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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF GREENWOOD)

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM GREENWOOD COUNTY

Court of General Sessions

THE STATE

Respondent,)

The Honorable Frank R. Addy, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-002111

v.

MOTION TO REINSTATE APPEAL

Nevelle Shabarr Reid

Appellant,)

COMES NOW the Appellant, by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court to reinstate the appeal in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this motion, Appellant states as follows:

1. This case was tried by jury beginning on September 21, 2026
2. On September 21, 2026, The Honorable Judge Addy granted Mr. Reid's motion to represent himself. The undersigned remained as stand by counsel.
3. On September 23, 2026, the jury found Mr. Reid guilty of Trafficking fentanyl (Indictment 2026GS2401121) and Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine (Indictment 2026GS2401120). The jury acquitted Mr. Reid of Use of 911 number unlawfully (Indictment 2026GS2401122).
4. On September 23, 2026, The Honorable Judge Addy sentenced Mr. Reid to life for Trafficking fentanyl, 2nd offense or greater and life for Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, 3rd offense or greater.
5. On September 23, 2026, The Honorable Judge Addy ordered the undersigned to file Mr. Reid's Notice of Appeal.
6. On September 23, 2026, the undersigned prepared a notice of appeal of Mr. Reid's convictions in case 2026GS2401120 and case 2026GS2401121. Mr. Reid signed the notice of appeal. The undersigned filed the notice with the Greenwood County Clerk of Court.
7. On September 23, 2026, the Clerk of Court gave the undersigned a certified copy of the notice.
8. On September 23, 2026, the undersigned served the certified copy of the notice on assistant solicitor Richard Cathcart.
9. On September 23, 2026, the undersigned drafted and signed a certificate of service of the notice of appeal.
10. On September 23, 2026, the undersigned emailed the Court of Appeals at ctappfilings@sccourts.org.
11. In the body of the email, the undersigned wrote, "Please find attached the notice of appeal, the certificate of service of the notice of appeal, and the relevant indictments and sentencing sheets."
12. A certified copy of indictment 2026GS2401120 was in the attachment. A certified copy of indictment 2026GS2401121 was in the attachment. A certified copy of the sentencing sheet pertaining to indictment 2026GS2401120 was in the attachment. A certified copy of the sentencing sheet pertaining to indictment

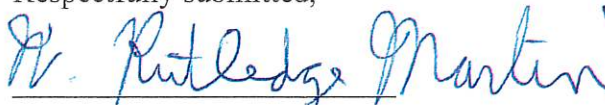
2026GS2401121 was in the attachment. A certified copy of the notice of appeal of both convictions was in the attachment. A copy of the certificate of service of the notice of appeal was in the attachment.

13. The undersigned became aware that the appeal was deficient because the certificate of service of the notice of appeal was not dated and each of the sentencing sheets contained the social security number of Mr. Reid.
14. On October 20, 2026, the undersigned emailed the Court of Appeals again.
15. In the body of the email, the undersigned wrote, "Attached is a copy of the certificate of service which notes the date of service. Also attached are copies of the sentencing sheets with the SSN marked out."
16. An amended copy of the certificate of service of the notice of appeal which included the date of service, September 23, 2026, was in the attachment. A certified copy of the sentencing sheet pertaining to indictment 2026GS2401120 was in the attachment. A certified copy of the sentencing sheet pertaining to 2026GS2401121 was in the attachment. The undersigned had obliterated the social security number on each of these sentencing sheets.
17. On October 22, 2026, the undersigned received notice of the Order of the South Carolina Court of Appeals dismissing the Appeal as not immediately appealable. The Order stated that a motion to relieve counsel is pending in the circuit court. The Order also stated that sentencing has not yet occurred.
18. The undersigned, on behalf of Mr. Reid, asserts that reconsideration will reveal that Mr. Reid is the counsel of record and that sentencing occurred on September 23, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, on behalf of Appellant, respectfully requests that this Court:

- a. Reinstate the appeal; and
- b. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Rutledge Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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