IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	CRIM.NO. 2:16 CR 378
	)	
v.	)	18 U.S.C. § 242
	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)
MICHAEL SLAGER	)	18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3)
	)	
	)	

INDICTMENT

COUNT 1
(Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. On or about April 4, 2015, in the District of South Carolina, defendant, MICHAEL SLAGER, while acting under color of law as an officer with the North Charleston Police Department, shot Walter Scott without legal justification, willfully depriving him of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a law enforcement officer. The offense involved the use of a dangerous weapon, and an attempt to kill, and resulted in bodily injury to, and the death of, Walter Scott.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT 2
(Use of Weapon During Commission of a Crime of Violence)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

2. On or about April 4, 2015, in the District of South Carolina, defendant, MICHAEL SLAGER, knowingly used, carried, and discharged a firearm during and in relation to a felony crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States; that is, the defendant used, carried, and discharged a Glock Model 21, .45 caliber pistol, during and in relation to a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242, as charged in Count 1.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(iii).

COUNT 3
(Obstruction of Justice)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

3. On or about April 7, 2015, in the District of South Carolina, defendant, MICHAEL SLAGER, knowingly engaged in misleading conduct toward another person with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent the communication to a federal law enforcement officer and federal judge of truthful information relating to the commission and possible commission of the

federal offense charged in Count 1. That is, defendant MICHAEL SLAGER knowingly and intentionally misled South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) investigators in statements he provided in connection with SLED's investigation of the police-involved shooting of Walter Scott on April 4, 2015. Specifically, defendant MICHAEL SLAGER knowingly misled SLED investigators by falsely stating that he (SLAGER) fired his weapon at Scott while Scott was coming forward at him with a Taser.

4. In truth and in fact, as defendant MICHAEL SLAGER then well knew, he (SLAGER) repeatedly fired his weapon at Scott when Scott was running away from him.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

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RECORD OF GRAND JURY BALLOT

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