

**INDICTMENT**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**VERSUS**

**CAUSE NO.** 2023-0012 CR2

**THOMAS PERRY, III**

**INDICTMENT FOR THE OFFENSE OF:**

**COUNT I: FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

§ 97-3-19(1)(a)

**COUNT II: FIRST DEGREE ARSON**

§ 97-17-1

**COUNT III: AGGRAVATED ANIMAL CRUELTY**

§ 97-41-16(2)(b)

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF CARROLL**

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT,  
NOVEMBER TERM, 2022**

**Grand Jury Recalled April 4, 2023**

The Grand Jurors of the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful citizens of said county, elected, summoned, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the county aforesaid, at the term aforesaid of the Court aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oath present that:

**COUNT I  
THOMAS PERRY III**

On or about July 9, 2022, in the Second Judicial District of Carroll County, Mississippi, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and with deliberate design to effect death, kill and murder Orlando Pittman, a human being, without authority of law and not in necessary self-defense, in violation of § 97-3-19(1)(a) of the Mississippi code of 1972, as amended, constituting a common plan or scheme or related series of acts or transactions, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi;

**COUNT II  
THOMAS PERRY III**


On or about July 9, 2022, in the Second Judicial District of Carroll County, Mississippi, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and maliciously burn or cause to be burned the dwelling house of April Lewis at 411 Court Street, Apt. 14, in violation of § 97-17-1 of the Mississippi code of 1972, as amended, constituting a common plan or scheme or related series of acts or transactions, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi;

**COUNT III  
THOMAS PERRY III**

**On or about July 9, 2022, in the Second Judicial District of Carroll County, Mississippi, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and intentionally with malice torture, mutilate, maim, burn, starve to death, crush, disfigure, drown, suffocate or impale a domesticated dog, in violation of § 97-41-16(2)(b) of the Mississippi code of 1972, as amended, constituting a common plan or scheme or related series of acts or transactions, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi;**

**Endorsed: A True Bill**

  
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**Foreman of the Grand Jury**

  
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**Assistant District Attorney**