

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM PICKENS COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2024-GS-39-01593

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The State,

Respondent.

v.

Lawrence M. Brewer,

Appellant.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Lawrence M. Brewer appeals his sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Perry H. Gravely following the Defendant's entering of a plea of guilty to the charge of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine 3rd Offense on Monday December 8, 2025.

On Thursday December 18, 2025, Defense Counsel filed and served a Motion to Reconsider Sentence in Pickens County (attached). On Friday December 19, 2025, The Honorable Perry H. Gravely filed and served an Order Denying the Motion to Reconsider Sentence (attached). This appeal follows.

Defendant has notified his attorney of his intent to appeal and argues that his sentence was unreasonable. Undersigned counsel is aware of no legally meritorious grounds for mandatory overturning of the sentence; however, Defendant has communicated to counsel his desire to appeal his sentence.

Counsel is filing this appeal pursuant to his ethical duty to the Defendant, and Defendant's Constitutional right to appeal. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 705 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as "an active advocate in behalf of his client." (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967))).

Date: December 29, 2025



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**To:** Gravely, Perry H.; Gravely, Perry H. Law Clerk (Cody Chavis)  
**Cc:** Gardner, John  
**Subject:** Motion to Reconsider Sentence for Lawrence Brewer  
**Attachments:** Motion To Reconsider Sentence Lawrence Brewer - Clocked.pdf

Your Honor,

I have attached the Motion to Reconsider Sentence for Lawrence Brewer that I filed with the Pickens County Clerk's Office this morning.

There is some data that is referenced in the motion regarding prior sentences for the same offense for which Mr. Brewer entered a plea.

Due to the voluminous nature of that data, I have not attached it to the motion in the form of an exhibit. However, I have that data ready and can provide it to the Court if you so wish.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

Respectfully,

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
 THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 Indictment No: 2024-GS-39-01593

MOTION TO RECONSIDER  
 GUILTY PLEA SENTENCE

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COMES NOW The Defendant, Lawrence M. Brewer, by and through his undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court to Reconsider the Order from December 8, 2025, imposing the following sentence on Mr. Lawrence M. Brewer:

Mr. Brewer entered a plea of guilty, to the Pickens County charge of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense, in violation of S.C. Code Section 44-53-0375(b)(3) bearing CDR Code # 3200; and the Honorable Judge Perry Gravely accepted the plea after a colloquy specifically pertaining to the defendant's individual case. Mr. Brewer was sentenced and committed to the South Carolina Department of Corrections for a period of 18 years. (See Exhibit A).

The following is submitted in support of Mr. Brewer's Motion:

1. The State made no official recommendation in the case, however, on the record, the State argued for an unspecified period of incarceration and suggested to the Court that a sentence

of 20 years would be appropriate. Prior to the plea, the State made an offer of 16 years negotiated. Mr. Brewer chose to instead move forward with no official recommendation or negotiation from the State seeking to be sentenced to a period of less than 16 years. When Mr. Brewer chose not to accept the 16 years negotiated, the State proceeded with their no recommendation plea with the understanding that Defense Counsel would ask the Court for a lesser sentence.

2. In the last 10 years 31 people have pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense in Pickens County.
3. By the very nature of pleading to a Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense, each of these defendants has a criminal history of at an absolute minimum 2 prior drug related convictions.
4. The 18 Year Sentence imposed on Mr. Brewer is the highest sentence imposed on any person who has pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense in the County of Pickens during the last 10 years.
5. The average sentence imposed in Pickens County for any plea to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense that was not suspendable in that ten year time frame is 11.68 years.
6. Mr. Brewer pleaded guilty to 1 count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense. In the last 10 years in Pickens County the next highest sentence for anyone pleading to just 1 count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense was 11 years.
7. It is the Defendant's belief that in the pursuit of equity, predictability, and consistency by the

Court that the precedent set by prior sentences for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, 3rd Offense supports a sentence more in line with other sentences for the same offense issued in the Pickens County General Sessions Court from December 2015 through December 2025.

WHEREFORE, for the Foregoing reasons, the Defendant prays this Court reconsider the request for an alternative sentence to an 18 year term of incarceration at SCDC and

- (1) sentence the Defendant to a reduced sentence in the 10 - 13 year range; or
- (2) sentence the Defendant to a sentence of 15 years suspended on 10 years of active incarceration followed by a term of probation.

I So Move,



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**Via Certified Mail**

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**Re: State v. Lawrence M. Brewer**  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed you will find the original Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Pickens County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment. These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel during the plea.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

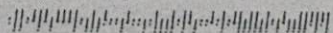
Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

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