

2020 OCT -8 PM IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)
 THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 vs.)
 Francisco Ortiz-Aguirre,)
 Defendant)

JERRI ANN ROSEAU, CLERK OF COURT)
 INDICTMENT NO(S). 2019GS0701013,)
 2019GS0701014, 2019GS0701277,)
 2019GS0701452, 2019GS0701453,)
 2019GS0701454, 2019GS0701455,)
 2019GS0701525)

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO RECONSIDER SENTENCE

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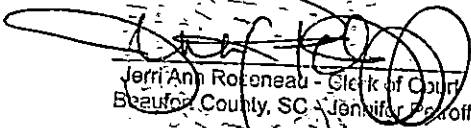
Defendant, by and through his assigned counsel, Melissa Duque, filed a Motion to Reconsider Sentence on the above-captioned indictments on May 28, 2020. An off-the-record status conference was held on June 9, 2020 to determine if there was new or additional evidence to warrant a formal hearing on the motion. After hearing informal argument from the State and the defense, this Court determined that such evidence did not exist.

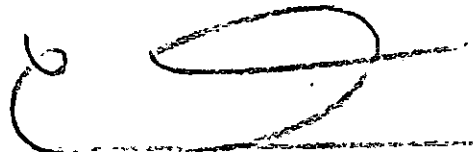
On August 17, 2020, the Beaufort County Clerk of Court received a letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals inquiring as to Judge Mullen's ruling on the motion. This Court responded on August 18, 2020 that there was no ruling made, as there had not been a formal hearing on the record.

A hearing was conducted on the motion on September 14, 2020 via Webex videoconference. No new sentencing mitigation nor evidence was given at the hearing. Defense counsel conceded she had nothing new to offer that was not already presented for the Court's consideration at the time of sentencing. Having heard the arguments of counsel on the matter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence is DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Certified - A True Copy

 Jerri Ann Roseau - Clerk of Court
 Beaufort County, SC - Jennifer Pezloff



Carmen T. Mullen
Circuit Court Judge

Beaufort, South Carolina
Oct 8, 2020

