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Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES CHRISTIAN WRIGHT,

APPELLANT

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2 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

3 The State,)
4 -vs-) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD
5 James C. Wright,) 2025-GS-42-00489;00490
6 Defendant.) February 19, 2025
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1 (Proceedings February 19, 2025)

2 THE COURT: Okay. Good afternoon. I'm going to go
3 through the roster, and as I call your name, if you'll
4 raise your hand. And if your attorney is here, that person
5 will let me know that they're here. If you're covering for
6 someone, also let me know that.

7 Okay. Jaylin Bishop, you're here represented by
8 Mr. Hammes.

9 MR. HAMMES: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Ray Miller represented by Ms. White.
11 Mr. Misenhimer, are you covering?

12 MR. MISENHIMER: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: For the plea or just qualification?

14 MR. MISENHIMER: Both.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

16 Joshua Morse.

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Armandic [sic].

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: James Wright represented by Mr. Schultz.

21 MR. SCHULTZ: Here, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Shamont Morton represented by Mr. Nmair.

23 MR. NMAIR: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Justin Comer represented by
25 Mr. Misenhimer.

1 Okay. Jayden Maybin. You're represented by Mr.
2 Grubbs.

3 MR. GRUBBS: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

5 Okay. Let me have all of you sworn by the clerk of
6 court. Okay.

7 (Whereupon, all defendants were duly sworn.)

8 THE COURT: Y'all can put your hands down.

9 Remember to answer out loud to my questions. These
10 are yes-or-no questions. We have a court reporter here who
11 is making a record.

12 Okay. I'm going to go through a series of questions
13 with you. All of these questions are focused upon whether
14 or not you understand the type of hearing today, if you are
15 understanding the nature of the hearing and if you wish to
16 enter a plea versus having a trial.

17 Okay. After we get through these questions you all
18 will come up one at a time for your individual plea
19 hearing. So you all will go back out into your holding
20 area and come back one at a time, okay, with your lawyer.

21 All right. Does everybody understand?

22 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
23 affirmative.)

24 THE COURT: Okay. Do each of you understand that the
25 purpose of your being here today is to enter a plea or

1 pleas on charge or charges against you? That would be as
2 opposed to having a jury trial or a trial in front of a
3 judge.

4 If you understand that, I need for you to answer out
5 loud.

6 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
7 affirmative.)

8 THE COURT: Now, when you enter a plea you waive very
9 important constitutional rights.

10 Not only do you waive your right to a trial by a jury
11 but you also waive your right to confront witnesses against
12 you and your right to remain silent.

13 If you were to go forward and have a trial the burden
14 of proof would not be on you and your lawyer. The burden
15 of proof is on the state, the attorney for the state, to
16 prove every element of every charge against you beyond a
17 reasonable doubt.

18 You are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.
19 And if you were to have a jury trial every member of your
20 jury, all 12, would have to agree before you could be found
21 guilty.

22 And so, first, do you understand these very important
23 constitutional rights?

24 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
25 affirmative.)

1 THE COURT: And understanding them, do you wish to
2 waive them in exchange for your plea or pleas today?

3 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
4 affirmative.)

5 THE COURT: Has anybody threatened you or coerced you
6 in any way to get you to enter your plea or pleas today?

7 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the negative.)

8 THE COURT: Are you entering your pleas freely and
9 voluntarily?

10 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
11 affirmative.)

12 THE COURT: And don't be offended. I ask everybody
13 the next question.

14 Are you today under the influence of alcohol, drugs or
15 any intoxicant that would impair your judgment?

16 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the negative.)

17 THE COURT: Does anyone suffer from any mental or
18 physical infirmity that would affect your ability in
19 understanding what we're doing today?

20 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the negative.)

21 THE COURT: Is everyone satisfied with the services of
22 your lawyer?

23 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the
24 affirmative.)

25 THE COURT: And if you take some type of medication, I

1 need to make a note about it so I can ask you about it.

2 Does anybody take any type of prescribed medication,
3 any -- type of med? Anybody?

4 (Whereupon, all defendants responded in the negative.)

5 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you all.

6 END OF QUALIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS

7 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

8 THE COURT: Sir, you are James Christian Wright.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

10 MR. SCHULTZ: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: And, sir, earlier I did ask you a series
13 of questions in a group setting. If I were to ask you all
14 of the questions again right now would you answers be the
15 same?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

18 Direct -- well, let me have counsel identify
19 themselves for the record.

20 MS. GENOBLE: Elizabeth Genoble for the state.

21 MR. SCHULTZ: Attorney Joshua Schultz for Mr. Wright.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

23 Sir, direct your attention to the assistant solicitor.
24 She's going to call the cases.

25 MS. GENOBLE: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 This is defendant James Christian Wright. We are here
2 on Indictment No. 25-490 which is a waiver indictment for
3 trafficking methamphetamine 10 to 28 grams. He is pleading
4 to possession with intent to distribute meth. And those
5 are two charges.

6 The second indictment is 25-0489 also for trafficking
7 meth 10 to 28 grams, and pleading to possession with intent
8 to distribute meth.

9 He has served two days on Indictment 0490 and 38 days
10 on 0489.

11 It is a negotiated sentence of 15 years suspended to
12 three years to be served on home detention. Violation
13 shall result in a revocation of the full 15 years.

14 And we are dismissing warrants for using a weapon
15 during a violent crime and commission of a violent offense
16 while on bond for a violent offense after plea.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Schultz, is that your
18 understanding?

