

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-13-01478A

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Defendant.)

SC Court of Appeals

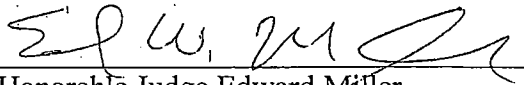
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Now comes the State represented by Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway and the Defendant represented by Assistant Public Defender Rachel Kepley on the above-entitled matter. On March 17, 2023, this Court held a hearing on the Defendant's motion to vacate 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.

21 day of March, 2023


Honorable Judge Edward Miller
Circuit Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit