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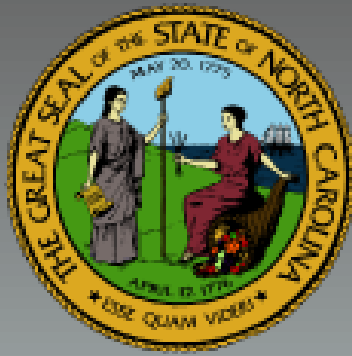


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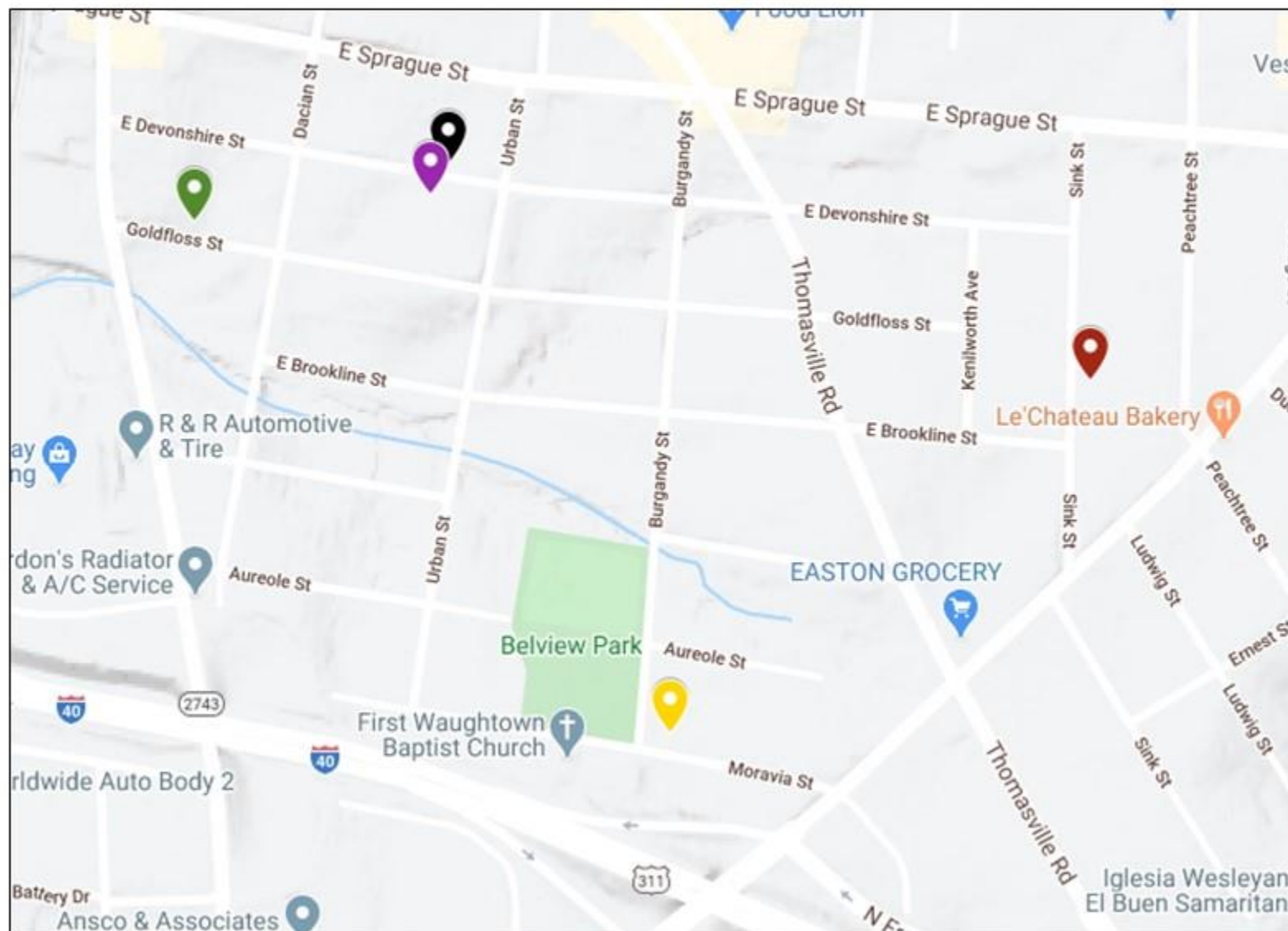
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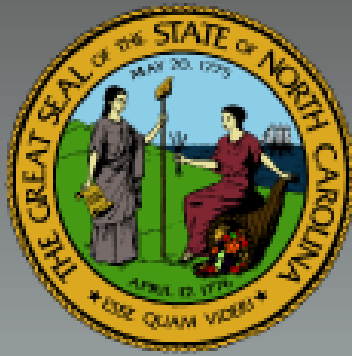
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## Map of Victim and Defendants' Addresses



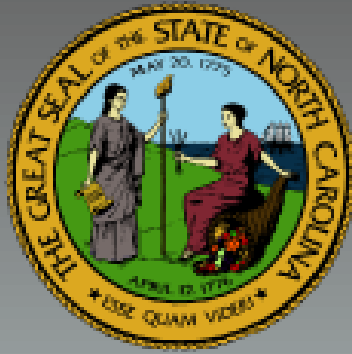
### Key:

- Nathaniel Jones
- Christopher Bryant
- Nathaniel Cauthen & Rayshawn Banner
- Jermal Tolliver
- Dorrell Brayboy



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**Jessica Black**



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## Jessica Black Video Excerpt from 10/2019 Deposition



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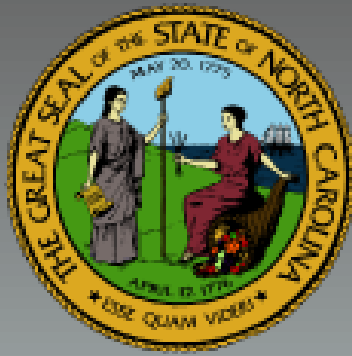
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## Hunter Atkins/Jessica Black Recording #1 Audio





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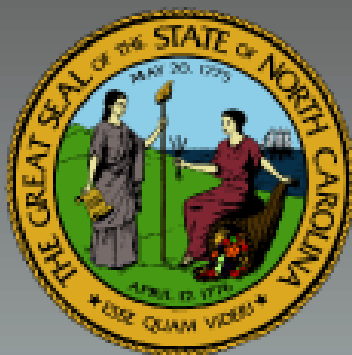




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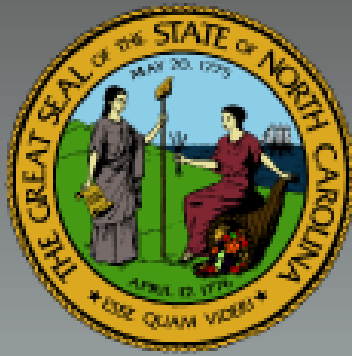