19 MR. SCHULTZ: It is, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Sir, I'm going to go over the
21 charges against you.

22 I have two waiver indictments, 25-GS-42-489 and 490,
23 both for trafficking in methamphetamine. You are pleading
24 to a lesser included offense of possession with intent to
25 distribute methamphetamine first offense. And the

1 potential penalty is up to 15 years and/or a fine of up to
2 \$25,000. These are nonviolent offenses.

3 Mr. Wright, do you understand the offenses that you're
4 entering your pleas to, sir?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: And, further, do you understand the
7 potential penalty?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: This is coming before the Court with
10 negotiated sentences of 15 years suspended to three years
11 to be served on home detention with G.P.S. monitoring. And
12 if there is a violation the 15 years would be revoked.

13 Do you understand all of that?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: And because it is negotiated, sir, I can
16 accept it or reject it, but I cannot change it.

17 Do you understand that?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: And, I mean, I just want to make sure that
20 you understand that three years is a long time, and you
21 have virtually no credit towards the three years.

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: And it's day for day.

24 Has Mr. Schultz explained that to you?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. And if you violate -- this is what
2 y'all have agreed upon -- it would result in a 15-year
3 sentence.

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Sir, understanding all of that, how
6 do you wish to plead?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

8 THE COURT: Are you doing so freely, knowingly and
9 voluntarily, sir?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Please be advised that in the event you
12 wish to appeal any aspect of the plea hearing today you
13 only have ten days to do so in writing to this court.

14 Do you understand?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Sir, do you live in Spartanburg County?

17 THE DEFENDANT: I do.

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

19 Direct your attention again to Ms. Genoble.

20 MS. GENOBLE: Thank you.

21 On Indictment 24-490, on April the 27th of 2024 the
22 defendant was stopped in Inman for an expired tag.
23 Defendant was the driver. He was not able to provide proof
24 of insurance. He replied that nothing was illegal in the
25 car and gave consent to search.

1 when stepping outta the truck he was Terry frisked and
2 a meth pipe was located on his person. He then provided
3 that there was meth in the center console which was
4 located. More methamphetamine was found in his waistband
5 at the jail. Total combined field weight was 12 grams.

6 The SLED drug analysis is still pending. He is
7 agreeing to waive that. But it did field test positive for
8 methamphetamine.

9 For Indictment 24-489, on January 12th of this year
10 defendant was the driver in a vehicle stopped for a
11 suspended tag. Defendant lacked a South Carolina driver's
12 license, as did the passenger.

13 When questioned the defendant acknowledged that he had
14 a little marijuana in the vehicle. The vehicle was
15 searched and law enforcement located a 9mm handgun under
16 the driver's seat. Between the driver's and passenger seat
17 an ammo cannister was located that contained what field
18 tested as 12.1 grams of methamphetamine, along with
19 hypodermic needles, a digital scale and a meth pipe.

20 The defendant claimed that he is a heroin and
21 marijuana user and does not do methamphetamine.

22 The analysis from SLED is also still pending and is
23 being waived by the defendant for this instance, but it
24 also did field test positive for methamphetamine.

25 He has a criminal history of a 2010 possession of

1 heroin, aggravated menace; 2018, public drunk.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Wright, as to the facts is
3 that substantially what happened, sir?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: And are you waiving your drug test
6 results?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: All right. Anything else?

9 MS. GENOBLE: No, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Schultz, did you have an
11 opportunity to review the evidence and the discovery with
12 Mr. Wright?

13 MR. SCHULTZ: I have, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

15 MR. SCHULTZ: Your Honor, I was actually retained not
16 too long ago to represent Mr. Wright.

17 Mr. Brown and I of the solicitor's office arrived at
18 this plea agreement last Friday when the state -- I don't
19 know if the Court remembers, but he was on your docket for
20 motions on Friday, and the state moved to revoke his bond.

21 We reached this plea agreement. We continued the
22 case. We appreciate the Court hearing us here today. So
23 we resolved, Mr. Brown and I resolved, the case fairly
24 quickly.

25 I have been over several times the requirements of

1 home detention. I don't mean to offend anybody when I say
2 this, but home detention is a very stringent program. They
3 take -- they take their time with each person that goes in
4 front of them and they go over the contract. It's about a
5 40-page contract at this point.

6 Mr. Wright is aware of the confines of home detention.
7 I told him that he can go to work as long as it's a
8 legitimate job. He can go to church, come see me,
9 attorney, and he can go to his medical appointments.

10 He is -- was not working at the time. He tells me
11 he's on disability. I am sure he can answer any questions
12 if the Court so desires. So can answer any questions about
13 that.

14 I think this is in his best interest. Obviously, if
15 he pled to trafficking he would receive at least a sentence
16 of three years in the state department of corrections if
17 those two charges were run concurrent with each other. He
18 could be exposed potentially up to a sentence of 20 years
19 for both the charges if they were to be run consecutively.

20 Because of those reasons, Your Honor, he has a very
21 good support network. He tells me that he has a house in
22 Spartanburg County. I believe in Campobello.

23 Is that right, James?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 MR. SCHULTZ: That he is going to be living in, that

1 he would be hopefully performing home detention for the
2 next nearly three years now.

3 As the Court noted -- and I think the Court was very
4 observant of this fact -- he does not have a lot of time
5 in. So he's going to be doing that day for day. He
6 understands that. He wants to get out. I think he's
7 learned his lesson. And we would ask that you accept the
8 negotiated plea in this case. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Wright, do you agree with the
10 statements of legal counsel?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Is there anything that you would like to
13 tell me?

