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APPEAL FROM LEE COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. Presiding Judge

Indictment Nos.: 2020-GS-47-20

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Michael Juan Smith,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Michael Juan Smith appeals the convictions and sentences in these cases. The sentences were imposed by the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. on December 8, 2023.

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DOCKET NO.: 2020-GS-47-20

VERDICT FORM

**JURY VERDICT:**

1. We, the Jury, unanimously find the Defendant, Michael Juan Smith,

Guilty of Conspiracy,

OR

Not Guilty of Conspiracy.

2. We, the Jury, unanimously find the Defendant, Michael Juan Smith,

Guilty of Assault and Battery by Mob 1<sup>st</sup> Degree,

OR

Not Guilty of Assault and Battery by Mob 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

3. We, the Jury, unanimously find the Defendant, Michael Juan Smith,

Guilty of Prisoner Carrying or Concealing a Weapon,

OR

Not Guilty of Prisoner Carrying or Concealing a Weapon.

I certify that this is the unanimous decision of the jury.

Luther Smith  
Foreperson

12-8-2023  
Date

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RE: The State v. Michael Juan Smith  
Notice of Appeal

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Dear Madam Clerk:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Appeal in the above referenced matter.

By copy of this letter a copy of the Notice of Appeal is being provided to the Lee County Clerk of Court and Margaret Scott, Esq., Prosecutor.

Sincerely,

  
Christina Metzger  
Paralegal

cc: Jim Parks, Clerk of Court , State Grand Jury  
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