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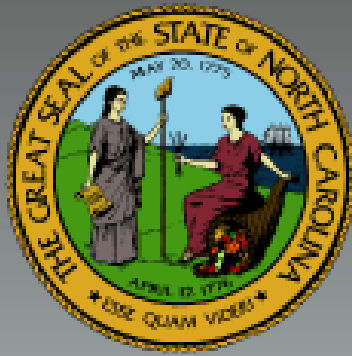




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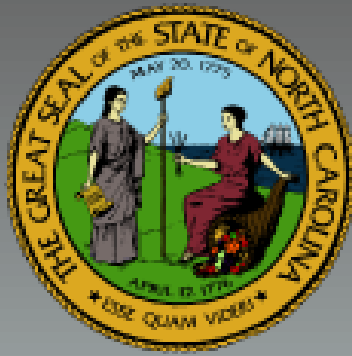
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**WSPD 2/26/2020 Jessica  
Black Interview Video Clip**



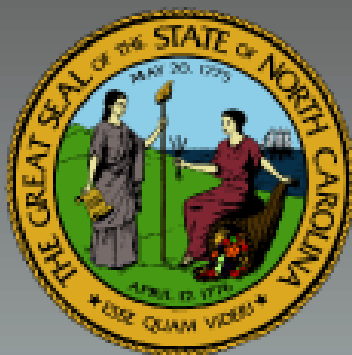
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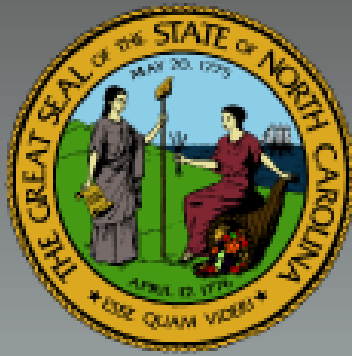
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**Hunter Atkins Call with**  
**Nathaniel Cauthen**  
**11/5/2019 – 5:13 pm –**  
**Using PIN of Kelvin**  
**Hargrove**





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**Evidence Collected**





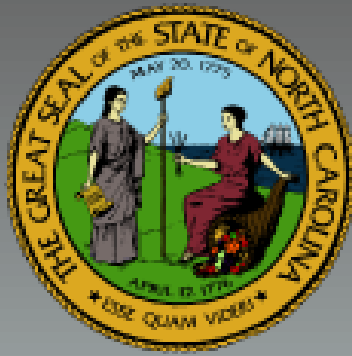
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**Latent Print Expert:**  
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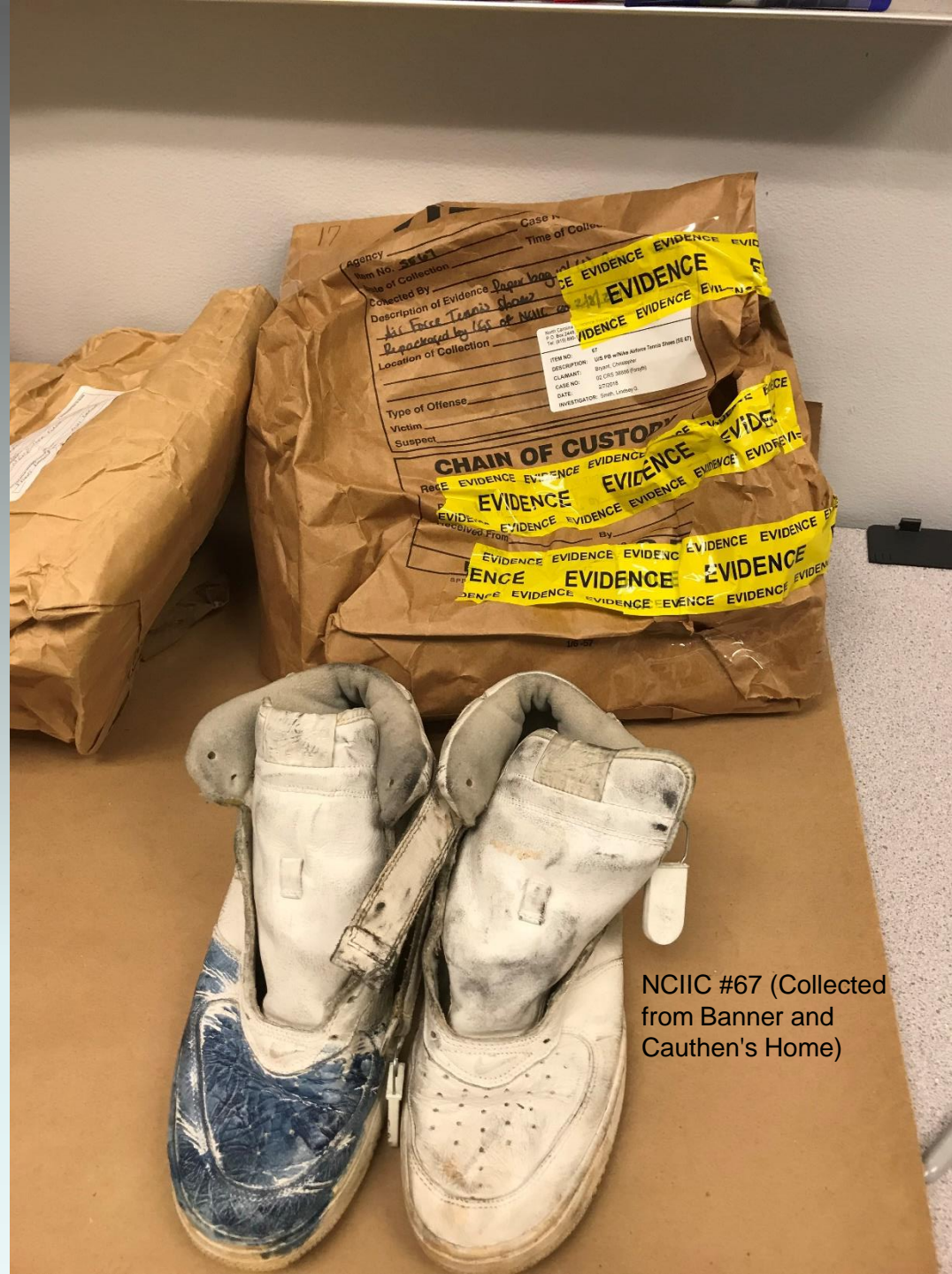