14 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Well, your addresses on the
16 warrants are two different addresses, neither of which are
17 in Campobello. But you're saying that's where you'll be
18 living now. You will continue to reside in Spartanburg
19 County.

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. With regard to matter of the State
22 vs. James Christian Wright and Indictments 25-489 and 490,
23 both for PWID meth first offense, it is the order of the
24 Court that I will accept the negotiated sentences ordering
25 that Mr. Wright receive a sentence of 15 years. That will

1 be suspended to the service of three years. The three
2 years may be served on home detention with G.P.S.
3 monitoring.

4 He must sign up within ten days, and any violation
5 will result in a 15-year revocation.

6 He'll get credit for 38 days under Indictment 489 and
7 two days under Indictment 490. That will be conclude the
8 hearing.

9 END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

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October 7, 2025

s/Linda D. Moffitt

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Circuit Court Reporter

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1 PROCEEDINGS - MAY 20, 2025.

2 THE COURT: Sir, you're James Wright?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Sir, do you understand that this is before
5 me today based on the State's motion to convert an HD
6 sentence to an active DOC sentence?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Normally, sir, I don't take
9 testimony at this type of hearing. If you want me to know
10 something, you tell Mr. Farr, and he'll tell me. Okay? All
11 right. Let me have everybody identify themselves for the
12 record.

13 MR. FARR: Zachary Farr, on behalf of the Defendant,
14 your Honor, Mr. -- Mr. James Wright.

15 MR. BROWN: And, your Honor, Tyler Brown for the State.
16 And, your Honor, just so I can let the Court know, there was
17 a cross motion filed by the Defense. I don't know if your
18 Honor has it. I have a copy if you would like to have a copy
19 of it.

20 THE COURT: One second. I've got it. Well, there's a
21 return to the motion. Is that the cross motion?

22 MR. FARR: Yes, ma'am.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Farr is getting fancy. All
24 right.

25 MR. BROWN: He is.

1 THE COURT: Counter motion. Thank you.

2 MR. BROWN: Yes, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. I also have a copy of my
4 sentencing sheet.

5 MR. BROWN: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Where this was a negotiated plea back in
7 February. So let me just ask: Is there some gray area as to
8 the violation?

9 MR. BROWN: Your Honor, the State would contend that
10 it's a clear violation. He admitted to using drugs while on
11 home detention. I think he violated four days after he was
12 placed on home detention. He admitted to using while he was
13 in. And so, our contention would be: No, this is a pretty
14 clear violation and a violation of the terms of his home
15 detention.

16 THE COURT: All right. Let -- let me just -- all
17 right. So I sentenced him on February the 19th.

18 MR. BROWN: Yes, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: On February the 24th...

20 SERGEANT VINCENT: He was placed on home detention on
21 February the 20th.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 SERGEANT VINCENT: And he was brought back to jail on
24 February 24th.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 SERGEANT VINCENT: Failed a drug test for
2 methamphetamine, admitted to it and said he had used that
3 Saturday. So literally two days in, he was already using
4 drugs, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: All right. I -- y'all know that I don't
6 like these negotiated sentences that say three years HD/GPS,
7 but if there's any violation, he's going to serve 15 years.
8 I never would sentence someone that way. And I might
9 sentence him to 15 years, but I'm not going to sentence him
10 to three years of HD. And if they violate for any reason,
11 they get 15 years.

12 But I understand it was a negotiated plea and I took
13 it. Let -- let me -- if I need to hear anything else from
14 the State, that's the State's position. I understand he has
15 about now, what, 90 days credit, including the 38 days he had
16 when he pled.

17 MR. BROWN: We would have to calculate somewhere around
18 that ballpark, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: But nothing substantial towards 15 years?

20 MR. BROWN: No, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Farr?

22 MR. FARR: Your Honor, may it please the Court? As you
23 see, I was not the original attorney on this case. I did
24 talk to the family. I do have his sister here as well. When
25 they came and talked to me, I told them this was the

1 sentence. I -- I talked to Mr. -- Mr. Brown as he'll tell
2 you, as soon as the family contacted me, I was reaching out
3 to him, and me and him had a lot of conversations with him.
4 And I also told him what I was going to ask the Court.
5 That's why I filed a return motion, Judge, what we were
6 seeking.

7 Talking to my client, Judge, we were asking not to
8 convert his sentence. My client, where he be -- and you know
9 this with me, Judge, before I sentence somebody, you always
10 ask: "Are they Spartanburg County residents?" Before
11 handling detention and stuff like that to make sure it's not
12 a setup for failure. Okay? That's the issue that I think
13 was underlying because I think he rushed it. When I say
14 "he," Mr. Wright rushed it because he was going to prison. I
15 don't -- and I wasn't there, but I'm just saying from the way
16 the terms look like, Judge, I talked to the family about that
17 and everything else.

18 His sister is here, Judge, Ms. King, she lives on the
19 border of Greer, which is actually Greenville County, but it
20 -- but it's close enough to Spartanburg and stuff like that.
21 I asked him here, Judge, if you would give him a chance to
22 live. And that's why I brought her up here because her
23 husband is actually retired sheriff's officer from Greenville
24 County. He is still working for Greenville County Sheriff's
25 Office. If you'll allow him to temporarily live there so he

1 can get his disability back -- insurance. So he can go to
2 the Carolina behavior place for rehab, which is inpatient,
3 Judge.

