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RE: STATE V. JEROID PRICE

Pursuant to Section 17-25-65 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the State can ask a Circuit Court Judge to consider reducing the sentence of an inmate who has provided substantial assistance to Law Enforcement. In December of 2022, my office participated in discussions with Defense Counsel and the Court about the applicability of this to an inmate named Jeroid Price. Upon evaluating the nature of Mr. Price's assistance, my office decided that it would be appropriate to file the motion so that a formal hearing could be held in order determine how much, if any, of Mr. Price's sentence merited a reduction.

An official Motion to Reduce the Sentence, pursuant to 17-25-65, was never filed by this office because an Order was issued before the motion could be filed. Therefore, no formal hearing took place where victims would have been afforded their statutory right to be present and voice their position. For those reasons, I am requesting that this matter be reopened by the Court in order to ensure that all statutory rights and procedures are followed correctly. An open hearing will ensure that all parties have their statutorily guaranteed right to be heard and that all information related to this matter can be placed on the record before the Court.

—Solicitor Byron E. Gipson

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