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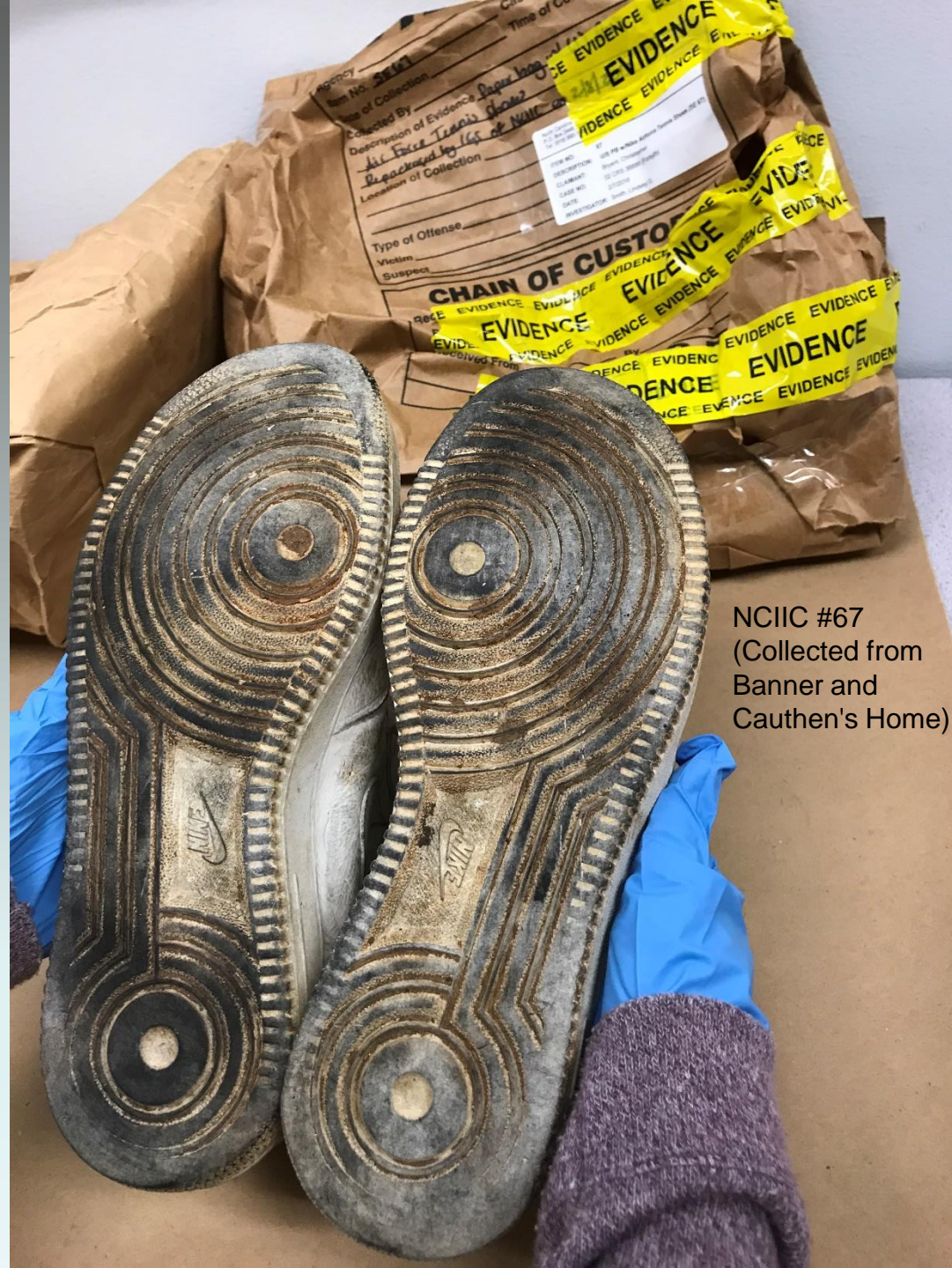




