

State of Alabama Unified Judicial System	<b>DEPOSITION</b>	Warrant/Summons Number <u>16-2648</u>
Form CR-57 (front) Rev. 8/98		Case Number

IN THE District COURT OF ALABAMA  
*(Circuit, District or Municipal)* *(Name of Municipality or County)*

STATE OF ALABAMA  
 MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

v. James D. Halsell Jr  
**Defendant**

**INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE ACCUSED**

Name of Accused (or Alias) <u>James D. Halsell Jr</u>					Telephone Number <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
Social Security Number <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Driver's License Number <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Date of Birth <u>9/29/1956</u>	Age <u>59</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Sex <u>M</u>		
Height <u>6'1</u>	Weight <u>190</u>	Hair <u>Brown</u>	Eyes <u>Brown</u>	Complexion			
Address of Accused (or Alias) <u>[REDACTED]</u>		City <u>Huntsville</u>	State <u>AL</u>	Zip Code <u>35811</u>			
Name of Employer <u>Retired</u>			Employer's Telephone Number				
Address of Employer		City	State	Zip Code			

**INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE OFFENSE**

Offense: murder- reckless

Date and Time of Offense: 6/6/2016 at 2:50 am

Place of Occurrence: US 82 at 65 mile marker eastbound

Person Attacked or Property Damaged: \_\_\_\_\_

How Attacked: \_\_\_\_\_

Was accused under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance?  Yes  No

Any law enforcement agency contacted?  Yes  No

If yes, which one? Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

Did Accused Possess or Use a Weapon?  Yes  No Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you go to the hospital?  Yes  No

Damage Done or Injuries Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

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Details of Offense: On Monday, June 6, 2016 at 3:01 am, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency was notified of a two vehicle crash on US 82 at 65 mile marker. The at fault vehicle was driven by James Donald Halsell Jr. Halsell's vehicle crashed into a Ford Fiesta. The Fiesta had four occupants inside. Halsell was in a Chrysler 300 rental car at the time of the crash. Jayla Latrice Parler (12) and Niomi Deona James (11) were killed as a result of the crash. Parnell Deon James and Shontel Latrivia Cutts were admitted into DCH Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in the crash. Trooper [REDACTED] spoke to Halsell concerning the crash. Halsell did not remember the crash. Halsell said he was traveling to West Monroe, Louisiana to get his son. Halsell said he got a hotel room at the Motel 6 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Halsell was traveling on US 82 eastbound and was not traveling on the Interstate. Halsell said he takes the Interstate to Louisiana. Halsell speech would slur at times and his voice would get low while talking. Halsell's eyes appeared dilated and he appeared to be confused on where he was, where he was going and what time it was. Trooper Robinson asked Halsell did he take any drugs or alcohol. Halsell said he drank three glasses of wine at the Motel 6. Halsell was under the influence of alcohol and said he didn't remember leaving the hotel. Halsell said he will have to figure out what happened in the crash because he didn't know. Halsell thought he was traveling on Interstate 20. Halsell had the odor of alcohol coming from him. Halsell said it gets uncertain about what happened from the Hotel on. Halsell said there is a lot he does not know right now. Halsell said whatever he would say would be so thought with error it wouldn't make sense anyway. Halsell was so intoxicated he asked to see the victims bodies. Halsell's vehicle crashed into the Fiesta so hard it pushed the Fiesta into the median causing it to overturn. [REDACTED] stopped to help at the crash scene and Halsell attempted to take [REDACTED]'s vehicle. [REDACTED] said Halsell was appeared drunk and was bouncing around.

Check if additional pages are necessary.

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Attachment to Deposition of State v. James D. Halsell, Jr.:

On Monday, June 6, 2016, at 2:51 am, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency was notified of two vehicle crash on US 82 at 65 mile marker in Tuscaloosa County, a Chrysler 200 and Ford Fiesta. James Donald Halsell, Jr. was driving the Chrysler 200 at the time of the accident. Halsell admitted he had rented the Chrysler 200 at or about 10pm-11pm on June 5, 2016, and that he was driving the Chrysler 200 at the time of the accident. Further, Halsell admitted he was alone at all times he was driving the Chrysler 200. The Ford Fiesta had four occupants inside the vehicle; Jayla Latrice Parler (12) and Niomi Deona James (11) were killed as a result of the crash. The driver of the Ford Fiesta, Parnell Deon James, and another passenger, Shontel Latrivia Cutts, were injured in the crash. Driver of the Fiesta, James, stated he was traveling east bound in the right hand lane on highway 82 at or about the speed limit of 65mph with , when he was struck from behind by Halsell's vehicle traveling at a very high rate of speed and with such force that the victim's Fiesta was crushed and pushed sideways across left handed east bound lane of Hwy 82 into the median and flipped at least twice landing in the left west bound lane. All physical evidence including scuff, skid and metal marks on the road ways and medians were consistent with victim driver James' account. Physical evidence observed and collected by ALEA indicates Halsell was traveling at an extremely high rate of speed when he collided with the Ford Fiesta.

Law enforcement arrived at the scene at 3:14 am and Halsell was detained and secured in a law enforcement vehicle. Law enforcement officers and witnesses state Halsell appeared intoxicated. Halsell's speech was slurred, eyes were dilated, clothes disheveled, he was unstable on his feet and smelled of alcohol. Halsell admitted to drinking 3 glasses of wine earlier in the evening. Halsell attempted to flee the scene by taking the truck of witness [REDACTED] who had stopped to assist the victims. Halsell made several nonsensical statements (at or about 5:00 am on June 6, 2016) indicating at the time of the statements he was very intoxicated. Law enforcement searched the area and Halsell's vehicle and there was no evidence that Halsell injected any alcohol or drugs following the collision. Further, Halsell stated the only alcohol or drugs he injected was the three glasses of wine he drank at the Motel 6 in Tuscaloosa where Halsell stated he checked in at midnight a few hours earlier. When checking in at the Motel 6 Halsell listed the Chrysler 200 as the vehicle he was driving. Law enforcement searched Halsell's Motel 6 room and found an empty wine bottle and a 10 sleeping pill package that was emptied.

Sworn to and Subscribed  
before me this 7, June,  
2016.

*J. Shively*

*John A. #1312*

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

ARREST TICKET  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Date 6/6/2016 Time 11:09 AM-PM

YOU ARE TO APPEAR  
Court \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM-PM

Name James D. Hallsell Jr

Address [REDACTED], Huntsville, AL

Sex MALE Race White Date of Birth 9/29/1956 Age 59

Employed By retired

Address NA

Charge MURDER 2<sup>D</sup> (~~13A-6-2(a)(2)~~) (~~75,000~~)

State Statute 13A-6-2(a)(2) ~~(75,000)~~ 75,000 Bail Open Court

Place of Offense US 82 At 65 mile marker

Remarks while driving under the influence of drugs and or  
Alcohol, near ended a while causing death to

Miomni James and Jayla Parler

Arresting Officers ASST Harold Robinson #1312

No 18843