

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
Plaintiff,

CASE NO: 01-2024-CF-2088

vs.

JOEL B. SEARBY,  
Defendant. /

**MOTION TO SET BOND**

COMES NOW the Defendant, Joel Searby, by and through the undersigned Counsel, pursuant to Rule 3.131(d) of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, and respectfully moves this Court for entry of an Order setting a reasonable bond in the above-styled case.

AS GROUNDS for this Motion, the Defendant would show:

1. Mr. Searby was arrested on June 20, 2024, and attended First Appearance the next morning.
2. At First Appearance the State filed its Notice of Intent to File a Motion for Pretrial Detention.
3. The State filed its motion for Pre-trial detention the next day.
4. A hearing on that motion was held on June 25, 2024. Judge James Colaw granted the State's Motion for Pre-trial Detention.
5. At that hearing, detectives from Alachua County Sheriff's Office indicated that they were continuing to investigate for additional victims. They mentioned two other potential victims, but no charges are forthcoming.
6. It has been 57 days since Mr. Searby's arrest and these charges became public. There have been no other cases filed against Mr. Searby. There are no other alleged victims.
7. Mr. Searby would be able to live with family in Alachua County away from the alleged victim.
8. Mr. Searby has no prior criminal history.
9. Mr. Searby has lived in Alachua County for 19 years, and has family who live in this area. Court Services evaluated Mr. Searby as a risk level 1 at First Appearance.
10. There are letters of support for Mr. Searby in the Court file.
11. Prior to his arrest, Mr. Searby ran his own business, Sycamore Lane Consulting.
12. Mr. Searby would be willing to comply with any orders this court feels are appropriate.
13. The Defendant promises to maintain contact with Counsel, to abide by all orders of the Court, and to attend all required court appearances.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests this Court to enter its Order setting a reasonable bond in the above-styled case.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to Lua Lepianka, Assistant State Attorney, [eservice@sao8.org](mailto:eservice@sao8.org), via E-Service, on August 15, 2024.

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