CASE INFORMATION

CR-23-680375-A THE STATE OF OHIO vs. JAMES SAUNDERS

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08/30/2023	08/30/2023	•	SR	ORDERED JE NOTICE(51509619) SENT BY REGULAR MAIL SERVICE. TO: JAMES SAUNDERS 1215 W 3RD CLEVELAND, OH 44113-0000	
08/30/2023	08/30/2023	D1	SR	ORDERED JE NOTICE(51509602) SENT BY REGULAR MAIL SERVICE. TO: JAMES SAUNDERS 1215 W 3RD CLEVELAND, OH 44113-0000	
08/29/2023	08/29/2023	N/A	JE	DEFENDANT INDIGENT; ATTORNEY JOSEPH V PAGANO ASSIGNED. DEFENDANT DECLARED INDIGENT FOR APPEALS PURPOSES ONLY DUE TO HIS INCARCERATION	

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STATUS. TRANSCRIPT ORDERED AT STATE'S EXPENSE. CLERK ORDERED TO SEND A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO: DEFENDANT, JAMES SAUNDERS; 1215 WEST 3RD STREET, CLEVELAND, OH 44113 08/29/2023 CPTL2 08/29/2023 14:35:14	
COURT REPORTER FEE	
REPARATION FEE RC 2937.22	
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY(S) ANDREW ROGALSKI & BRANDON PITEO PRESENT. DEFENDANT IN COURT. COUNSEL CULLEN SWEENEY, SCOTT HURLEY, & JOHN MARTIN PRESENT. COURT REPORTER LORIANNE KLODNICK PRESENT. ON A FORMER DAY OF COURT THE COURT FOUND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF ILLEGAL VOTING R.C. 3599.12 (A)(2) F4 AS CHARGED IN	

COUNT(S) 1, 2 OF THE INDICTMENT.

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THE COURT **CONSIDERED ALL** REQUIRED FACTORS OF THE LAW. THE COURT FINDS THAT PRISON IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF R. C. 2929.11. THE COURT **IMPOSES A PRISON** SENTENCE AT THE LORAIN CORRECTIONAL **INSTITUTION OF 36** MONTH(S). COUNT 1 - (F4): 18 MONTHS; \$5,000.00 FINE. COUNT 2 - (F4): 18 MONTHS; \$5,000.00 FINE. THE SENTENCES ON COUNTS 1 AND 2 ARE TO RUN **CONSECUTIVE TO** EACH OTHER. **DEFENDANT TO** RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR 6 DAY(S) JAIL-TIME SERVED. PURSUANT TO ORC 120.05 AND ORC 120.15(D), **COURT REVIEWED** THE CUYAHOGA **COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S INDIGENCY DETERMINATION.** COURT FINDS THE **DEFENDANT NOT** INDIGENT AND **FURTHER FINDSTHE** DEFENDANT

INELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER SERVICES FROM THE **CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S** OFFICE. **DEFENDANT IS** ORDERED TO REPAY **ALL ATTORNEY** FEES AND COSTS **ASSOCIATED WITH** HIS REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER. THE COURT **IMPOSES PRISON TERMS** CONSECUTIVELY FINDING THAT CONSECUTIVE SERVICE OF THE PRISON TERM IS **NECESSARY TO** PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM **FUTURE CRIME OR** TO PUNISH **DEFENDANT: THAT** THE CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES ARE NOT DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF **DEFENDANT'S** CONDUCT AND TO THE DANGER **DEFENDANT POSES** TO THE PUBLIC; AND THAT, AT LEAST TWO OF THE MULTIPLE OFFENSES WERE COMMITTED IN THIS