4 And then, if he does complete that, allow him to go
5 back for temporary. So the sister is working on his
6 disability to get him a place in Spartanburg County, Judge,
7 and you would consider that. He does have a lot of issues.
8 And when I say that, he's on a lot of medicines as well.
9 Judge, he needs rehab. I did -- and I did tell Mr. -- Mr.
10 Brown, I did have Nick and Clay from GoForth come and
11 actually talk to him to see if he was a candidate for
12 GoForth.

13 And they said because their place is not structured
14 enough -- and I say that where -- there's nobody looking out
15 for him. And that's why I had the sister go look out for the
16 Carolina behavior, which is \$1,200 to sign up and then \$50 a
17 month. And there's people -- medical people actually on
18 sites. And that's what Clay and Nick said from GoForth. He
19 needs somebody with medical thing on a daily basis to get him
20 off of the drugs, Judge, but also put in here, Judge, an
21 alternative: not to convert the 15, and convert the three.
22 That's what I put -- an alternative to the return, Judge.

23 I'm asking for mercy. I've got the sister here as well
24 -- for any mercy as well, Judge. Mr. Brown -- I did tell Mr.
25 Brown, and I know what Mr. Brown's motion was and everything

1 else, Judge, but that's what we're asking for today. Thank
2 you.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. FARR: Yes, ma'am.

5 THE COURT: I'm happy to hear from Mr. Wright's sister
6 if she wants to address the Court. She's not required to.
7 Ma'am, I do appreciate your being here.

8 MS. KING: Okay.

9 THE COURT: Do you agree with what Mr. Farr stated?

10 MS. KING: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Okay. Let me flip back.
12 All right. Mr. Brown?

13 MR. BROWN: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: I don't have a transcript of the plea
15 hearing, but I'm convinced that I went over this pretty --
16 pretty thoroughly at that time with Mr. Wright.

17 MR. BROWN: Yes, your Honor. And if I can give just a
18 brief bit more context? I'll also tell the Court the
19 original charges were both traffickings.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. BROWN: So we were coming down, and -- and candidly
22 this is the counter negotiations from the Defense.
23 Originally, it was 10 suspended at five violation triggered
24 full 10. He had very competent counsel. It was Mr. Schultz.
25 Mr. Schultz countered with the 15, suspended at three. And

1 we agreed to that based on what was presented to us by the
2 Defense.

3 THE COURT: I'm -- I'm not at all --

4 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

5 THE COURT: -- questioning that it was a good deal at
6 the time --

7 MR. BROWN: Sure.

8 THE COURT: -- but in hindsight now, yeah. Okay.

9 MR. BROWN: And we would just contend this is part of
10 the negotiations. That's kind of where we're at on this.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

12 MR. BROWN: No, your Honor. We appreciate your time.

13 THE COURT: Okay. So, sir, I'm going to review
14 everything. I -- I will issue an order in writing as quickly
15 as I can. I do wish you and your family the very best.

16 MR. FARR: Thank you, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Thank you.

18 MR. BROWN: Thank you, your Honor.

19 (THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THIS HEARING CONCLUDED.)

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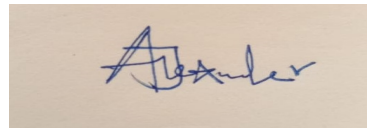
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February 25, 2026.

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6 James C. Wright,) 2025-GS-42-00489;00490
7 Defendant.) August 1, 2025
8) Spartanburg, South Carolina
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10 B E F O R E:

11 HONORABLE GRACE GILCHRIST KNIE, JUDGE
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14 A P P E A R A N C E S:

15 ELIZABETH GENOBLE, ESQUIRE
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22 Linda D. Moffitt
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1 (Proceedings August 1, 2025)

2 THE COURT: Please identify for the record.

3 MR. BROWN: Good morning, Your Honor. Tyler Brown for
4 the State of South Carolina.

5 MR. FARR: Your Honor, may it please the Court. Zac
6 Farr on behalf of the defendant, Your Honor, Mr. James
7 Wright.

8 THE COURT: Sir, you're Mr. Wright.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: It's nice to see you again.

11 I understand that this is before me as a motion to
12 consider my order of May the 23rd of this year, correct?

13 MR. BROWN: That's correct.

14 MR. FARR: That's correct, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Housekeeping matter.

16 This is my law clerk, and her term as a law clerk will
17 conclude on Wednesday. And is there any objection to her
18 remaining in the courtroom understanding that her new
19 position will be with the solicitor's office?

20 MR. BROWN: There's no objection from the State of
21 South Carolina.

22 MR. FARR: None from the defense, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Wright, do you understand that
24 my law clerk is going to be working where Mr. Brown works
25 in a few weeks? And I can have her leave the courtroom if

1 you want her to, or she can stay.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

4 Okay. So I have my prior order and I have a motion to
5 reconsider that was timely filed, and so I'm happy to hear
6 from you all.

7 MR. BROWN: Your Honor, it's his motion. I'll defer
8 to him first, and then I'll be happy to respond unless Your
9 Honor would hear --

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 Mr. Farr, I understand how awkward motions for
12 reconsideration can be, but understand that I understand
13 that. So just make your argument.

14 MR. FARR: Your Honor, may it please the Court.

15 Again, I filed the original to reinstate. Mr. Brown
16 filed to convert at that time, and I believe at that time
17 we were in a family-court courtroom at that time and we
18 were going back and forth arguing.

19 I know at that time I mentioned about medical records.
20 I didn't have them because we had to order them.

21 At this time I'm not going to give the Court a
22 thousand pages I gave -- give the Court, which I already
23 gave to Ms. Brown -- Mr. Brown snippets of my client's
24 medical, Your Honor. And this is for review. I'm not
25 going to ask you to go through them and everything else

1 before you make your ruling. But he has over 25 diagnoses,
2 and they're very concerning. I didn't have them at the
3 time. I said he had medical issues, Judge. So I'm asking
4 you to reconsider that and reconsider your order.

5 My client knows; his family knows -- his sister is
6 here as well -- what the statute requires. It says shall,
7 and I told them that from day one. But we're asking for
8 you to truly reconsider.

9 Judge, I know you were in a hard position the last
10 time, and I know what you told the Court and everything
11 else.

12 I also got two affidavits from his niece and from his
13 sister, Judge, to give to you as well for your review.
14 I've given those already over to Mr. Brown.

15 Judge, I'm just asking if you would truly reconsider
16 the order, reconsider something less or reconsider
17 restating to what we asked originally to rehab, Judge, but
18 that's what we're asking at this time.

19 If I can approach, Judge, just for your review for
20 when you make your decision in this case.

21 Judge, he has the support and has the ability to do
22 the things we asked for at the last hearing, but I just
23 want to give you the medical records so you can have a true
24 understanding of Mr. James Wright, Judge, and we're asking
25 you to truthfully consider your current order and what was

1 sentenced at the time, because I know I wasn't the attorney
2 on that sentence, Judge, but we are asking for you to
3 reconsider. Thank you, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Yes, sir.

5 MR. BROWN: Your Honor, just first as a housekeeping
6 matter, he did provide me those same documents just so
7 there is a record that I do have those also.

8 But, Your Honor, these negotiations were brought by
9 the defendant to the state. They were actually counter
10 offers to what was originally offered of ten suspended to
11 five years of home detention, a violation triggering the
12 full ten. They asked us for this term and condition of a
13 plea.

14 He was originally charged with two serious offenses,
15 two traffickings. Your Honor, we brought this down. He
16 was avoiding serious offenses.

17 As a part of these plea negotiations, Your Honor, Your
18 Honor accepted the negotiations that they asked for. And
19 the defendant wilfully violated home detention. He
20 admitted to using. I understand it is heavy sentences,
21 sentence, and, again, they asked for it, and that's why
22 we're here today.

23 I think the defense hit the nail on the head. The
24 statute is clear. The language is shall. And I would
25 contend that -- and I contended previously and I will

1 contend again today -- that the imposition of the full
2 sentence, that is a part of the negotiations.

3 As such we believe Your Honor was appropriate in
4 ordering, which you did order on the date of May 23rd is
5 the time -- date stamp as well as your signature stamp. We
6 think that's the appropriate order in this case. We'd ask
7 Your Honor to affirm that again.

8 THE COURT: Anything else?

9 MR. FARR: No, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. And just to recap, I stated
11 before -- I remember and I really lost sleep over this
12 case.

13 This was not my sentence. It was a sentence by
14 another judge, but it was negotiated and -- and the
15 negotiation was that if there was a violation on H.D.G.P.S.
16 the full year, the full 15-year, sentence would be revoked.
17 Right?

18 MR. BROWN: It -- just the one correction. It was
19 your -- I'm not trying to correct you. It was your
20 sentence originally. I think you had consternation about
21 it at the time of the plea as well. But, again, it was
22 just to make sure that's clear.

23 THE COURT: Well, I thought that it was actually -- I
24 thought -- was this not Judge Hayes' sentence?

25 MR. BROWN: No, Your Honor. I've got -- I've got the

1 original sentence. They're copies obviously.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Let me look at that again.

3 MR. BROWN: Yes, Your Honor. Permission to approach.

4 I wasn't try to correct Your Honor. I was -- make sure.

5 THE COURT: Okay. And so -- okay. And so my concern

6 was then when this pled with Mr. Schultz -- and it was

7 Mr. Schultz, right? Not Mr. Farr.

8 MR. BROWN: It was.

9 MR. FARR: Yes, ma'am.

10 THE COURT: That the 15 years would be revoked, not
11 three years.

12 MR. FARR: Correct.

13 THE COURT: And it was negotiated. And I do remember
14 that Mr. Wright has a lovely family and the support of
15 them. And I remember that there was a family member at the
16 last hearing and I just could feel for her her concern
17 about his well-being.

18 And I do have two notes or affidavits from family
19 members that I will review again, and I'll review
20 everything again before I issue my order. And so is there
21 anything else?

22 MR. BROWN: Nothing else, Your Honor. I wasn't
23 overcorrecting or anything. I just wanted to make sure you
24 knew.

25 THE COURT: That's fine.

1 All right. And, Mr. Farr, I think that we talked
2 about this.

3 MR. FARR: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE COURT: But my concern was if Mr. Wright had
5 actually violated H.D. and that was my question or --

6 MR. FARR: And it was in the report that he said he
7 did.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. FARR: And that's me and him when we talked about
10 what was in the report.

11 THE COURT: Okay. All right. And so I will review
12 everything and I will issue an order in writing, and I will
13 do so as quickly as I can.

14 The lawyers are aware that there have been several
15 hearings in front of this one this morning and this week,
16 but I will issue an order as quickly as I can. Good luck
17 to you.

