

District Attorney Instructions

You are an assistant district attorney in Greensboro, North Carolina. You just received a District Court bond motion in the matter of State v. Charles Summers. This case involves a Attempted Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon occurring at a Wal-Mart. Because the Defendant was just arrested a day after the offense, you do not have a completed police report in this case. In a moment you will get a brief opportunity to interview the original officer who took the initial police report. You will then use that information, coupled with your knowledge of the police report and the pretrial release factors and argue on behalf of the State during a bond motion. Remember, Attempted Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon is a Class D felony, which is punishable by up to 229 months in prison, depending on the defendant's record. He has a bond set at \$250,000 secured.

The defendant has five prior convictions. On 3/14/2001, the defendant was convicted of Class 3 Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana where he did have one failure to appear in court on that case. On 6/14/2005, the defendant was convicted of Class H Felony Larceny and Class H Felony Possession with Intent to Sell Cocaine. On 8/14/2008, the defendant was convicted of Class 1 Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

In a few moments, you will interview Greensboro Police Officer C.J. Jackson who spoke with Wal-Mart Loss Prevention Officer, Jasper Evans, a private security employee. Officer Jackson is not the Police Detective who investigated the Defendant and filed the charges the next day. Look over the bond factors and consider what questions you want to ask him.

In addition to the facts that that you will hear when you interview Officer C.J. Jackson, you have received a Victim Impact Statement from Jasper Evans. He has been feeling more anxiety at work while stopping shoplifters, and he is worried he may be attacked or injured while performing his job duties.

He also tells you that there has been a large increase in the number of larcenies from the Walmart by people who are addicted to heroin. He stated that they will then pawn or sell the merchandise in exchange for money for drugs.

Your boss, the elected District Attorney, trusts your judgment in these cases and does not require you to ask for a specific bond. However, your boss is concerned about a rising crime wave and a backlog of criminal cases in the county due to, among other things, both Covid-19 and a problem with people leaving town while on bail and avoiding coming to court to handle their cases. You may consider these problems as they relate to the pretrial release factors as you craft your arguments in front of the judge if you wish.