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APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

SC Court of Appeals

Honorable Thomas J. Rode, Circuit Court Judge

Trial Court Case No.: 2026GS1004383
Appellate Case No. 2026-001475

The State,

Respondent

v.

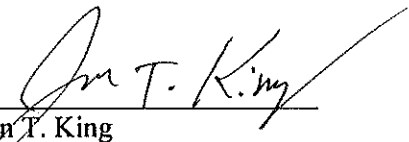
Virdell Shanta Mercer,

Appellant.

Motion to Reconsider Dismissal Order
& Leave to Comply with Rule 203

On June 25, 2026, was convicted of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and sentenced to 5 years suspended on probation for 4 years by the Honorable Thomas J. Rode. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 1, 2026. On July 23, 2026, an Order of Dismissal of was issued for failure to comply with Rule 203 as counsel did not forward the guilty plea explanation to said client regarding the same and the twenty-day time period to respond per Rule 203. Said omission by counsel was inadvertent; and therefore, counsel moves for leave to allow client time to respond accordingly.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Petition To Reconsider Order of Dismissal on Hunt Russell, Assistant Solicitor for Charleston County, and Mark Farthing, Office of the Attorney General, by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS on July 27, 2026.



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