18 END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

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I, the undersigned Linda D. Moffitt, Official Court Reporter for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete Transcript of Record of all the proceedings had and evidence introduced in the trial of the captioned cause, relative to appeal, in the Court of General Sessions for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, on the 1st day of August 2025.

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October 7, 2025

s/Linda D. Moffitt

Linda D. Moffitt
Circuit Court Reporter

Laurie King
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May 25, 2025
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Re: James Christian Wright- Warrant# 2025A2320500028
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Dear Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie

I would like to express my deepest apologize for calling your office and never intended on upsetting you. I only had a question for Office staff which I clearly stated in the message I left. I am James Wright's sister Laurie King, I was getting ready to leave for Ohio for Memorial Day weekend after work to see my family. When I got off work and I looked up the Spartanburg public index to see if there was any new updates to my brother's case. I had seen that there was an amount due for my brother and also said something about bail bonding, and I thought it was something I needed to take care of before him getting out of jail like before, he told me that there would be a charge around \$200 for ankle monitoring. That's why I was calling around to try to find out when he was getting released before I left because he has no other family in SC that can help him if he was to get out of jail. I called several places trying to get answers and nobody would answer their phone or give me any answers that I needed. I wasn't the one that got him out before it was a lady he had only known for a few weeks that lived in Spartanburg county and he was told he could only get out with an address of Spartanburg county. Obviously he was not aware of what he was getting into by going to her house and neither did I. She was a drug user herself, if I would have known any of that I would have pushed for some other kind of arrangements. I have never been in jail or really dealt with anything like this before so I don't know how this all works or for that matter who to call. Soon after that, I got a message from the attorney that he was converted to Department of Corrections. I was totally thrown off guard and upset that I may have caused this reaction. I would like to ask if you would reconsider the sentencing and consider his rehab and back on home detention with GPS monitoring. With his PTSD from childhood trauma, depression from losses in family and disabilities with his hands, back and neck. I feel with him being incarcerated won't help any of these things. Judge, I realize he's made big mistakes and having a drug problem is a big one. But on those two days he got out and got back on something I believe it was because he still had drugs in his system and I know being a nurse how hard it is for someone to get off of methamphetamines. Since

he has been in for over 90 days or more now, I believe his head is clear and when I talk to him daily, he does want to change and be a better person and also get help to permanently stay off of drugs and beat his addiction and help with his depression he tells me he doesnt want this life style anymore. Respectfully, Laurie King.

From: Misti Gallion [REDACTED]
Date: July 31, 2025, at 10:44:26 AM EDT
To: Laurie King [REDACTED]

To Honorable Judge Knie

My name is Misti Gallion, and I am James Wright's niece. I want you to know that my uncle is the most kind and generous person I have known. He is a great mentor to my children and has never shown any disrespect ever in the years I've known him. He has been through much in his life and has messed up. We are all human, and we all mess up. He wouldn't hurt a fly or cause danger to anyone. I understand the seriousness of his offence, but I also understand he has been through a lot lately with loss of my brother, my daughter age 8 with a mitochondrial disorder which he very much loved and loss of his mom (my grandmother) and dad (my grandfather) from heart failure and lung cancer suddenly. He shouldn't be in jail. He really shouldn't.

I am going through a divorce from my husband and am in danger, yet he's free breaking every court order and has been let out of jail multiple times. My husband is physically and mentally abusive and has multiple police reports in Spartanburg and Greenville County that are a pattern to hurt my children and me. I say this because I'm scared for myself and children. Yet again he was released last week again.

Meanwhile, my uncle Jimmy (James) is in prison, and he is not a threat to anyone.

I really hope you can see that he has depression and substance abuse and needs to be at home with loved ones that are willing to help him get into a treatment center. We have all come together to support and help in any way we can. I beg you to reconsider your punishment and really look at those who need treatment to help cope and heal.

Prison isn't doing any of that for James (Jimmy). He is a great person with the hugest heart I've ever seen. Please let him prove that.

Thank you for your time and considerations to my statement.

Sincerely Misti Gallion
[REDACTED]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)	FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE,)	Notice of Motion and Motion to Convert
)	Home Detention Sentence to Active
v.)	Department of Corrections Sentence
)	
James Christian Wright)	Indictments: 2025-GS-42-0489 and 2025-GS-42-0490
Defendant.)	Warrants: 2025A2320500028 and 2024A4210202249

To the Defendant through his attorney, E. Joshua Schultz:

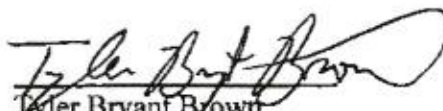
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a time as soon as it may be heard, the State of South Carolina, through its undersigned attorney, will move before the Presiding Judge for the Court of General Sessions for Spartanburg County at the Spartanburg County Courthouse, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina for an Order to convert a home detention sentence to an active sentence in the Department of Corrections for the Defendant on the above charges.

The State of South Carolina hereby moves for an Order to convert a home detention sentence to an active sentence in the Department of Corrections for the above charges. The defendant pled guilty on **February 19, 2025** to two counts of PWID Methamphetamine, 1st offense, both as lesser included offenses of Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 1st offense, before the **Honorable Grace Knie**. The defendant received a negotiated sentence of **fifteen (15) years SCDC suspended to 3 years SCDC to be served on Home Detention**. As a part of the negotiations, Judge Knie ordered that a violation of home Detention would result in 15 years being revoked (see attached). The sentence was allowed to be served pursuant to the Spartanburg County Home Detention Program.

