

*Below is 1st The Florida Bar complaint against Greg Cummings filed by DeShon Thomas' mother, Carissa Chambers. Greg Cummings had been DeShon Thomas' attorney for approximately 16 months. During those 16 months Greg Cummings went to the Leon County Jail 3 times to see DeShon Thomas. Greg Cummings never discussed, presented or otherwise prepared any type of legal defense with DeShon Thomas or DeShon's mother, to whom was paying Greg Cummings. There were many of DeShon and DeShon's mother's phone calls and emails to Greg Cummings that went unanswered and no responses. DeShon's mother has reason to believe that Greg Cummings was telling State Prosecutor Jack Campbell about information that had been discussed with him by DeShon's mother—thus giving State Prosecutor Jack Campbell to buy time with delaying trial (5 state continuances). Greg Cummings never filed any Motions and never deposed the State's one and only supposed "key witness." DeShon's mother paid Greg Cummings a total of \$29560 before firing Greg Cummings at the end of July 2012.

- Supreme Court—an attorney cannot ignore his responsibility to gather and evaluate mitigation evidence... If a lawyer fails to investigate, he cannot effectively advise the client.

**The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Carissa Chambers
Organization: _____
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ACAP Reference No.: _____
Have you ever filed a complaint against a member of The Florida Bar: Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, how many complaints have you filed? 1
Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes ☒ No ☐

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Gregory James Cummings
Address: P.O. Box 546
City, State, Zip Code: East Point, FL 32328
Telephone: 8502223456

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

On 1-29-11, my 17-year-old son, DeShon Rashard Thomas was charged with Cultivation of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On 2-2-11, my son's case was moved from Juvenile Court to Adult court. While waiting for compliance with conditional release, on 2-7-11, my son was charged with 2 counts of 1st Degree Murder. As he sat in the Leon County Jail for over 30 days without an attorney representing him, on 3-9-11, the 2nd District State Attorney's office charged him with Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile Delinquent and secured a grand jury Indictment. On 3-12-11, I signed a Contract for Service with Defense Attorney Gregory Cummings. Despite having previously told Cummings that I was awaiting to hear from the Regional Office of Conflict Counsel two weeks earlier, Cummings constantly called me to solicit my business. At the time of signing the contract, Cummings agreed to share the same information with me as he would with my son, in which my son told him to do so as well. The only agreement was that Cummings would not share info. that was strictly by law attorney/client info. When my son was first charged with the criminal charges listed above, there were two key pieces of evidence that my son and I strongly felt would exonerate him--the victims' time of death and my son's cell phone records. After Cummings provided me with a copy of Discovery Report(which may be altered), my son's cell phone records appeared to have been Sealed--they were not in the Discovery. Cummings was my son's attorney for nearly sixteen months. In a few verbal conversations and in emails, I repeatedly asked Cummings to provide us with those two vital pieces of evidence. Never happened. Today, my son and I still have not seen any authentic copy of his cell phone records. We do not

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Know the victims' time of death. And since firing Cummings, we've learned that Leon County Sheriff's office failed to obtain a search warrant in violation of the laws of the State of Florida to wit the laws prohibiting Possession of Controlled Substances, contrary to Chapter 893, Florida Statutes. Therefore, drug paraphernalia (glass pipe, dime bags) and five potted plants with stems sprouting from the soil was NOT sanctioned under the warrant, and this violates my son's Fourth Amendment.

Cummings failed to disclose vital information to me and my son. He failed to discuss and disclose a legal defense with my son. He did not clearly communicate scope of representation—my son was charged with Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Two Counts of First Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile Delinquent. On the signed Contract for Service, Cummings has listed: Cultivation of Marijuana and Second Degree Murder or First Degree Murder. Cummings failed to file for Indigence as promised

Exhibit A

WITNESS LIST

DeShon Rashard Thomas
Donnella Chambers