CASE AS PART OF ONE OR MORE **COURSES OF** CONDUCT, AND THE HARM CAUSED BY SAID MULTIPLE **OFFENSES WAS SO GREAT OR UNUSUAL** THAT NO SINGLE PRISON TERM FOR ANY OF THE **OFFENSES** COMMITTED AS PART OF ANY OF THE COURSES OF CONDUCT **ADEQUATELY** REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF **DEFENDANT'S** CONDUCT. AS A RESULT OF THE CONVICTION(S) IN THIS CASE AND THE IMPOSITION OF A PRISON SENTENCE, AND PURSUANT TO R.C. 2967.28(F)(4)(C), THE DEFENDANT MAY BE SUBJECT TO A PERIOD OF POST-RELEASE CONTROL OF: UP TO 2 YEARS OF PRC AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PAROLE BOARD. THE ADULT PAROLE **AUTHORITY WILL** ADMINISTER THE **POST-RELEASE** CONTROL **PURSUANT TO** R.C.2967.28, AND THE DEFENDANT

HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT IF THE **DEFENDANT VIOLATES POST-**RELEASE CONTROL. THE PAROLE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A PRISON TERM AS PART OF THE SENTENCE OF UP TO HALF OF THE STATED PRISON TERM OR STATED MINIMUM TERM ORIGINALLY IMPOSED UPON THE **DEFENDANT IN NINE-MONTH** INCREMENTS. IF WHILE ON POST-RELEASE CONTROL THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF A **NEW FELONY. THE** SENTENCING **COURT WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO** TERMINATE THE POST-RELEASE CONTROL AND ORDER A CONSECUTIVE PRISON TERM OF UP TO THE **GREATER OF** TWELVE MONTHS OR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF POST-RELEASE CONTROL. THE DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO PAY A FINE IN THE SUM OF \$ 10,000.00. DEFENDANT

ADVISED OF APPEAL RIGHTS. THE COURT HEREBY ENTERS JUDGMENT AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COSTS OF THIS PROSECUTION. **ALL MOTIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY RULED ON PRIOR** TO THE FILING OF THIS JUDGMENT **ENTRY ARE DENIED** AS MOOT. **DEFENDANT** REMANDED. SHERIFF ORDERED TO TRANSPORT **DEFENDANT JAMES** SAUNDERS, DOB: 09/06/1966, GENDER: MALE, RACE: WHITE. **CLERK ORDERED** TO SEND A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO: DEFENDANT, JAMES SAUNDERS; 1215 WEST 3RD STREET. CLEVELAND, OH 44113 08/28/2023 CPTL2 08/29/2023 14:21:31

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JAMES SAUNDERS ATTORNEY JOHN T.

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NOTICE OF

APPEARANCE

> D1 JAMES SAUNDERS

ATTORNEY SCOTT R

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			HURLEY 0063858 DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR DIRECTED ACQUITAL AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM OF LAW (ARGUMENT REQUESTED) 09/09/2023 - UNKNOWN	
08/25/2023	08/25/2023 D1	MO	MOTION FILED BY D1 JAMES SAUNDERS ATTORNEY SCOTT R HURLEY 0063858 DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF VERDICTS AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM OF LAW (ARGUMENT REQUESTED) 09/09/2023 - UNKNOWN	
08/25/2023	08/25/2023 D1	MO	MOTION FILED BY D1 JAMES SAUNDERS ATTORNEY SCOTT R HURLEY 0063858 DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM OF LAW (ARGUMENT REQUESTED) 09/09/2023 - UNKNOWN	
08/25/2023	08/25/2023 D1	NT	SENTENCING MEMORANDUM, FILED.	

08/23/2023	08/23/2023 N/A	CS	COURT REPORTER FEE	
08/22/2023	08/22/2023 N/A	JE	OSJ - ORDER ON BENCH TRIAL. 08/22/2023 CPTL2 08/22/2023 10:46:27	
08/22/2023	08/24/2023 N/A	JE	DEFENDANT IN COURT WITH COUNSEL SCOTT HURLEY. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY(S) ANDREW F. ROGALSKI PRESENT. COURT REPORTER ROBERT LLOYD PRESENT. THE COURT FINDS THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF ILLEGAL VOTING R.C. 3599.12 (A)(2) F4 AS CHARGED IN COUNT(S) 1, 2 OF THE INDICTMENT. SEE ATTACHED OPINION. DEFENDANT REMANDED. SENTENCING SET FOR 08/28/2023 AT 10:00 AM. 08/22/2023 CPTL2 08/22/2023 10:42:37	
08/08/2023	08/14/2023 N/A	JE	HEARING SET FOR 08/22/2023 AT 10:00 AM. 08/08/2023 CPTL2 08/08/2023 08:12:45	
08/02/2023	08/02/2023 N/A	JE	THE COURT ORDERS KELLIE M. REEVES-ROPER	

			OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER TO PREPARE THE TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS OF 07/12/2023 CONSISTING OF 180 PAGES (ORIGINAL) AT \$4.75 AND 0 PAGES (COPY) AT \$0.00, IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$855.00, HEREBY ALLOWED AND ORDERED TAXED AS COST AND PAID FORTHWITH FROM THE COUNTY TREASURY	
07/28/2023	07/28/2023 D1	SH	SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT SERVICE FEE \$10.64: SS 1489097	
07/13/2023	07/13/2023 N/A	CS	COURT REPORTER FEE	
07/13/2023	07/13/2023 N/A	SB	SHERIFF SERVICE FEES FOR SUBPOENA NUMBER 1489108, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8.50.	
07/12/2023	07/13/2023 N/A	JE	THE COURT ORDERS A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT. 07/12/2023 CPTL2 07/12/2023 15:34:45	
07/12/2023	07/13/2023 N/A	JE	DEFENDANT IN COURT. COUNSEL SCOTT HURLEY PRESENT. PROSECUTOR(S)	

ANDREW F. ROGALSKI PRESENT. COURT REPORTER KELLIE M ROPER PRESENT. TRIAL CALLED AND FIRST DAY OF TRIAL COMMENCED. **DEFENDANT EXECUTED A** WRITTEN JURY TRIAL WAIVER AND ON THE RECORD **ORALLY WAIVED DEFENDANT'S** RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY, COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT KNOWINGLY. INTELLIGENTLY AND **VOLUNTARILY** WAIVED RIGHTS TO A TRIAL BY JURY. **OPENING** STATEMENTS FROM STATE OF OHIO. **OPENING** STATEMENTS FROM DEFENSE. STATE OF OHIO BEGINS CASE-IN-CHIEF. CALLING WITNESSES. STATE OF OHIO RESTS. **DEFENSE COUNSEL MAKES RULE 29 MOTION. RULE 29** MOTION IS DENIED. DEFENSE RESTS. 07/12/2023 CPTL2 07/12/2023 15:23:18

07/12/2023 07/12/2023 N/A

DEFENDANT'S VOLUNTARY WAIVER

OF JURY TRIAL AND

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07/12/2023	07/12/2023 P1	GP	ORDER, RECEIVED FOR FILING 07/12/2023. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
07/11/2023	07/11/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
07/11/2023	07/11/2023 P1	NT	NOTICE FILED BY P1 THE STATE OF OHIO ATTORNEY ANDREW F. ROGALSKI 0084271 NOTICE OF STATE'S INVOCATION OF EVID.R. 901(11) FOR SELF- AUTHENTICATION OF BUSINESS RECORDS	
07/11/2023	07/11/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
07/10/2023	07/10/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
07/06/2023	07/06/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO	

07/06/2023	07/06/2023 N/A	JE	REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED. PRETRIAL HELD 07/06/2023. TRIAL REMAINS SET FOR 07/12/2023 AT 09:00 AM. 07/06/2023 CPTL2 07/06/2023 12:21:50	
06/30/2023	06/30/2023 N/A	SB	STATE SUBPOENA ISSUED (1489137)	
06/30/2023	06/30/2023 N/A	SB	STATE SUBPOENA ISSUED (1489108)	
06/30/2023	06/30/2023 N/A	SB	STATE SUBPOENA ISSUED (1489097)	
06/22/2023	06/22/2023 N/A	JE	PRETRIAL HELD 06/22/2023. PRETRIAL CONTINUED TO 07/06/2023 AT THE REQUEST OF DEFENDANT. REASON FOR CONTINUANCE: ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE STATE TRIAL REMAINS SET FOR 07/12/2023 AT 09:00 AM. 06/22/2023 CPTL2 06/22/2023 12:27:49	
06/14/2023	06/21/2023 N/A	JE	PRETRIAL HELD 06/14/2023. PRETRIAL CONTINUED TO 06/22/2023 AT 09:00 AM AT THE REQUEST OF	

