

Additionally, the Defendant was sentenced by this Court on the Kidnapping charges to a term of sixteen (16) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, with all Kidnapping sentences to run concurrent with one another, but consecutive to the Armed Robbery sentences. Thus, the Defendant was sentenced to an aggregate term of forty-six (46) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Present for the State during the May 2016 guilty plea were Assistant Solicitors K. Luck Campbell, Meghan Walker, and Sandra Moser. The Defendant was represented by Jennifer Davis and Stephen Krzyston of the Richland County Public Defender's Office.


IT FUTHER APPEARS THAT on May 13, 2016, a Motion to Reconsider Sentence was filed by Ms. Davis. On June 20, 2016, the Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal which was subsequently dismissed without prejudice on July 12, 2016 due to the outstanding Motion to Reconsider. Unbeknownst to the parties, this Court issued an Order denying the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence on July 20, 2016. Not being aware of said Order, remittitur was issued on August 2, 2016 sending the case back to General Sessions.

IT FURTHER APPERS THAT October 6, 2017, an order substituting counsel was filed naming Ms. Blanchette as the attorney of record for the Defendant. A Motion to Clarify was then filed by the Defendant on August 10, 2018 seeking a hearing to determine the status of the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence. A subsequent Motion was filed by the Defendant on August 20, 2018 asking the Court to rescind its Order Denying the Motion to Reconsider Sentence as well as an enlargement of time for a hearing to be held on the Sentence Reconsideration issue. As such, this Court issued an Order on September 4, 2018 granting the Defendant's request for an enlargement in time for a hearing to be held on the underlying Motion to Reconsider Sentence.

IT FURTHER APPEARS THAT on March 22, 2022, this Court heard arguments from Mr. Goldberg on behalf of the State and Ms. Blanchette on behalf of the Defendant, as well as mitigation testimony from Dr. Donna Maddox. After hearing from the State, the Defense, and Dr. Maddox, and upon careful consideration of all information presented, this Court finds that the original sentence of an aggregate term of forty-six (46) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections is appropriate and should not be disturbed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence is hereby respectfully DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!



THE HONORABLE L. CASEY MANNING
Presiding Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina
This 24 day of March, 2022.