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NOLLE PROSEQUI MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE
FROM: PAUL R. VALCORE, ASA
DATE: November 16, 2020
RE: State of Florida v. DEANDRE L. BAKER
Case # 20-4399CF10A
Robbery with Firearm

On August 5, 2020, the State filed a four count information alleging that Deandre Baker, in concert with two unidentified men, had committed the offense of robbery while in actual possession of a firearm that was used to take jewelry and cash from four alleged victims on the evening of May 13, 2020. The information was filed based on three previous sworn statements by the alleged victims in which they asserted that three men committed a robbery with a firearm upon them and that Mr. Baker was one of the assailants.

Subsequently, the alleged victims and the known witnesses have become uncooperative and their credibility is inalterably tarnished. The State moved to have one witness held in contempt of court for refusing to answer questions and the defendant's attorney moved to have one of the listed victims held in contempt of court for failing to appear for deposition.

On Monday morning, November 16, 2020, William Dean, an attorney representing three of the alleged victims, was arrested for extortion related to soliciting a cash payout on behalf of the three men in exchange for altered testimony. This testimony was provided in the form of written, signed, notarized but identical in content affidavits in which the alleged victims recanted their three previous sworn statements and instead asserted that they did not get an accurate look at the events as they occurred, that Deandre Baker was present but not involved in any criminal act and that they were not robbed or assaulted.

Therefore, the State of Florida will announce a nolle prosequi of all charges against Deandre L. Baker.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PRV".

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