

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF**

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
COURT DIVISION**

File No. _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

vs.

Defendant

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) **REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY DISCOVERY**
) **(ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR DISCOVERY)**
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NOW COMES the Defendant, _____, by and through the undersigned counsel, Derek R. Fletcher, Attorney at Law, and hereby requests voluntary discovery from the prosecution in this case, pursuant to the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, Article I, §§ 19 and 23 of the North Carolina Constitution, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S. Ct. 1194, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215 (1963) and its progeny, and Article 48 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

1. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(1), the Defendant requests the complete files of all law enforcement agencies, investigatory agencies, and prosecutor offices involved in the investigation of the crimes committed or the prosecution of the defendant.
2. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(1)(a), the Defendant requests the following:
 - (a) The defendant's statements;
 - (b) The co-defendant's statements;
 - (c) Witness statements;
 - (d) Investigating officers' notes;
 - (e) Results of tests and examinations; and
 - (f) Any other matter or evidence obtained during the investigation of the offenses alleged to have been committed by the defendant.
3. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(1)(a), if any matter or evidence has been submitted for testing or examination, the Defendant requests the following:
 - (a) Any and all test and/or examination results;
 - (b) Any and all testing/examination data;
 - (c) Any and all calculations, or writings of any kind, generated in connection with said testing and/or examination results;
 - (d) Any and all preliminary test and/or screening results; and
 - (e) Any and all bench notes
4. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(1)(d), the Defendant invokes his the right to inspect and copy or photograph any materials in possession of the State and, under appropriate safeguards, to inspect, examine, and test any physical evidence or sample of physical evidence in possession of the State.
5. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(2), the Defendant requests, within a reasonable time prior to trial, as specified by the Court, that the State provide the following to the Defendant:

- (a) Notice to the defendant of any expert witnesses that the State reasonably expects to call as a witness at trial;
 - (b) A report of the results of any examinations or tests conducted by any State experts.
 - (c) The curriculum vitae of any State experts,
 - (d) The opinion, and the underlying basis for that opinion, of any State expert.
6. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903(a)(3), the Defendant requests that the State provided, at the beginning of jury selection, a written list of the names of all other witnesses whom the State reasonably expects to call during the trial.
7. The Defendant requests a complete copy of the Defendant's prior criminal record, if any, including but not necessarily limited to:
 - (a) All juvenile and adult detention, jail, prison, parole, probation, and pre-sentence investigation records and reports;
 - (b) All arrest, conviction, and adult and juvenile criminal offense records and reports;
 - (c) All records and reports of any law enforcement authority as that term is defined in paragraph 5(a) above;
 - (d) All records and reports of any detention or court authority;
 - (e) All records and reports of any prosecuting authority as that term is defined in paragraph 5(b) above;
8. The Defendant requests the opportunity to inspect and copy or photograph any and all books, papers, documents, photographs, motion pictures, videotapes, mechanical or electronic recordings, buildings and places, or any other crime scene, tangible objects, or copies or portions thereof, which are within the possession, custody or control of the State and which are material to the preparation of the defense, or are intended for use by the State as evidence at the trial or were obtained from or allegedly belonged to the Defendant.
9. The Defendant requests a copy of any and all search warrants, arrest warrants and non-testimonial identification orders issued in connection with the case, as well as any supporting affidavits, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.
10. The Defendant requests a description of any and all pre-trial identification procedures conducted by the State or any of its agents in connection with the alleged crimes, and the date, time, place and persons present at such procedure, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.
11. The Defendant requests a description of any conversation between the Defendant and any law-enforcement officer, official or agent, and the date, time, place, and persons present at such time, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.
12. The Defendant requests a description of any and all property or contraband seized from the Defendant, Defendant's home, or an area under Defendant's control that the State intends to offer as evidence at trial, or which led to any other evidence the State intends to use at trial, and the time, place, and manner of any such seizure, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.;
13. The Defendant requests a description of any and all electronic, mechanical, visual or photographic surveillance of the Defendant conducted by State or federal law-enforcement officers, officials or agents, and the date, time, place and persons present at such surveillance, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.
14. The Defendant requests a description of any electronic, mechanical, visual, or photographic surveillance of other persons, places or organizations conducted by State or federal law-enforcement officers, officials or agents which resulted in the interception and/or recording of any of the Defendant's conversations,

photographs of the Defendant, or other information relating to the Defendant, and the date, time, location and manner of any such surveillance, sufficient to allow the Defendant to determine whether to proceed under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-971 et seq.

