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The South Carolina Court of Appeals
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: The State v. Ruben Ramirez
Appellate Case No. 2025-000372

Dear Madame Clerk:

The appeal for Mr. Ramirez's guilty plea in the above-referenced case is based on the law under South Carolina Code §24-13-40. As counsel for Mr. Ramirez, I requested the Court to give credit for the time served prior to the sentence and while Mr. Ramirez was incarcerated. The Attorney General requested no credit be given.

I believe I specified there was time while Mr. Ramirez was incarcerated in the South Carolina Detention Center, there was additional credit after he maxed out then bonded out at Jasper County Detention Center, and there is time from when he was bonded out of the detention center but still awaiting review of his Sexually Violent Predator status in the Greenville Detention Center.

The court then sentenced Mr. Ramirez to Ten (10) years of active time but no credit for time served. Based on §24-13-40, the Defense believes that Mr. Ramirez is entitled to some if not all the credit he did serve until the time he did actually bond out of Jasper County Detention Center.

Thank you,

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