

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The State,

vs.

Bradford Jovanelly,

Defendant.

LIS... Case Nos.: 2025GS3205058; 2025GS3204453
CLERK OF COURT
LEXINGTON SC

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION
TO RECONSIDER SENTENCE**

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT on Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence filed on July 24, 2026. On July 2, 2026, Defendant pled guilty for Fentanyl-Induced Homicide and Trafficking in Methamphetamine 28g-100g. Sentencing was suspended until July 23, 2026. Defendant was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the Fentanyl-Induced Homicide and twenty-five years imprisonment on the Trafficking in Meth, sentences to concurrently with 367 days credit for time served. During the plea and sentencing, Defendant was represented by Jonathan Harvery, Esq., and Kent Collins, Esq., and the state was represented by Jordan Cox, Esq.

"The authority to change a sentence rests solely and exclusively" within the discretion of the sentencing judge. *State v. Smith*, 276 S.C. 494, 498, 280 S.E.2d 200, 202 (1981). "A judge or other sentencing authority is to be accorded very wide discretion in determining an appropriate sentence, and must be permitted to consider any and all information that reasonably might bear on the proper sentence for the particular defendant, given the crime committed." *State v. Hicks*, 377 S.C. 322, 325, 659 S.E.2d 499, 500 (Ct. App. 2008). A post-trial "motion may, in the discretion of the court, be determined on briefs filed by the parties without oral argument." See Rule 29, SCRCrimP.

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In reviewing the materials and arguments of both parties, this Court has denied to reconsider sentencing for this case without an adequate need for oral argument.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentencing is **DENIED.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Debra R. McCaslin
Chief Administrative Judge for General Sessions Court
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Lexington, South Carolina
July 30, 2026

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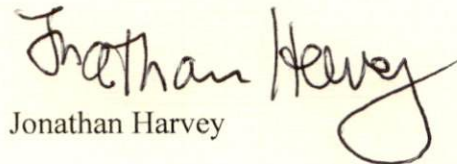
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Re: Bradford W. Jovanelly
Appellate Case No. 2026-001784

Dear Ms. Harrison:

In response to your deficiency letter of August 12, 2026 please find enclosed a copy of the August 3, 2026 Order. I trust this rectifies the matter addressed in your letter.

Yours truly,


Jonathan Harvey

JH/mb

Enclosures

Cc: Alan McCory Wilson, Esq.
Melody Jane Brown, Esq.
Jordan A. Cox, Esq.
Wanda Carter, Esq.
Kent Collins, Esq.

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