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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

Plaintiff,)

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO VACATE GUILTY PLEA

vs.)

Indictment: 2021-GS-23-01478A

LILLIAN MAE BATES,)

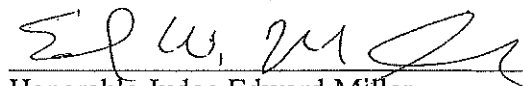
Defendant.)

Now comes the State represented by Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway and the Defendant represented by Assistant Public Defender Rachel Kepley on the above-entitled matter. On March 17, 2023, this Court held a hearing on the Defendant's motion to vacate her guilty plea to trafficking in illegal drugs involving fentanyl pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-370(E)(3) accepted by the Honorable Judge Letitia Verdin on November 9, 2022. The Defendant had filed her motion on November 17, 2022.

After reviewing the Defendant's motion and the State's response, as well as considering both parties' oral arguments, this Court hereby denies the Defendant's motion to vacate her guilty plea.

THEREFORE, the Defendant's motion is DENIED.

22 day of March, 2023


Honorable Judge Edward Miller
Circuit Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit



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Re: The State v. Lillian M. Bates
Appellate Case No. 2023-000483

Dear Counsel:

Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiency or deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or your appeal will be dismissed:

- The notice of appeal is not accompanied by the March 17, 2023 order(s) and/or judgment(s) challenged on appeal.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny A. Kitchings".

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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Appellate Court**

**APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions**

Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2023-000483

The State,

Respondent.

v.

Lillian Mae Bates,

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the letter from SC Court of Appeals Clerk's office and a copy of the Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Vacate Guilty Plea on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on March 28th, 2023, addressed to:

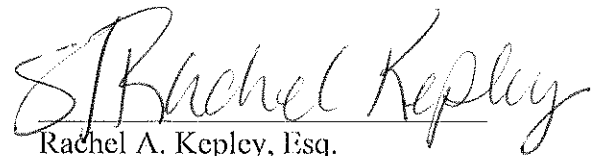
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