It is now alleged that on February 24, 2025, Deputies with Home Detention conducted a house check on James Wright. Drug Paraphanellia was located in the garage area of the home, and when the Defendant was questioned about his ability to pass a drug test, he admitted that he had used Methamphetamine while confined to Home Detention about 2 days prior. A Urinalysis was conducted and he tested positive for Amphetamines, Methamphetamines, and MDMA.

The State respectfully moves for an order to convert Defendant's home detention sentence to an active sentence in the Department of Corrections under § 24-13-1570 (B) which states "that if there is a violation... the court shall sentence him to imprisonment". S.C. Code Ann. § 24-13-1570 (B).

I So Move,


Tyler Bryant Brown
Assistant Solicitor

Spartanburg, SC
This, the 4th day of March, 2025

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Defendants.	)	Warrants: 2025A2320500028;
	)	2024A4210202249

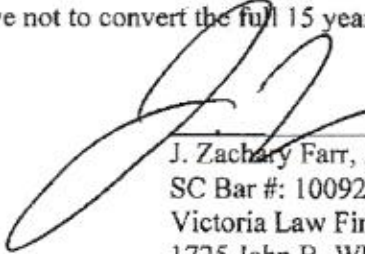
TO: Assistant Solicitor, Tyler Brown

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Defendant herein, by way of Return to Motion for the sentence to be converted will join with you, the State, on May 20, 2025 seeking the following relief:

1. Defendant would ask this court to deny the State motions to convert.
2. Defendant denies the allegation. Defendant feels he was trapped has the home detention drug screened him close to the sentence date.
3. Defendant is seeking relief. The Defendant is asking this court to allow him back on HD/GPS.
4. Allow defendant to live at his sister's home. That will give him enough time to get his insurance back. This home is not in Spartanburg. We would ask and seek relief to allow until Defendant can enter into an inpatient drug facility.
5. Then allow him to go into a drug inpatient facility. Defendant is disabled and does collect disability.

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6. In the alternative not to convert the full 15 year sentence and only do the 3 years.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)

ORDER

v.)

James Christian Wright,)

Warrant #(s): 2025A2320500028,
 2024A4210202249

Defendant.)

This matter was before the Court on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, upon the State's Motion to convert the defendant's home detention sentence to an active sentence in the South Carolina Department of Corrections made by and through **Tyler B. Brown, Esq., of The Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office**. At a hearing held in this matter the Defense was represented by **J. Zachary Farr, Esq., of the Victoria Law Firm, LLC**.

It appears that on February 19th, 2025, the defendant pled guilty to two counts of PWID Methamphetamine, 1st Offense. The defendant was represented by E. Joshua Schultz, Esq. The Judge sentenced the defendant to a negotiated sentence of 15 years suspended to 3 years on Home Detention with GPS Monitoring. As a part of the negotiated sentence was the requirement that if a violation occurred while on Home Detention with GPS Monitoring the violation would result in 15 years being revoked.

It further appears that on February 24th, 2025, during a home visit Deputies arrested the Defendant for testing positive for an illegal substance and took him into custody.

IT IS ORDERED that the **State's Motion to Convert Home Detention Sentence to Active Department of Corrections Sentence** should be and is therefore **GRANTED**.

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IT IS SO ORDERED!

May 23, 2025



The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
Resident Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG	)	FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
VS.	)	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
	)	TO RECONSIDER ORDER DATED MAY 23,
	)	2025
James Christian Wright ,	)	
DEFENDANT	)	WARRANT NUMBER(S):
	)	2025A2320500028 & 2024A421020249
	)	

TO: HONORABLE JUDGE GRACE GILCHRIST KNIE AND TYLER BROWN

Now comes the Defendant, James Wright , through his undersigned attorney, respectfully moves this court to reconsider order dated May 23, 2025 for the above captioned matter(s).

On May 20, 2025, the Court heard cross motions on the Defendants sentence to be converted for violation of home detention. The order was filed on May 23, 2025 granting the State motion to convert the full 15 years of the sentence.

Wherefore, Counsel respectfully request a hearing to reconsider the order dated May 23, 2025 to reconsider either reinstating or the 3 years only.

I SO MOVE:


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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)

Warrant Nos.: 2025A2320500028,
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Plaintiff,

VS.

James Christian Wright,

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO RECONSIDER ORDER
DATED MAY 23rd, 2025

Hearing Date: August 1st, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Hearing Judge: Grace Gilchrist Knie
Counsel for State: Tyler B. Brown
Counsel for Defendant: J. Zachary Farr
Court Reporter: Linda D. Moffitt

This matter is before the Court upon Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration of the Order dated May 23rd, 2025, pursuant to Rule 29, SCRCrP, which was timely filed with The Court by Counsel. The issue before the Court is the Defendant's request to reconsider the Order Converting Home Detention Sentence to an Active DOC Sentence. At the plea and sentencing hearing and at the hearing on the Reconsideration Motion, the State was represented by Tyler B. Brown, Esq., of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. The Defendant was present represented by J. Zachary Farr, Esq. of the Victoria Law Firm, LLC. The Court Reporter at the Reconsideration Hearing was Linda D. Moffitt.

After careful consideration of the able argument and filings of Counsel and review of the record, the Court is unable to discover any material fact or principle of law that either has been

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that either has been

overlooked or disregarded and further finds no error of law or fact not appropriately considered. Accordingly, the Defendant's Motion, pursuant to Rule 29, SCRCrP, is DENIED.