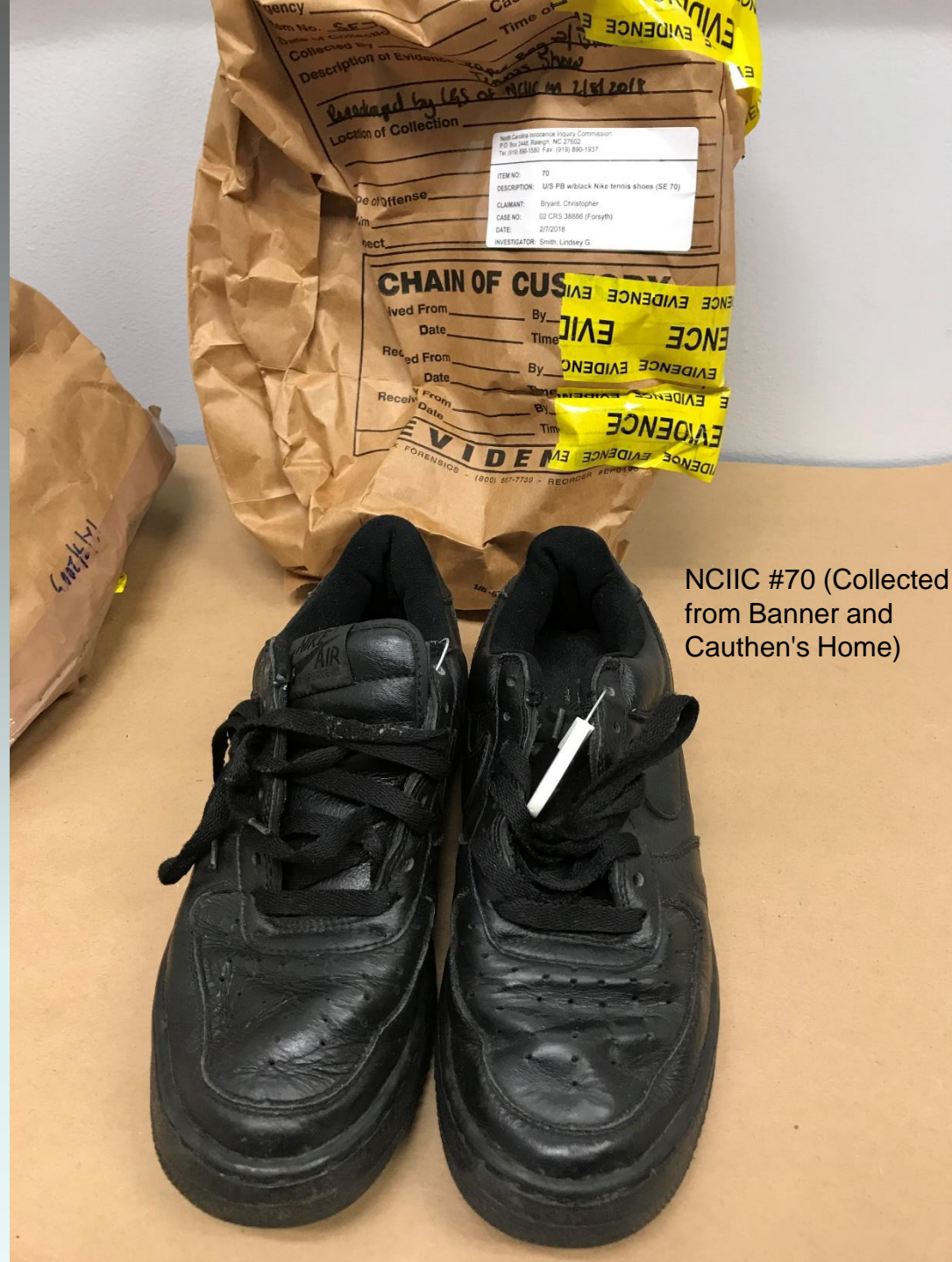


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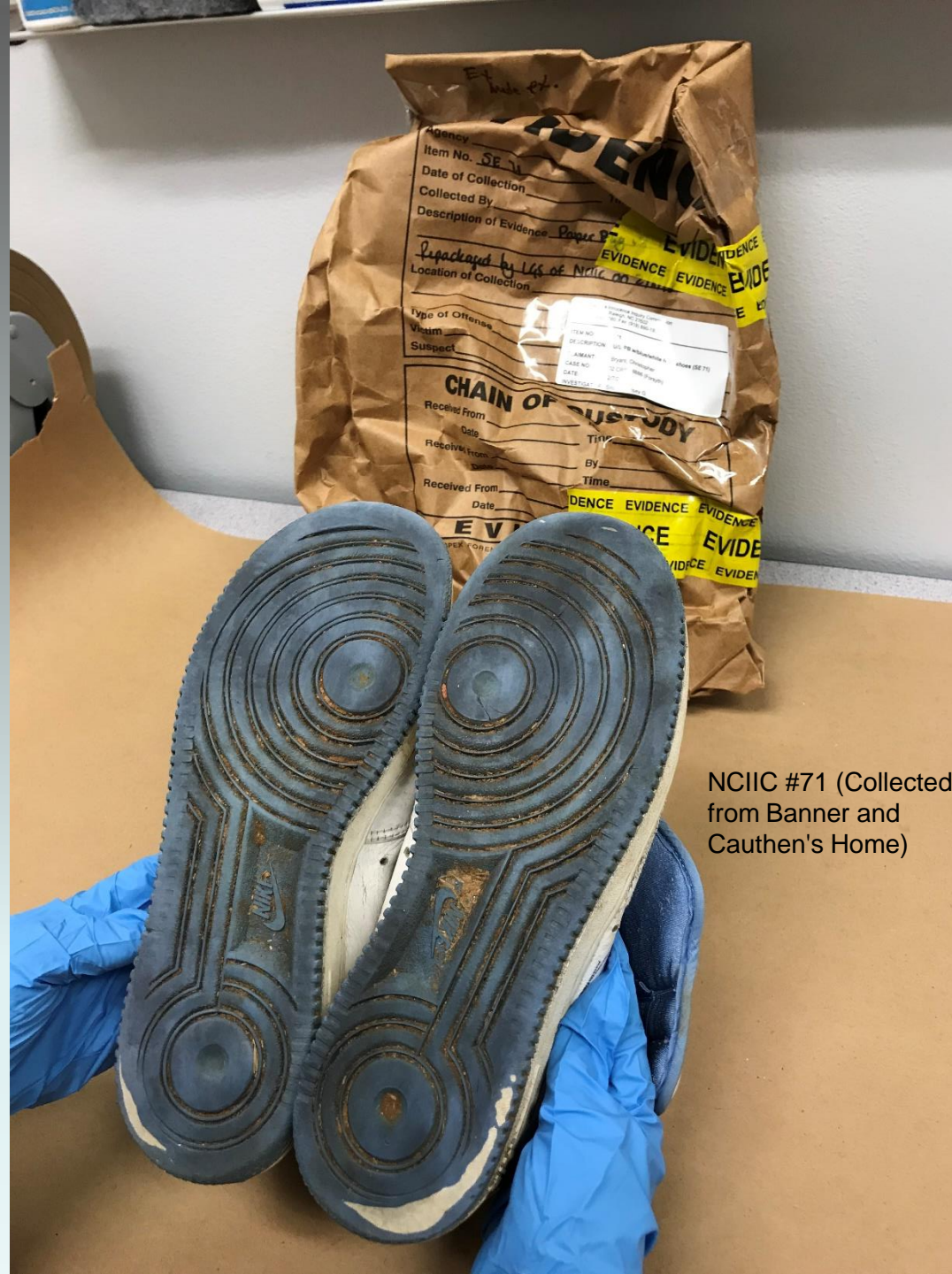




