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NOTICE OF APPEAL IN A CRIMINAL CASE

**APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas**

Judge Marvin H. Dukes, III

Court of Common Pleas Case No.: 2024-CP-07-01829

Ben Hayes

Appellant

v.

State of South Carolina

Respondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Ben Hayes, Appellant in the underlying action, appeals the original Magistrate Order of Conviction filed September 23, 2023 and the Order Affirming Conviction (Appeal Dismissed) of the Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III filed May 3, 2024. Because today is June 3, 2024 and a Monday, this notice of appeal is timely.

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June 3, 2024


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Re: *Rhonda Lee Dunning vs. Sierra Jones and Dean Dupont*
2024-DR-08-0657

Dear Court of Appeals:

Attorney William S. Hammett, III is filing this Notice of Appeal of a Criminal Case from Beaufort County Court of Common Pleas on behalf of his client; Mr. Ben Hayes. The respondent is the State of South Carolina.

Attached to this email, for filing, please find: NOTICE OF APPEAL, filed MAGISTRATE'S RETURN to Case Number 2023-CP-07-01829, and Judge Dukes's filed ORDER AFFIRMING CONVICTION (Appeal Dismissed).

The Filing Fee of \$250.00 will be mailed directly to the Court.

The Court of Common Pleas will receive a copy of this Notice of Appeal (once we receive the filed copy) by e-filing the Notice, as is required, in Beaufort County.

The Attorneys of record from the State of South Carolina have been copied on this correspondence and have also received the **Notice of Appeal**.

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Please feel free to call Mr. Hammett at (864) 426-8293 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Forman', is written over a horizontal line.

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