			DEFENDANT. REASON FOR CONTINUANCE: ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE STATE. TRIAL SET FOR 07/12/2023 AT 09:00 AM. 06/14/2023 CPTL2 06/14/2023 11:26:51	
05/31/2023	05/31/2023 N/A	JE	PRETRIAL HELD 05/31/2023. PRETRIAL CONTINUED TO 06/14/2023 AT 09:00 AM AT THE REQUEST OF DEFENDANT. REASON FOR CONTINUANCE: ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE STATE. 05/31/2023 CPTL2 05/31/2023 12:58:39	
05/23/2023	05/23/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
05/23/2023	05/23/2023 P1	GP	SUPPLEMENTAL DISCOVERY RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	

05/17/2023	05/17/2023 P1	NT	STATE'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF DEMAND FOR DISCOVERY FILED	
05/15/2023	05/15/2023 N/A	JE	PRETRIAL HELD 05/15/2023. PRETRIAL CONTINUED TO 05/31/2023 AT 09:00 AM AT THE REQUEST OF DEFENDANT. REASON FOR CONTINUANCE: ONGOING DISCOVERY. 05/15/2023 CPTL2 05/15/2023 14:37:25	
05/11/2023	05/11/2023 N/A	SR	CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT NO. 50420619 RETURNED 5/10/2023 FAILURE OF SERVICE ON DEFENDANT SAUNDERS/JAMES/ - UNCLAIMED -	
05/10/2023	05/10/2023 P1	GP	STATE'S DEMAND FOR DISCOVERY, FILED.	
05/10/2023	05/10/2023 P1	GP	STATE'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY UNDER RULE 16, FILED.	
05/04/2023	05/04/2023 N/A	BN	\$2,500.00 PERSONAL BOND POSTED ON 05/04/2023 BY DEFENDANT. BOND NO. 787384	
05/04/2023	05/04/2023 N/A	CS	PRISONER IN COURT	

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DEFENDANT DECLARED INDIGENT. ANY COSTS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO ORC 2743.70 AND ORC 2949.091 ARE HEREBY WAIVED. **COURT ASSIGNED** PUBLIC DEFENDER AS COUNSEL. **READING OF** INDICTMENT WAIVED. TWENTY-**FOUR HOUR** SERVICE WAIVED. **DEFENDANT PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO** INDICTMENT. BOND SET AT 2,500.00 DOLLARS. BOND TYPE: PERSONAL.. JUDGE SANTOLI, ANDREW J. (380) ASSIGNED (RANDOM). FIRST PRETRIAL SET FOR 05/15/2023 AT 09:00 AM IN **COURT ROOM JC21A** JUDGE ANDREW J.. SANTOLI. DNA ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 2901.07(B) (1)(B), THE COURT FINDS THAT THE **DEFENDANT IS 18** YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WAS CHARGED WITH A FELONY ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED TO A

			DNA SPECIMEN COLLECTION. DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO SUBMIT TO A DNA SPECIMEN COLLECTION PROCEDURE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHERIFF WITHIN 24 HOURS	
04/21/2023	04/21/2023 N/A	SR	SUMMONS - CRIMINAL(50420619) SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL. TO: SAUNDERS/JAMES/ 16210 SHAKER BOULEVARD SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH 441200000	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	GP	ARRAIGNMENT SCHEDULED FOR 05/04/2023.	
04/19/2023	04/19/2023 N/A	CS	WRIT FEE	
04/19/2023	04/19/2023 N/A	CR	INDICTED ORIGINAL ON 04/19/2023	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	SF	LEGAL RESEARCH	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	SF	COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	SF	CRIME STOPPERS	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	SF	COMPUTER FEE	
04/19/2023	04/20/2023 N/A	SF	CLERK FEE	
04/17/2023	04/17/2023 N/A	CR	CASE INFORMATION ENTERED	
10/20/2021	04/17/2023 N/A	CR	DATE OF OFFENSE 10/20/2021	

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