

IN THE
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

<p>STATE OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff, v. MELISSA POCOPANNI, Defendant.</p>	<p>Case No. 2017-CF-669</p>
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**MOTION FOR REDUCTION/MODIFICATION OF SENTENCE
AND REQUEST FOR A HEARING**

The Defendant, MELISSA POCOPANNI, by and through undersigned counsel and pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.800(c),¹ moves the Court to reduce/modify the sentence imposed in this case, and alleges:

1. Ms. Pocopanni was charged (and ultimately convicted – following a jury trial) with one count of second-degree murder and two counts of attempted second-degree murder. The offenses occurred on February 4, 2017. At the time of the offenses, Ms. Pocopanni was only *nineteen years old*. Thomas Buckhalter died as a result of the offenses and Ashley Johns and Jermun Nair were injured. The State charged Ms. Pocopanni as a principal pursuant to its theory that she allowed the codefendants (Kyeheem Johnson, Dedric Davis, and Walter Ford) to use her car – and they (the codefendants) ultimately drove her car (with her in the backseat) to a party and shot the victims. Notably, the record is undisputed that immediately after the incident, Ms. Pocopanni

¹ This motion is timely. The United States Supreme Court denied Ms. Pocopanni’s petition for a writ of certiorari on May 3, 2021 (following her direct appeal).