

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

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Plaintiff,

v.

MICHELLE ELIZABETH BALLARD,
Defendant.

) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
) THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
)

) **Warrant/Indictment Nos.:**
) 2026A1810200222
) Domestic / Domestic Violence, 2nd
) Degree
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) **RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**
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SC Court of Appeals

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issues to be raised on Appeal may include whether the Trial Court abused its discretion when it imposed a sentence of 1 year suspended to 3 years probation, 69 days timed served, and hold for inpatient treatment at Faith Home, upon the Appellant after she plead guilty.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that such an abuse occurred and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a Motion to Reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about her right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430F.3d 696, 706 (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))).

Respectfully submitted,

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