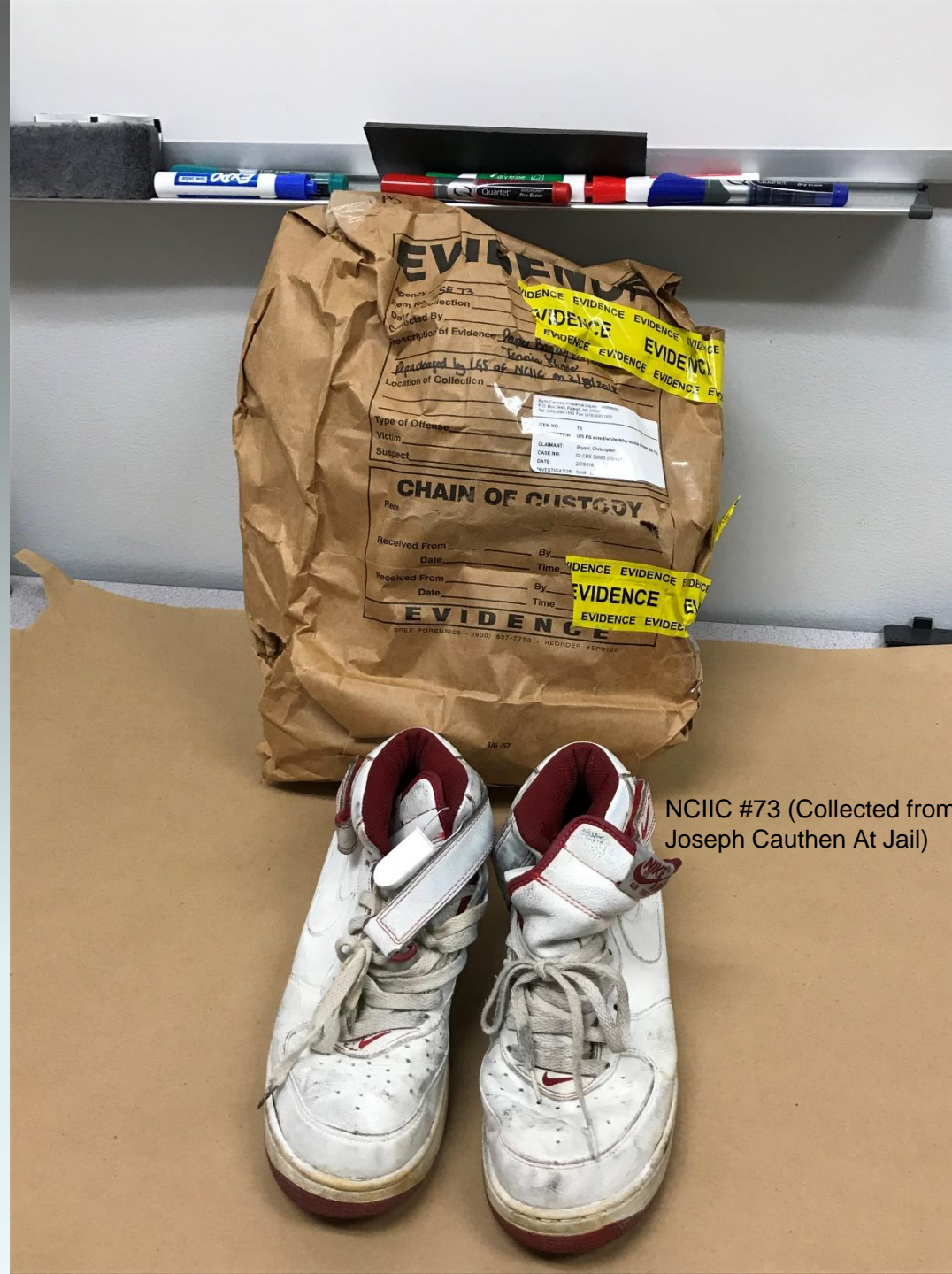
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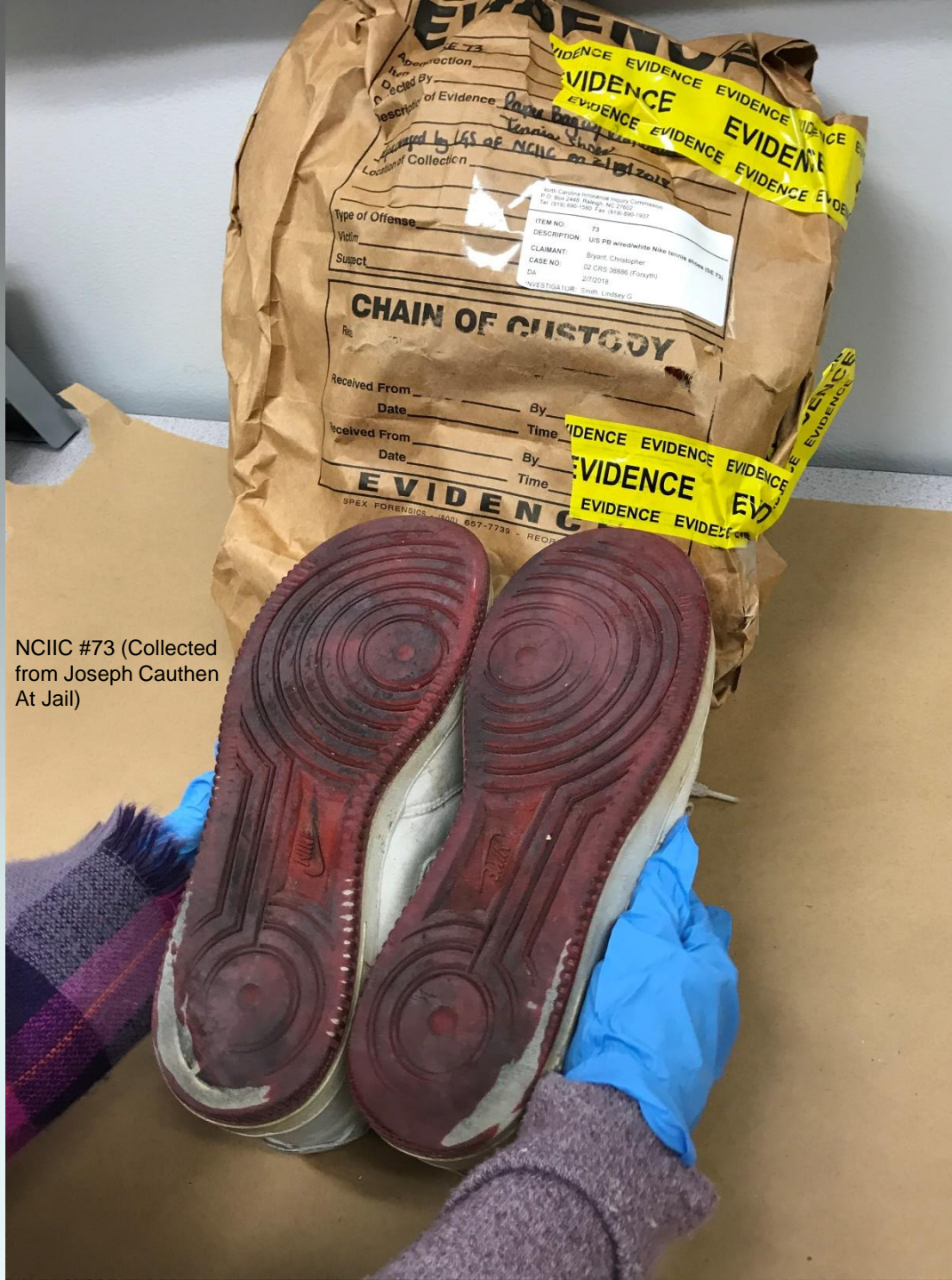


