

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

VS.

JAMES DESMOND BOOTH  
B/M, DOB: 05/05/1983, SS#:

CASE NO: 12-30612 CFAES

JESSICA L. HICKSON  
W/F, DOB: 08/16/1980, SS#:

CASE NO:

12-30613 CFAES

**INDICTMENT**

The Fall Term 2011 Grand Jury, in and for Volusia County, Florida, empanelled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make, hereby, in the name of and by the authority of the State of Florida, brings this prosecution and makes the following charges:

**COUNT I**

**CHARGE:** FIRST DEGREE MURDER, in Violation of F.S. 782.04(1)(a)1

**SPECIFICATIONS OF CHARGE:** In that JAMES DESMOND BOOTH, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, within Volusia County, Florida, did then and there unlawfully, while acting from a premeditated design to kill Debra Gibson, kill and murder Debra Gibson, a human being, by shooting her with a firearm.

**COUNT II**

**CHARGE:** TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, in Violation of F.S. 914.22(1)(a) and / or (e) & 914.22(2)(c)

**SPECIFICATIONS OF CHARGE:** In that JAMES DESMOND BOOTH, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, within Volusia County, Florida, did then and there knowingly use intimidation or physical force, or threaten Debra Gibson, with the intent to cause or induce Debra Gibson to withhold testimony from an official investigation or official proceeding involving the investigation or prosecution of a Second Degree Felony and / or hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of information relating to the commission or possible commission of an offense or a violation of release pending a judicial proceeding, involving the investigation or prosecution of a Second Degree Felony.

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COUNT III

CHARGE: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED IN-STATE FELON, in Violation of F.S. 790.23(1)

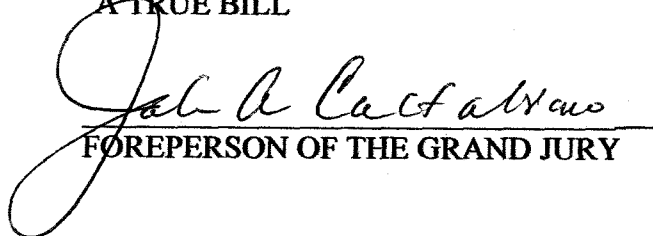
SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CHARGE: In that JAMES DESMOND BOOTH, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, within Volusia County, Florida, did, after having been convicted of a felony, knowingly own or be in the care, custody, possession or control of a firearm.

COUNT IV

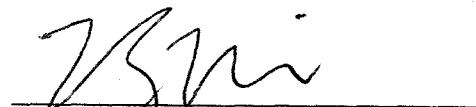
CHARGE: TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, in Violation of F.S. 914.22(1)(a) and / or (e) & 914.22(2)(c)

SPECIFICATIONS OF CHARGE: In that JESSICA L. HICKSON, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, within Volusia County, Florida, did then and there knowingly use intimidation or physical force, or threaten Debra Gibson, with the intent to cause or induce Debra Gibson to withhold testimony from an official investigation or official proceeding involving the investigation or prosecution of a Second Degree Felony and / or hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of information relating to the commission or possible commission of an offense or a violation of release pending a judicial proceeding, involving the investigation or prosecution of a Second Degree Felony, or JESSICA L. HICKSON did aid, abet, counsel, hire, or otherwise procure such offense to be committed.

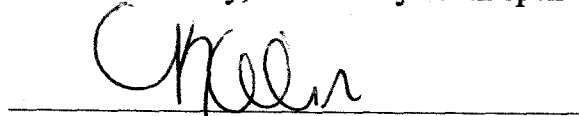
A TRUE BILL

  
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

I, the undersigned State Attorney or Assistant State Attorney, as authorized and required by law, have advised the Grand Jury returning this Indictment.

  
J. RYAN WILL  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Florida Bar Number 0024122

This Indictment was presented by the aforesaid Grand Jury, and filed by me in open court, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

  
CLERK OF THE COURT