Underlying Facts and Circumstances

On October 6, 2022, at approximately 2:28 p.m., Wimbrow contacted the Gulfport Police Department Communication Division, advising a silver Kia Soul, bearing a Georgia license plate was driving recklessly in the area of MS 605 and I-10, Gulfport, Mississippi. Wimbrow advised while he and John Richard Wimbrow III were traveling in the area of MS 605 and Seaway Road, the occupants of the Kia Soul had the front windows rolled down and began “flipping them off”. Wimbrow stated he continued traveling south bound on MS 605 before coming to a stop at the red light in the area of MS 605 and Brentwood Boulevard where the Kia Soul also came to a stop next to him. Wimbrow stated while stopped at the red light, all the windows of the Kia Soul were rolled down and the right rear passenger of the Kia Soul brandished a firearm.

Wimbrow stated he proceeded south bound on MS 605, attempting to get away from the Kia Soul. Wimbrow stated the Kia Soul continued following him south bound on MS 605. Wimbrow stated as he was approaching the red light at MS 605 and Magnolia Street, he observed the light to be red but due to being in fear of the Kia Soul stopping next to him again, Wimbrow proceeded through the red light in another attempt to get away from the Kia Soul. Wimbrow stated the Kia Soul also proceeded through the red light, chasing him.

Wimbrow stated he continued south bound on MS 605 and as he was approaching the intersection of Pass Road, he drove through the parking lot of the Bancorp South, located at 905 Cowan Road, Gulfport, Mississippi in another attempt to get away from the Kia Soul. Wimbrow stated the Kia Soul also drove through the parking lot, continuing to chase him.

Wimbrow stated he continued west bound on Pass Road, being chased by the Kia Soul. Wimbrow stated in the area of Boozer’s Brew, located at 802 E Pass Road, Gulfport, Mississippi, the right rear passenger of the Kia Soul put a camouflage face mask on and brandished the firearm a second time. Wimbrow stated he observed the Kia Soul turn north bound on Courthouse Road and last observed the Kia Soul turn west bound on Commerce Street. Wimbrow stated he lost sight of the Kia Soul due to being unarmed and in fear of his life.

At approximately 2:42 p.m., officers of the Gulfport Police Department located the Kia Soul in the parking lot of Family Dollar, located at 1016 Pass Road, Gulfport, Mississippi. Officers made contact with the occupants and identified them as Desean Curtis Cooper, Dexter Emmanuel Thomas, Kyion Nasiyah Bell, Ulrick Lamont Ellis, and Jaheem McMillan. Interviews were conducted with Cooper, Thomas, Bell, and Ellis

Under Miranda, Cooper, Thomas, Bell, and Ellis all admitted culpability in the incident to Detective Sergeant Mitchell Ashby, and stated that Wimbrow’s account of the events were true. It was discovered through the interviews that McMillan, Ulrick, and Bell all brandished firearms and were wearing camouflage ski masks. It was also discovered that Thomas had chased the Wimbrow’s by driving the vehicle recklessly, and that all occupants had participated in and encouraged the chasing of the Wimbrow’s and brandishing firearms at them.