The Court finds and concludes as follows:

Therefore, having fully considered the matter, the Court finds no basis upon which to modify the sentence. The Motion for Reconsideration of Sentence filed on behalf of Defendant pursuant to Rule 29, SCRCrP, is respectfully DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit

Date: August 11th, 2025

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WITNESSES

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ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

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Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

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The State of South Carolina

County of Spartanburg

Barry J. Barnette, Solicitor

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

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THE STATE
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JAMES CHRISTIAN WRIGHT

Indictment for
TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE

SC Code: 44-53-375

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

INDICTMENT

FEB 21 2025

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on _____, the

Grand Jurors of Spartanburg County present upon their oath:

TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE

That the Defendant James Christian Wright, did in Spartanburg County on or about January 12, 2025, knowingly sell, manufacture, deliver, purchase or bring into this State, or did provide financial assistance or did otherwise aid, abet, attempt, or conspire to sell, manufacture, deliver, purchase, or bring into this State, or did knowingly actually or constructively possess, or did knowingly attempt to actually or constructively possess more than ten (10) grams of Methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of § 44-53-375, *THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA*, (1976), as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


 ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

WITNESSES

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ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury
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County of Spartanburg

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

INDICTMENT

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on FEB 21 2025, the

Grand Jurors of Spartanburg County present upon their oath:

TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE

That the Defendant James Christian Wright, did in Spartanburg County on or about April 27, 2024, knowingly sell, manufacture, deliver, purchase or bring into this State, or did provide financial assistance or did otherwise aid, abet, attempt, or conspire to sell, manufacture, deliver, purchase, or bring into this State, or did knowingly actually or constructively possess, or did knowingly attempt to actually or constructively possess more than ten (10) grams of Methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of § 44-53-375, *THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA*, (1976), as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

STATE vs.

James Christian Wright

AKA:

SSN: [REDACTED]

RACE: WhiteSEX: Male

DOB: [REDACTED]

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2025 -GS- 42 - 0489AW#: 2025A2320500028Date of Offense: 01/12/2025S.C. Code §: 44-53-375CDR Code #: 0450Range of Offense: 3-15 years and \$25,000In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF ☐ or ☒ PLEADSTO: PWID Methamphetamine, 1st offenseRange of Offense Pled 0 - 15 years and/or up to \$25,000In violation of § 44-53-375 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 3198☒ NON-VIOLENT ☐ VIOLENT ☐ SERIOUS ☐ MOST SERIOUS ☐ MANDATORY GPS ☐ § 17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)The charge is: ☐ As indicted ☒ Lesser Included Offense, ☒ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.The plea is: ☐ w/o Rec/Negotiations ☒ Negotiated 15 years and/or up to \$25,000 ☐ Recommendation

s/ Tyler Bryant Brown

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E. Joshua Schultz

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Solicitor

SC Bar #

Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Program
for a determinate term of 15 days/months/years/Time Served ☐ YOANTE 15 years and/or shall pay a fineof \$ 10,000; provided that upon the service of 3 days/months/years/Time Served and or paymentof \$ 10,000 plus costs and assessments as applicable; balance is suspended with probation for 15 months/years

and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run ☒ CONCURRENT or ☐ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: 15 years☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC.38

days/months

☐ To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

☐ PTUP☐ No Contact with Victim ☐ Domestic Violence Intervention Program☐ Hold for Inpatient Treatment☐ Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430☐ SAC/MHC if necessary☐ Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.☐ Other: _____☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-490(B))

Restitution \$

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§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)

§56-5-1995 (DUI Assessment

§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)

§14-1-212 (Law Enforcement Funding)

§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)

§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)

§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)

§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)

3% to County (if paid in installments)

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Fine/Costs and Assessments are to be paid to the

Clerk of Court within _____ days/months

FINE: \$

\$

\$100

\$100

\$12

\$25

\$25

\$150

\$41

\$50

\$40/ea

TBD

\$500

\$40

TOTAL

283.25

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Judge Code

Sentence Date

Presiding Judge

SCCA217B
01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURGINDICTMENT/CASE#: 2025 -GS- 42 - 0490

STATE vs.

AW#: 2024A4210202249James Christian WrightDate of Offense: 04/27/2024

AKA: _____

SSN: _____

S.C. Code §: 44-53-375CDR Code #: 0450RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: _____Range of Offense: 3 - 10 years and \$25,000In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF ☐ or ☒ PLEADSTO: PWID Methamphetamine, 1st offenseRange of Offense Pled 0 - 15 years and/or up to \$25,000In violation of § 44-53-375 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 3198☒ NON-VIOLENT ☐ VIOLENT ☐ SERIOUS ☐ MOST SERIOUS ☐ MANDATORY GPS ☐ § 17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)The charge is: ☐ As indicted ☒ Lesser Included Offense, ☒ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.The plea is: ☐ w/o Rec/Negotiations ☒ Negotiated 15 years up to 3 years (HDC), Via. Shall result in 13 ☐ Recommendation _____

s/ Tyler Bryant Brown

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E. Joshua Schultz

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Solicitor

SC Bar # _____

Attorney for Defendant

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Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

L. McFitt
Court Reporter2960
Judge Code2-19-25
Sentence Date[Signature]
Presiding JudgeSCCA217B
01/27/2025

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings."

Respectfully Submitted,

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This 28th day of August, 2026.