15. The Defendant requests information related to the nature of any other criminal acts, or prior bad acts, allegedly committed by the Defendant which the State intends to introduce as evidence in its case-in-chief or at sentencing, and the particulars of those acts, including but not limited to the time and place the acts were allegedly committed, whether the acts were the subject of any court proceedings, and the results of any such proceedings.
16. The Defendant requests a statement indicating whether or not any informants were involved in the investigation or preparation of the cases against the Defendant.
17. Pursuant to *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976), *United States v. Bagley*, 374 U.S. 667 (1985) and *Kyles v. Whitley*, 514 U.S. 419 (1995) any and all documents, reports, facts or other information in whatever form which would tend to exculpate the Defendant, mitigate the degree of the offense or the appropriate punishment, weaken or overcome testimony adverse to the Defendant given by a State's witness, impeach the credibility of a State's witness, or would otherwise tend to be favorable to the Defendant in any way, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Any notes or reports, in whatever form, which were prepared by any law-enforcement officer, official or agent and which would tend to refute, impeach or contradict any of the evidence the State intends to introduce at trial, or which tends to show or indicate in any way that the Defendant did not commit the crimes charged in the indictment or that he may have a legal defense to such crimes;
 - (b) Any evidence or information which would tend to indicate in any way that someone other than the Defendant committed the crimes charged, including but not limited to any reports concerning any investigation of suspects other than the Defendant carried out in connection with this case or containing a description of the alleged perpetrator that is inconsistent with the physical characteristics of the Defendant;
 - (c) The facts and circumstances surrounding any pretrial identification procedure conducted by any law-enforcement officer, official or agent in connection with this case in which any alleged witness failed to identify the Defendant or identified someone other than the Defendant;
 - (d) Any written, recorded or oral statements made by any person which would tend to exculpate the Defendant or indicate in any way that Defendant may not have committed the alleged crimes or that Defendant may have a legal defense to such crimes;
 - (e) The names and addresses of any witnesses who may have knowledge of facts which might be favorable to the Defendant, or who were interviewed by any law-enforcement officer, official or agent and failed to provide inculpatory information concerning the Defendant;
 - (f) Any statements previously made by a prospective witness for the State, whether written or oral and whether made under oath or otherwise, which are inconsistent or at variance in any way with what the witness is anticipated to testify to at trial;
 - (g) The complete prior criminal and juvenile records of all witnesses who may testify for the State, the nature of any criminal charges under investigation or pending against such witnesses in any jurisdiction, and a description of any prior bad acts engaged in by any such witnesses;
 - (h) The details of any promises or indications of actual or possible immunity, leniency, favorable treatment or any other consideration whatsoever, or of any inducements or threats, made or suggested by any State or federal employee or agent to any person who has provided information to or will testify for the State in this case, or to anyone representing such a person;

(i) Any information suggesting any bias or hostility by any prospective witness for the State toward the Defendant, or any other factor bearing on the credibility of any prospective witness for the State, including but not limited to any mental illness or condition, or dependence on or use of alcohol or drugs of any kind, whether or not received legally; and

18. All additional information of the type requested above that comes to the attention of the State or its agents after initial compliance with this request.
19. If the State intends to redact any portions of any discovery required to be provided to the Defendant under the N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-903 et seq., then the Defendant specifically requests that the State first seek a protective order, with notice to the Defendant, from the Superior Court before any redacting is performed.

WHEREFORE the Defendant respectfully prays unto this Honorable Court for the following relief:

1. That the State voluntarily provide the aforementioned items of discovery within twenty (20) days of the service of this Request upon the State, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-902(a);
2. That if the State fails or refuses to provide the requested voluntary discovery herein, within the time period prescribed by law, that the Court treat this voluntary discovery request as a motion for the Court to issue an Order compelling the Office of the District Attorney to provide the required discovery pursuant to Article 48 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and
3. For such other and further relief to which the Defendant may be entitled and which the Court may deem just and proper.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY DISCOVERY has been served on the opposing party/counsel in the following manner:

By depositing a copy in the US Mail in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope to: _____

By hand delivery to: _____

By facsimile to: _____ Fax No.: _____

Other: _____

This the _____ day of _____, 20____.

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