IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAY COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff.

vs.

CASE NOS.:

HENRY DI	CKENS
CHARLES	ENFINGER

RAYMOND HAUCK

KRISTIN SCHMIDT JOSEPH WALSH, II, Defendants.

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MOTION IN LIMINE RE: JURY INSTRUCTIONS; NON-HOMICIDE LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSES

Pursuant to applicable law, the Defendants move this Honorable Court to rule in <u>limine</u> regarding the State's request to instruct the jury in accordance with non-homicide lesser included offenses. As grounds therefor, Defendants would show:

1. The Defendants are charged collectively with the offense of aggravated manslaughter of a child. Each Defendant is charged as a principal in causing the death of the victim. The State has alleged that all defendants are jointly and severally responsible for the victim's death.

2. The State has proposed that the Court instruct the jury in accordance with one or more non-homicide lesser offenses. Defendants submit that the jury should be instructed only in accordance with the charged offense, aggravated manslaughter of a child, and no lesser included offenses. 3. "Where a homicide has taken place, the proper jury instructions are restricted to all degrees of murder, manslaughter, and justifiable and excusable homicide." <u>Martin v. State</u>, 342 So.2d 501, 503 (Fla. 1977). Only under "peculiar facts" would it be appropriate to instruct a jury on non-homicide lesser included offenses. <u>See Drotar v. State</u>, 433 So.2d 1005 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1983).

4. Where one or more defendants act in concert to cause the death of the victim, it is improper to instruct on non-homicide lesser included offenses. <u>Humphrey v. State</u>, 690 So.2d 1351 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1997).

WHEREFORE, Defendant moves this Honorable Court to instruct the jury only in accordance with the jury instruction on aggravated manslaughter of a child, and no non-homicide lesser included offenses.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to Michael Sinacore, Assistant State Attorney, 800 E. Kennedy Blvd., Third Floor, Tampa, FL 33602; and to the persons listed on the attached Additional Service List, by U. S. Mail this 23^{-44} day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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