

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

vs.

RHAJON AKEEM SANDERS,

Defendant.

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

INDICTMENT Nos. 2015-GS-10-2684;

2015-GS-10-2685; 2016-GS-10-3318

**MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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**TO THE HON. W. JEFFREY YOUNG, PRESIDING JUDGE AND NINA SALVAS,  
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:**

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SENTENCE On this date came the Defendant, Rhajon Akeem Sanders, by his Counsel, Myesha Brown, Esq. and Natasha Chisolm, Esq., and moved the Honorable Court, pursuant to Rule 29 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure, to reconsider the sentence previously imposed upon the Defendant in this matter. In support of this motion, the Defendant asserts the following:

1. This Motion is being filed within the proper time limits.
2. On June 10, 2016, after a trial by jury, the Defendant was found guilty on the after-mentioned charges and sentenced by this Court to ten (10) years for Attempted Murder, Indictment No. 2015-GS-10-2684, and five (5) years for Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, Indictment No. 2015-GS-10-2685, consecutively, by the Honorable W. Jeffrey Young.
3. Pursuant to S. C. Code of Laws Section 16-3-29, a person convicted of Attempted Murder may be imprisoned up to thirty (30) years. While the Defendant was sentenced to ten (10) years on this charge, this sentence was severe under the circumstances and given that the range of sentence can be as little as no time at all and the Defendant is serving a mandatory five (5) year sentence on the weapons charge, the Defendant seeks a reconsideration of his sentence to reduce his sentence to

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time served to one year or less, or in the alternative, an otherwise great reduction or stay the execution of his sentence so that he may attend his mother's funeral.

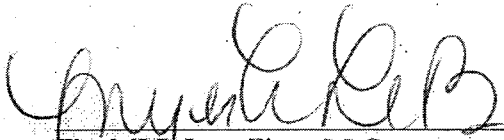
4. The Defendant also seeks reconsideration of his sentence on the Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime to run concurrently with the Attempted Murder Sentence.
5. The Defendant had been released on a very low surety bond shortly after being arrested and remained out on a bond until the time of trial. The Defendant was given an additional PR bond on the newly indicted charge of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature in May of 2016. For two (2) years while out on bond, the Defendant proved the bond court judges correct, that he was not a flight risk, nor a danger to the community. A reduction of his current sentence will reflect the same.
6. The Defendant was not believed to be a danger to the community as was evidenced by him receiving a very low surety bond in December 2014 and later a PR bond in May 2016, had never been arrested in his life nor charged or convicted of any crime, and legally owned a firearm that he concealed on his person while on his property at his home. He had been gainfully employed full-time and working at the Medical University of South Carolina in the dietary department with an impeccable employment record before being arrested on December 26, 2014. He was not only a good worker, but a caretaker of his, now deceased, mother who suffered from cancer. She testified that she trusted him with a gun in her home because he was very responsible.
7. Over the last two years the Defendant has not been without the consequences of his actions, emotionally and otherwise. In light of the Defendant having no prior criminal history, his immediate apology to the victim and the victim's family for his actions immediately following the incident on December 26, 2014 and continuing remorse as evidenced at trial, remaining and intentionally cooperating with law enforcement on scene, the Defendant asks for a consideration of his sentence.

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his sentence so that he may attend the wake for his mother on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 and the funeral on June 23, 2016 in North Charleston, SC.

Therefore, the Defendant requests that the Honorable Court grant the relief requested in this motion and reduce the sentence previously imposed as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,



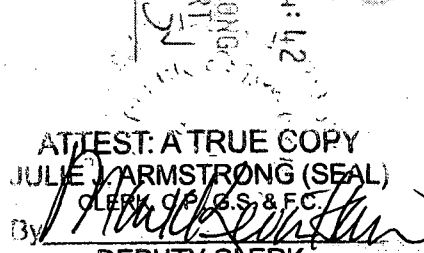
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