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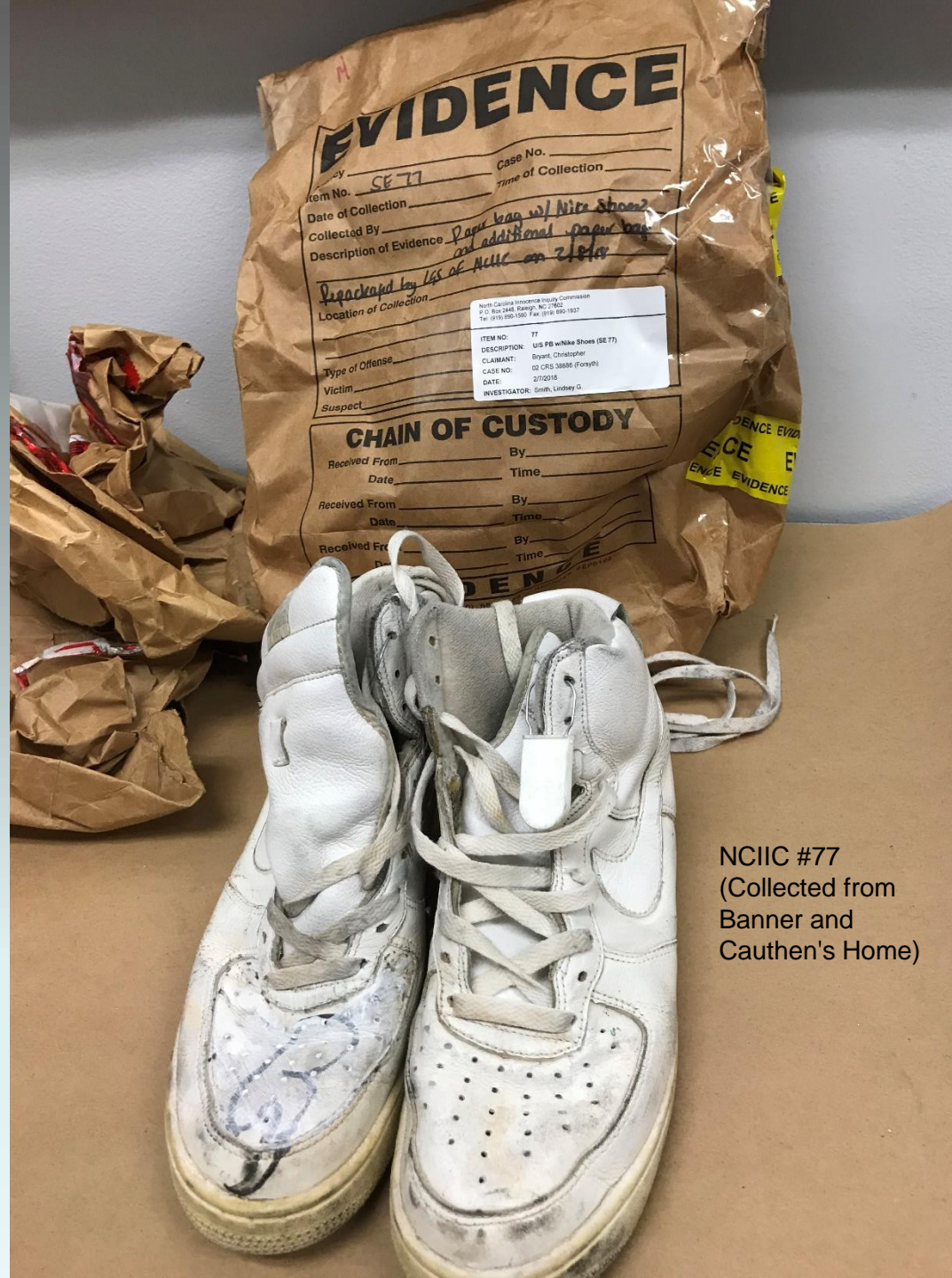


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# EVIDENCE

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Collection \_\_\_\_\_  
Item No. SE 77  
Date of Collection \_\_\_\_\_  
Collected By \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Evidence Paper bag w/ Nike shoes  
and additional paper bag  
Repackaged by L&S of NCIC on 2/1/18  
Location of Collection \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Offense \_\_\_\_\_  
Victim \_\_\_\_\_  
Suspect \_\_\_\_\_

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212 S. Salisbury Street, Suite 100  
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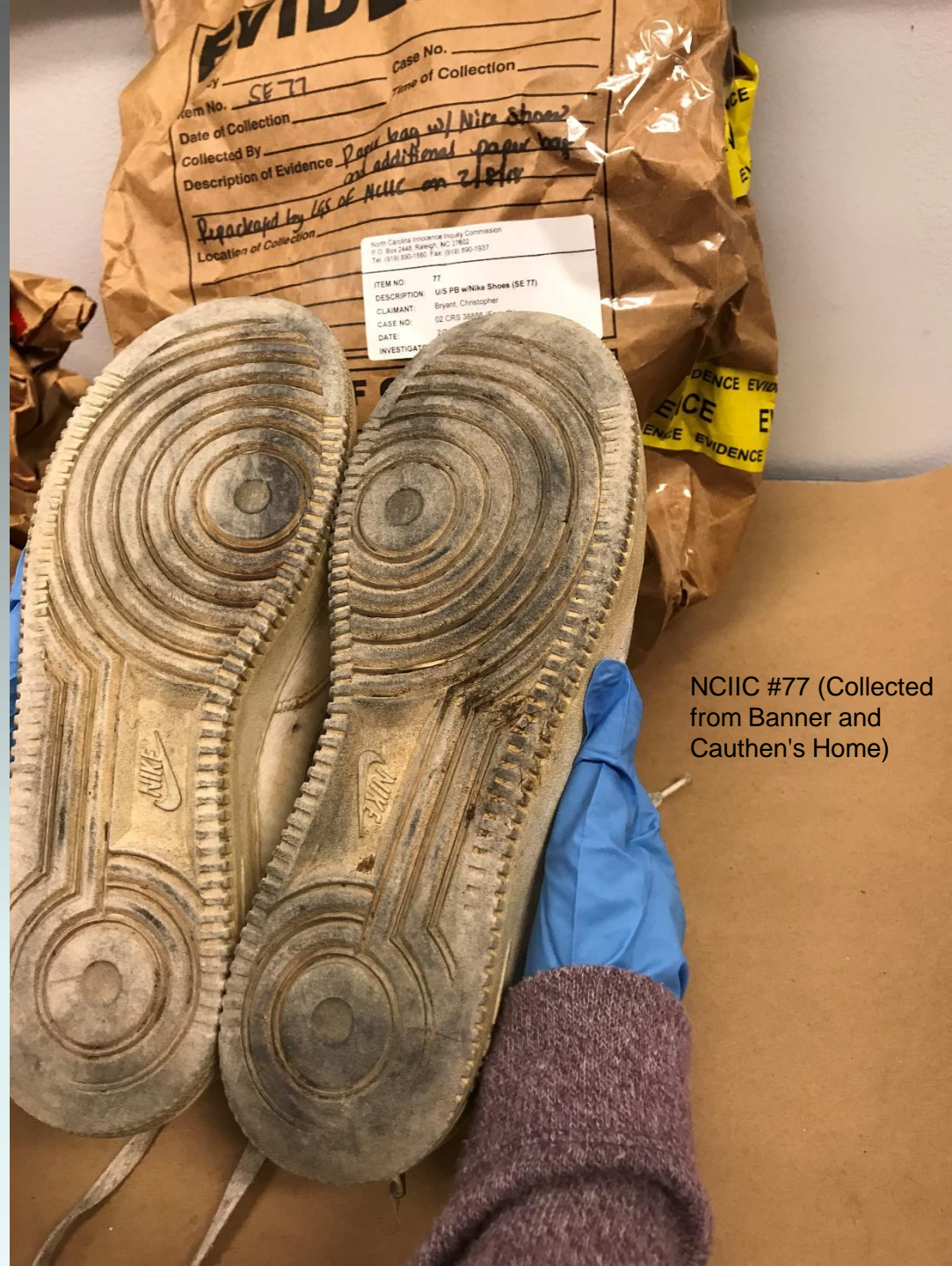
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DESCRIPTION: US PB White Shoes (SE 77)  
CLAIMANT: Bryant, Christopher  
CASE NO: 03 CR5 38888 (Forsyth)  
DATE: 2/1/2018  
INVESTIGATOR: Smith, Lindsey G.

## CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Received From \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
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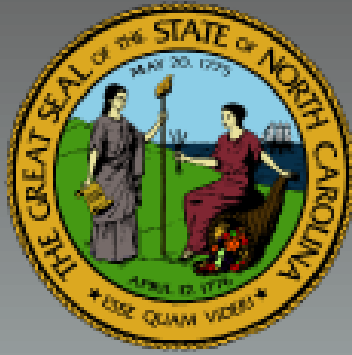
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**Joseph M. Ludas**



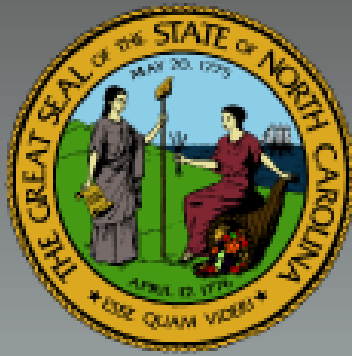
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**Forensic Biology Expert:**  
**Meghan Clement**



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# **IDENTIFICATION UNIT** **CRIME SCENE SKETCH**

 1. Complaint No.  
 252704

2. Complainant/Victim <b>JONES, Nathaniel F.</b>	3. Offense or Incident <b>HOMICIDE</b>	4. Date of Incident <b>11-15-02</b>	5. Time of Incident <b>2025</b>
6. Location <b>905 MORAVIA ST.</b>	7. Date Drawn <b>11-26-02</b>	8. Time Drawn <b>1130</b>	9. Drawn by <i>JS</i> Code # <b>730-14692</b>

\* Sketch Not Drawn to Scale \*

DECK/PORCH

M-1

M-2

KITCHEN DOOR

M-3

STORAGE ROOM

FLOWER BED

FLOWER BED

M-4

Commission Note: Crime scene sketch includes location of V's body after it was moved by EMS.

V-1: GRAY LINCOLN  
NC TAG ERK-5755

A

B

C

D

LEGEND

M-1: MARKER #1 PIECE OF BLACK TAPE

M-2: MARKER #2 RED SUBSTANCE ON FLOOR. GOLD WATCH LOCATED IN THIS AREA

M-3: MARKER #3 RED SUBSTANCE ON STEP LEADING INTO KITCHEN. TUBE OF BLISTEX CHAP STICK

M-4: AREA WHERE THE VICTIM WAS LOCATED

A: SAMPLE OF RED SUBSTANCE ON HOOD OF VEHICLE

B: SHOE IMPRESSIONS ON HOOD OF VEHICLE

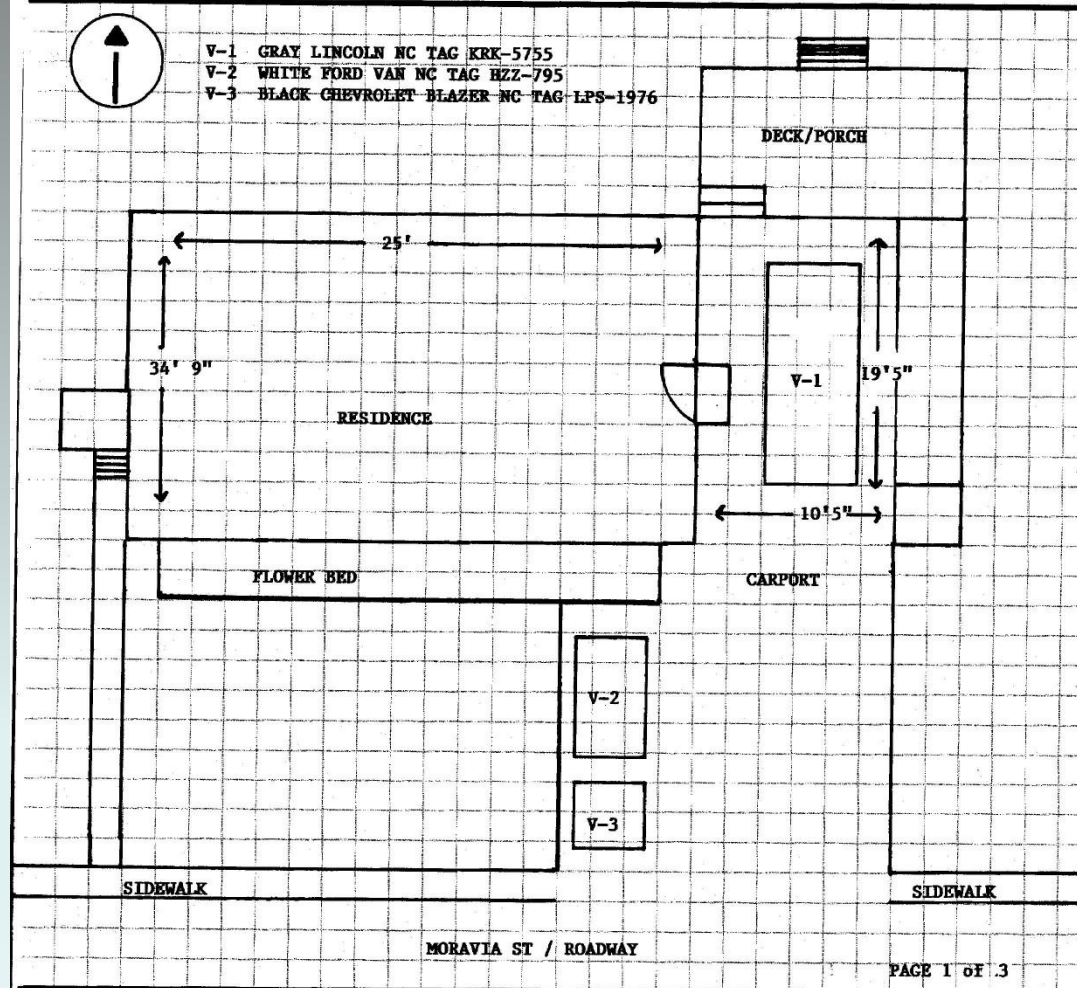
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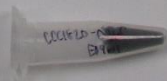
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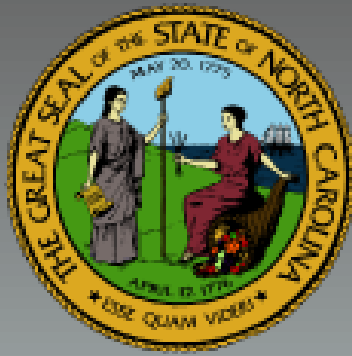
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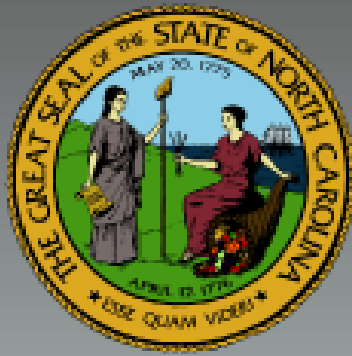
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**Defense Attorneys**





