

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

THE STATE OF GEORGIA) CASE NO: 22SC183572
)
vs.) CHIEF JUDGE URAL GLANVILLE
)
JEFFERY LAMAR WILLIAMS))
)

RESPONSE TO STATE’S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION AND REQUEST TO STRIKE
MISREPRESENTATIONS BY THE STATE

COMES NOW Jeffery Williams, by and through undersigned counsel, and files this response to the State’s MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE RECORD, and further requests that the numerous factual misrepresentations and omissions be stricken from the State’s motion, and further moves the Court to DENY the State’s purported “request to clarify the record”. In support of the Motion, Mr. Williams offers the following:

1.

On January 19, 2023 at 4:02 p.m., the State filed a Motion For Clarification of The Record that purported to have the Court clarify events that had transpired in Court on January 18, 2023. The State’s Motion was replete with factual inaccuracies, misrepresentations, and was filed, it appears solely for the purpose of placing Defendant Jeffery Williams in a bad light in the eyes of the media and the public, and with the distinct possibility of poisoning the jury pool. Further, the Motion was filed and disseminated to the news media in contravention of this Honorable Court’s stated intent of addressing the events of January 18, 2023 in a manner that would not improperly impugn the character of any Defendants herein, especially in light of Fulton County Sheriff’s Department then ongoing investigation into the aforementioned events. Lastly, the State filed their Motion, and made purposely misleading statements regarding Mr. Williams actions, after having knowledge that Mr. Williams was not found to be in knowing violation of any law. In fact, the State’s motion was filed AFTER the State had commenced a prosecution of the individuals alleged to be involved in wrongdoing and with the knowledge that Mr. Williams was not one of those individuals

2.

Contrary to the State's factually inaccurate recitations, the since released video footage from January 18, 2023, shows Mr. Kahlief Adams approaching Mr. Williams (who was seated and engaged in a conversation with undersigned counsel), and appearing to pass something to Mr. Williams while shaking his hand. It is patently clear from the images that there was no communication, solicitation, or request from Mr. Williams prior to that. Notably, the video also shows that Mr. Williams appears to be startled by the object passed to him, drops it on the table, and then immediately picks it up and hands it to a Sheriff's Deputy who was less than 2 feet away from Mr. Williams. The entire sequence occurs in the span of a few seconds. The State purposely misrepresents the occurrence by stating in their filing that "*Mr. Williams closed his hand around the object and placed his closed right hand underneath the table to conceal the object*". This is a blatant fabrication. The available video evidence specifically contradicts this assertion.

3.

The State's Motion falsely asserts that the Court proceedings were delayed because of actions on Mr. Williams part. Specifically, the motion claims that Mr. Williams possessed and distributed contraband and as a result, juror hardships were not able to be addressed on that day. In fact, as all parties who were present in Court are aware, Mr. Kahlief Adams was taken to the hospital, and because the proceedings could not commence in his absence, this Honorable Court was constitutionally obligated to suspend the matters until Mr. Adams could be present. The Court specifically advised all parties personally of its' intention to do so. Accordingly, it is absolutely bewildering as to why the State would blatantly misrepresent the reason for the cessation of Courtroom activities in its Motion when it knew that that assertion was inaccurate.

It is obvious that the State's motion is frivolous and gratuitous and is not truly filed for the purposes of "Clarifying the Record", but rather for the purpose of Misrepresenting the record and disseminating a false narrative for public consumption (including the potential jury pool).

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests that the States' Motion be denied insomuch as there is no legitimate need for clarification of the record, and insomuch as the requested "clarification" would amount to a mischaracterization of the events of January 18, 2023. The Defendant further requests that the Court strike the aforementioned misrepresentations in the States' Motion.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of January, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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