

No. 22 00014

STATE OF TENNESSEE

V.

JUSTIN JOHNSON (ALSO KNOWN AS STRAIGHT DROP)
CORNELIUS SMITH

Indictment for

MURDER FIRST DEGREE
CRIMINAL ATTEMPT: MURDER FIRST DEGREE
CONVICTED FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM
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EMPLOYING FIREARM DURING FELONY
THEFT OF PROPERTY \$10,000 OR MORE

T.C.A. 39-13-202
T.C.A. 39-12-101
T.C.A. 39-17-1307
T.C.A. 39-17-1307
T.C.A. 39-17-1324
T.C.A. 39-14-103

SCATS CODE - 21015
SCATS CODE - 41015
SCATS CODE - 27221
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SCATS CODE - 22482
SCATS CODE - 30152

Witnesses:

Summon for the State
F. FRIAS, MPD, HOMICIDE BUREAU

T. DABNEY
M. ABDUL-BAAQEE

MPD - HOMICIDE BUREAU
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T. DABNEY
Prosecutor

A True Bill ✓

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Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Date Indictment Returned: 1-11-2027


STATE OF TENNESSEE) CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
)
SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 1

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

JUSTIN JOHNSON (ALSO KNOWN AS STRAIGHT DROP)
CORNELIUS SMITH

on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully, intentionally, and with premeditation kill ADOLPH THORNTON, JR., in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-202, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



Amy P. Weirich
District Attorney General
30th Judicial District


STATE OF TENNESSEE) CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
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SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 2

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

**JUSTIN JOHNSON (ALSO KNOWN AS STRAIGHT DROP)
CORNELIUS SMITH**

on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully attempt to commit the offense of First Degree Murder, as defined in T.C.A. 39-13-202, in that they did unlawfully, intentionally, and with premeditation attempt to kill MARCUS THORNTON, in violation of T.C.A. 39-12-101, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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30th Judicial District


STATE OF TENNESSEE) CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
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SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 3

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

JUSTIN JOHNSON (ALSO KNOWN AS STRAIGHT DROP)

on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully and knowingly possess a firearm, having been convicted of Aggravated Assault, a felony crime of violence, on May 2, 2017, in Division 8 of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, under docket number W1700355, in violation of T.C.A. 39-17-1307, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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STATE OF TENNESSEE) CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
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SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 4

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

CORNELIUS SMITH

on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully and knowingly possess a firearm, having been convicted of Aggravated Assault, a felony crime of violence, on November 14, 2011, in Division 1 of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, under docket number 11-06867, in violation of T.C.A. 39-17-1307, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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STATE OF TENNESSEE) CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
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SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 5

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly selected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire for the body of the county of Shelby, Tennessee, upon their oath, present that:

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on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully and knowingly employ a firearm during the commission of or attempt to commit the conduct alleged in Count 2 of this indictment, an offense as defined in T.C.A. 39-17-1324(i)(1), in violation of T.C.A. 39-17-1324(b), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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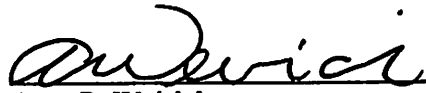
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SHELBY COUNTY) NOVEMBER TERM, 2021

Count 6

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on November 17, 2021 in Shelby County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully and knowingly obtain or exercise control over certain property, to wit: a motor vehicle, of the value of \$10,000 or more but less than \$60,000, the property of VALERIE WILKERSON, without the effective consent of VALERIE WILKERSON, with intent to deprive VALERIE WILKERSON of the said property, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-103, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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A True Bill ✓


Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Date Indictment Returned: 12-2-2021


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