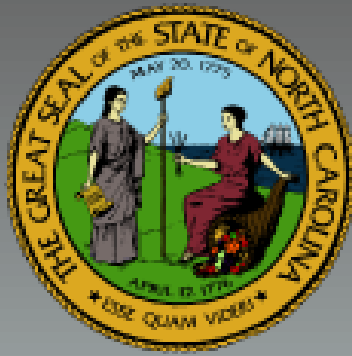
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## Law Enforcement



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## Possible Leads



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## Moravia Street Area Map

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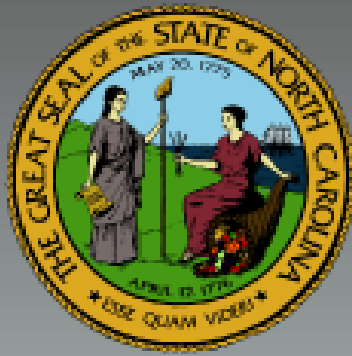
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905 Moravia Street

● Brian Lindsey  
901 Moravia Street

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911 Moravia Street

● Calvin Scriven  
824 Moravia Street

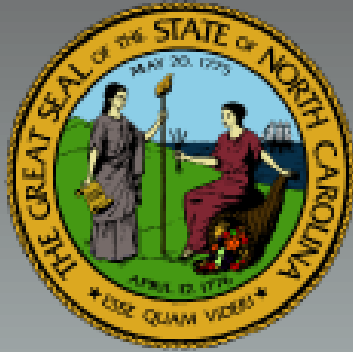
● Arnaldi "BJ" Lowery  
821 Moravia Street



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**Willard Cab Company**





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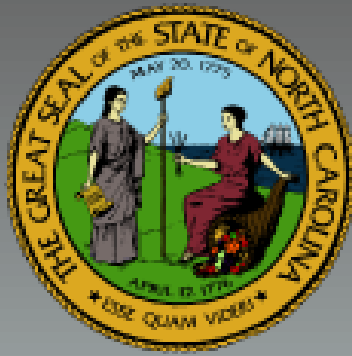
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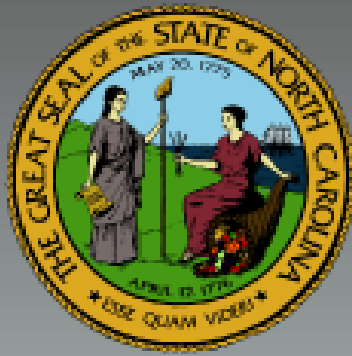
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**Friends of Claimants**

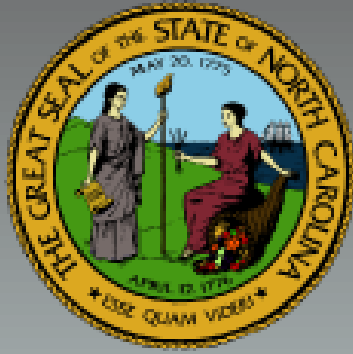


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## Confessions and Psychology

Expert:

Dr. Hayley Cleary



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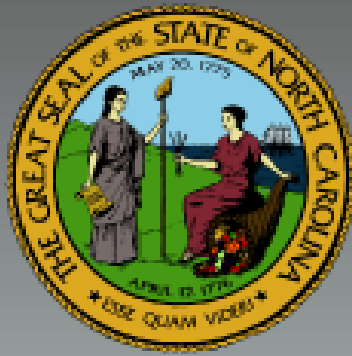
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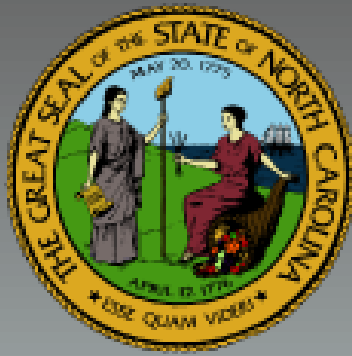
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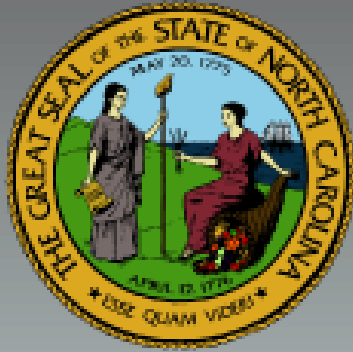
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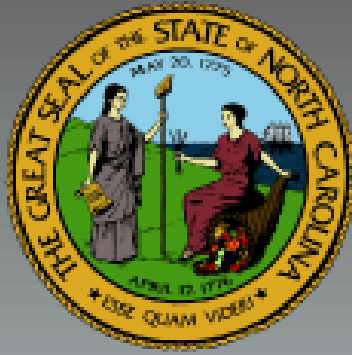
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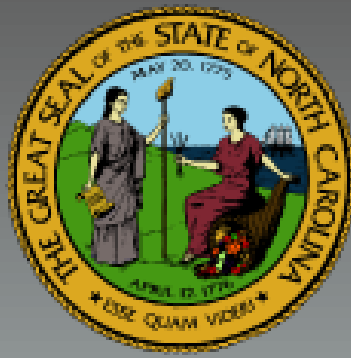


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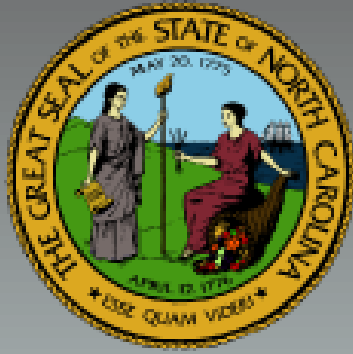
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