol consumption, that is more than one drink per one hour time frame, could cause individual to have trouble walking. Alcohol could also cause slurred speech, blurry vision, impaired reaction times, trouble arriving at decisions, and reduced inhibitions.

Finally, I have extensively studied sleep deprivation, specifically work exhaustion and its effects on a persons mental capacity. I have personal conducted experiments while at the University of South Carolina on this topic. We would purposefully keep subjects awake for extended periods of time performing data entry tasks requireing mental stamina and also physical tasks such as restocking a supply room. We would messure the subjects ability to correctly perform function over the course of time.

I am aware in this case, the defendant had recently completed a long shift at work before going out for the night. It is my professional opinion that this level of exhaustion of would induce an decreased ability to focus and solve problems, would decrease alertness and response times.

When you mix intoxicants and have a person experiencing exhaustion, this combination to the person's mental and physical capacities have exponential effects. It is my opinion, that these factors caused the defendant to not be in a normal state of mind when the Defendant faced the circumstances of how to react immediately after the incident.

Pushing or pulling a body through the windshield would have aggravated the injuries to some extent. If that was done by trained Emergency Medical Technicians, additional injuries would likely be minimal. It is hard to speculate, by continuing to drive with a body lodged in the windshield could have cuased more damages. The forces of accelartion and deceleration could have shifted the body causing additional injuries.

However, in this case, without question, it was the lack of medical care that led to Mr. Doyle's death.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATLAS GIBSON

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Atlas Gibson. I am over the age of 18 years and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I'm a friend or at least was a friend of Arlo Key. We dated on and off over the years. It was nothing real serious. I live in Lexington County at the same apartments as Avery. Although, I don't really know Avery that well. I'm currently incarcerated, serving a 10 year sentence for my involvement in this case. I didn't get any plea deal. I'm not being paid at all for my testimony. It is a break from being in prison, but honestly I'd rather be there than in this courtroom. I'm just here to tell the truth. Arlo doesn't deserve to go to prison.

On October 25, 2021, a big group of us were going to PB&J Bar for my cousin Gary's birthday. I told Arlo what our plans were. I got to the club about 11:00PM. Arlo got there about 12:30, or somewhere after that. I don't really remember. Arlo showed up with Avery. As far as I remember, Arlo came right over to our group. Arlo looked different from the way I normally see them. I asked what was wrong. Arlo said they weren't feeling good, that they were high on something. Avery said they gave Arlo an Ether pill. That made me mad. I had seen Arlo drink before but never take any dangerous pills. Arlo gave me their keys and money to hold onto for the night.

I didn't see Arlo drink at all that night, although I wasn't around them all night. Arlo and I did share some marijuana. I left the club about 10 minutes to 1AM. I handed off Arlo's money and keys to my cousin to give to Arlo. I went home with someone else.

The next morning, I had like 20 messages on my cell phone from Arlo. I had turned my phone

off the night before. I don't remember if I returned the calls or if I answered another call from Arlo. Arlo said they needed to talk and that it was important. I told Arlo to meet me at my grandmother's house in town. Arlo pulled up in a car and I just asked, "what is it." As soon as I got in the car I knew something was wrong. We drove off and by the time we got a few blocks away Arlo started crying and said they messed up real bad. Arlo said something like, "you're going to be bad at me." We went back to Arlo's house. Still crying and hollering. I called a friend of mine just so someone would know where I was. I was nervous about the whole situation so I wanted someone to know where I was and who I was with.

Once we got to the house and went inside, I looked around and still didn't know what was up. Arlo hesitated some more and then started telling me about a wreck. I asked, "Did the police already let you come home." I thought they had already been arrested and released. Arlo said they messed up their car real bad. We started walking to the garage. I tried to open the outside garage door and Arlo stopped the door from going up. I turned the garage light on, which didn't provide much light. I saw the windshield was busted and the top of the car was dented. Arlo still would explain, just crying a lot. I told Arlo we can always get the car fixed.

I started opening up the driver's side door and as I did Arlo screamed out, "I hit someone and he is still in the car." I saw the body. Just about all of him was upside down, crammed into the passenger floorboard and seat. Arlo said, "I think he is dead." I used some colorful language to ask why Arlo pulled me into this mess. I just got out of prison for a drug charge and I promised my kids I wasn't going back to prison. I knew Arlo just caused me to pick up a new charge. I got upset immediately at Avery because they gave Arlo the Ether pill. I knew immediately what caused this.

I poked at the man with some garden tool like a rake. He didn't move at all. He was for sure dead. I walked back into the living room. I told Arlo it was alright, that it was an accident and it would be alright. No one was shot or stabbed intentionally. You don't get in trouble for a car wreck because you don't mean anything by it.

Arlo was still sobbing. Arlo said they didn't remember much. Arlo was exiting to get home and was surprised when the guy came through the windshield. Arlo pulled over and tried to pull him out through the front windshield. Arlo climbed up and tried to elbow the windshield out more to get him out. He wouldn't budge so Arlo just drove him back to the house, into the garage.

