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On Tuesday, February 1, 2023, attorneys for Jejuancey Harrington initiated an agreement with the State to waive his right to a jury trial, conditioned upon the State withdrawing the Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty for the 2017 murders of Ella and Iyana Lowery. The State agreed after talking with victims' family.

The agreement was formally accepted by the Honorable Michael G. Nettles during a hearing in Marion on February 1, 2023. He will now have a bench trial, scheduled to commence on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Marlboro County Courthouse in Bennettsville. Judge Nettles will be the trial judge. Initial testimony will be taken on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in Bennettsville because one of the State's witnesses will be unavailable during the week of February 13th.

Prospective jurors will not need to report to the Marlboro County Courthouse on February 6, 2023, which is the date jury selection was scheduled to begin.