

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2023GS4203030

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The State

Lacara.Nishae Ballenger

v.

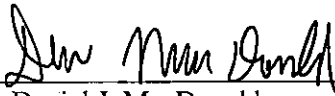
Respondent,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Lacara Nishae Ballenger appeals her conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by by the Honorable J. Derham Cole on April 10, 2024 . This appeal is taken from this conviction and sentence.

April 18, 2024



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PROOF OF SERVICE

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on April 18, 2024, addressed to its attorney of record, Megan Helton, Esq., Assistant Solicitor, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306.

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Re: State v. LacaraNishaeBallenger  
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Dear Ms. Helton,

Please find enclosed copies of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, Proofs of Service and letters to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Clerk of Court of Spartanburg County concerning the above referenced case.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Macdonald".

Daniel J. Macdonald

Enclosures: Notice of Appeal  
Explanation of Appeal  
Proof of Service  
ltr: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
ltr.: The Honorable Amy West- Cox

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, and Proofs of Service in the above captioned matter. A copy of my letter to the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense is also enclosed.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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ltr: South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense

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Dear Mr. Dudek:

Please find enclosed of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, and Proofs of Service in the above captioned matter. The Court Reporter's name is

Linda D. Moffitt  
800 Belcher Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29316

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter to the Clerk of Court of Appeals, a copy of the letter to the Attorney General, a copy of the Order and a copy of the defendant's Affidavit of Indigency.

If you or a member of your staff desire additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Ms. Cox:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced case.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Megan Helton, Esq.  
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Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is the original Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed are the Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent, the Explanation of Appeal and Proof of Service, and a copy of the indictment, verdict, and sentence to be challenged on appeal.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor  
Office of Attorney General  
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