Arlo said the man was still alive at that time because the man was still making some sounds. Arlo said that Avery came over and they both hear him making a moaning noise.

We all went back to Arlo's friends house and we all just sat in the living room. Avery started suggesting that we burn the body and bury it somewhere. Arlo and I both said no. That's what you do if you meant to kill someone. This is just an accident and his family deserved to have the body to have a funeral. Avery wanted to burn the car as well. I think Avery was feeling guilty about the whole thing.

I had a friend named Nickey who let us borrow her car. We never told her what we were doing with the car. Avery drove Arlo and I to Nickey's house to get the car. Avery went back home. Arlo and I drove back to Arlo's house. My cousin Gary met us at the house.

We all went through the front door and then into the garage. Gary didn't believe me up to this point. When he saw the body, then he appalled and shocked. I got a blanket or something out of a hallway closet and laid it by the passenger side door. I opened up the car door. His weight was shifted against the car door so his body just tilted out of the door. I had to move his legs to get him fully in the blanket. I pulled all four corners together and tied them together. I took a second and like apologized outloud. During this whole time, Arlo had gone back inside the house. They were crying the whole time.

Gary and I loaded the body into the trunk of the car. We drove down to the park and left Arlo at the house. We pulled up and took the body out of the car. Gary handed me a knife and I cut the blanket off. We took the blanket and let him in the park. **Exhibit 6** shows the location. There was a dark sign that had the name of the park. We left him right under the sign.

We went to the car wash. We washed the car and put the blanket in the trash. We picked up Arlo

and went back to Avery's house so Avery could help us take the car back to Nickey.

I called almost every day to check on Arlo after that date. I never saw Arlo again though. I saw it on the news that Arlo was arrested. I knew immediately that I was going to get into trouble for moving the body.

Because of my actions in this case, I was charged with Tampering with Evidence. I pled guilty and was given 10 years.

AFFIDAVIT OF TAYLAN DOYLE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA §
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON §

My name is Taylan Doyle. I am over the age of 18 years and I am otherwise fully competent to testify. I can read, write and understand the English language. I am not under the influence of any drug or other substance which would prevent me from fully understanding the nature of this affidavit. All of the information in this affidavit is within my personal knowledge and is true and correct.

I am 20 years old. I live on campus at Southwestern University. I am studying church ministry. Jefferson Doyle was my father. Growing up I lived on and off with my dad. My parents divorced when I was very young. I grew up with my mom. I saw dad every other weekend at his house. He came to a few athletic events. In 9th grade, I lived with my dad, just for that year before I moved hoem with mom.

My dad had his own business in masonry. He typically did small jobs like building retaining walls or planter beds. He was always friendly although he didn't have many friends. He was hard working and loving to those around him.

My dad was schizophrenic. He was on medicine as long back as I can remember. For most of his life he had a home. He became homeless a few years back. He tried to help a new girlfriend with her financial troubles. As a result he couldn't make his truck payments which caused him to not be able to work. The girlfriend went to jail and my dad was kicked out of the house they were both staying in. He stayed at the shelter in town. I still tried to visit him.

It was early in 2020, probably late February, when I saw my dad for the last time. He wanted me to join him at the homeless shelter and walk around town with him. I met him about 7:00 at night. It was already dark and I didn't really want to be out walking around in the dark. But, this was my dad and I wanted to spend time with him. We were close to the fire station and dad wanted to go to the park so show me something. I forget now what it was. There isn't a great walking bridge in town to get from one

side of the river to the other. He said it was fine for us to walk along the shoulder of the highway bridge. I was super hesitant. We walked up the access ramp and a car flew by coming off the highway at like 50 miles per hour. It honked at us and swerved out of the way as we attempted to move out of its way. I'm not a daredevil type person – this was all too much. We made it across the bridge and down to the park. I ended up calling an Uber from there to get home. I talked to Dad and told him that being near the highways was unsafe. That meeting was really sad. It was clear that Dad was off his meds. He would bring up random conspiracy theories about birds not being real, how they were replaced by the government and are just spy drones. The only other time I'd seen him like that is when he forgot to refill a prescription for a few days. I think he had just given up on trying to stay medicated.

I stopped hearing from Dad after COVID hit.

It was in October 2021, that I heard my dad had passed away. I was a senior in high school. I planned and directed his funeral. We held the funeral October 31st. There are many missing pieces in my life. Like on father's day, I didn't have a father to send a card. He was gone before my high school graduation. He won't be here at my wedding. I won't be able to tell him about my future jobs.

I think there is too much hate in the world for me to do anything other than extend forgiveness to Arlo. We all make mistakes and hopefully learn from them. My dad was temporarily taken away from me by a horrible disease and then permanently by Arlo's actions. I don't think anything else should be taken away. There's been so much loss already. My dad didn't have a choice that morning when he was stuck in the windshield. But, today I do have a choice. I choose to forgive. Arlo had risky behaviour, but so did my dad. Arlo shouldn't go to jail because of my Dad's choices.