

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
2020A3620200392-394

STATE of SOUTH
CAROLINA,

-v-

TERRANCE
ABRAMS,
Defendant.

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF SENTENCE

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SC Court of Appeals

Addy, J.

THIS MATTER ORIGINALLY CAME BEFORE THE COURT on March 19, 2024 when Mr. Abrams entered a plea of guilty to voluntary manslaughter.¹ Mr. Abrams was represented by Deon O'Neil, Esq., and the State was represented by Deputy Solicitor Taylor Daniel. The Court imposed a sentence of eighteen (18) years. Mr. O'Neil timely moved for reconsideration of the sentence on March 22, 2024 and filed an amended motion on October 22, 2024. The Court finds that a formal hearing on this motion would not aid the Court, and having fully reconsidered the sentence, the Court denies Mr. Abrams' motion.

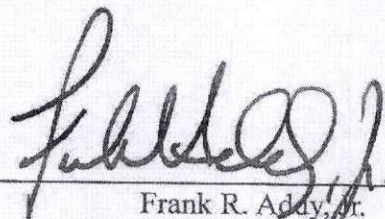
In his motion, Mr. Abrams references other co-defendants who received lesser sentences than Mr. Abrams. This judge imposed most of those sentences. Although Mr. Abrams is correct in that others did receive more leniency than he, Mr. Abrams' sentence was due to him being the individual who instigated the shooting. Put simply, the shooting which took the life of an innocent bystander was in retaliation for Mr. Abram's grandmother's house being threatened. Therefore, even if Mr. Abrams was not the shooter, his motive to instigate these events, and his actions alone, set in motion the sequence of events which led to Ms. Carolyn Sim's death. The sentence imposed is appropriate in light of Mr. Abrams' culpability, and the Court fully considered all mitigation presented by Mr. O'Neil

¹ The Motion for Reconsideration mistakenly indicates that Mr. Abrams pled guilty to murder.

before imposing sentence.

Accordingly, the Court declines to alter or amend the sentence imposed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Frank R. Addy, Jr.
Resident Judge

October 24, 2024
Greenwood, South Carolina