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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT GLYNN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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vs.

Case No.: CR-2000433

WILLIAM RODERICK BRYAN,

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING BOND

Upon consideration of the the Amended Motion for Bond in the above-referenced matter, and after considering the pertinent factors, including but not limited to, the seriousness of the offense, penalty, character and reputation of the accused, health, age, family and community ties, the probability of the defendant appearing as ordered, whether a presumption arises from a prior criminal history and whether defendant is or has been a fugitive or probationer, the Court denies Defendant bond.

A court is authorized in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 17-6-1(e) to set bail if it "finds that the person: (1) poses no significant risk of fleeing from the jurisdiction of the court or failing to appear in court when required; (2) Poses no significant threat or danger to any person, the community, or to any property in the community; (3) Poses no significant risk of committing any felony pending trial; and (4) Poses no significant risk of intimidating witnesses or otherwise obstructing the administration of justice."

After considering the evidence presented, the Court has determined that: (1) the Defendant poses a significant risk of fleeing from the jurisdiction of the court or failing to appear in court when required; (2) the Defendant poses a significant threat or danger to the community; and (3) the Defendant poses a significant risk of intimidating witnesses or otherwise obstructing the administration of justice.

The Court finds that Defendant poses a significant risk of fleeing based on the following: there are two ongoing investigations outside of this case, one from the federal government for federal hate crime charges, and another from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation allegations of sex crimes; the Court is concerned that Defendant does not

have a job or real property in Glynn County, and therefore no substantial ties to the community; of great concern, however, is that Defendant not only has ties outside of Glynn County, but he has significant ties outside of the country in Costa Rica; and finally, if convicted, Defendant faces life without parole at a minimum. All of these factors considered together illustrate a significant risk of flight to this Court.

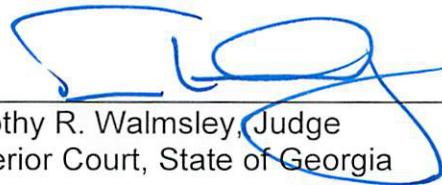
The Court also finds that Defendant poses a significant risk of intimidating witnesses or other obstructing the administration of justice based on the following: Defendant has previously obstructed justice in this case by failing to call 911 on the date of the incident; Defendant was in conversation immediately after the incident with his co-defendants; and after the case started the Defendant has been in further contact with his co-defendants to the point that he has been labeled as an "ally" by them in recordings.

Finally, the Court finds that Defendant poses a significant risk as a threat or danger to the community based on the following: evidence was admitted showing Defendant chased an unarmed man who was on foot with his vehicle; as well as forensic evidence showing the lengths that Defendant would take when he attempted to restrain the victim with his moving vehicle as evidenced with the palm print and dent from the victim.

Based on the foregoing, the Court has found, in its discretion, that the risk to the community, the risk of witness intimidation and obstruction of justice, and most importantly, the risk of flight, under the circumstances of this case do not justify bond.

Accordingly, the Defendant's Amended Motion for Bond is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of July, 2020.



Timothy R. Walmsley, Judge
Superior Court, State of Georgia

cc: Attorneys of Record