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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions**

**The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Presiding Judge**

**INDICTMENT NO(S).: 2024-GS-10-00589, 2024-GS-10-00590  
WARRANT NO(S).: 2021A1010900367; 2021A1010900368**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENT**

**vs.**

**KARSEEM NICHOLAS HARDAWAY, APPELLANT**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Karseem Nicholas Hardaway appeals his conviction and sentence in this case for one count of murder and one count of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, following a jury trial held from March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Pre Trial Motions were heard on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The defendant was found guilty of Murder and Possession of A Weapon During A Violent Crime on March 28, 2024. The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced him to 40 years on Murder and 5 years on Possession of A Weapon During A Violent Crime. Defense filed a motion to reconsider the sentence on April 4, 2024. This appeal is taken from Judge Jefferson's written order filed on July 26, 2024 denying Mr. Hardaway's motion to reconsider the sentence.



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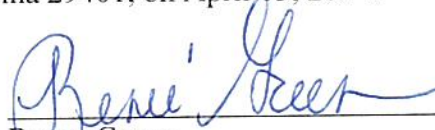
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Chad Simpson, Assistant Solicitor for Charleston County, by hand delivering a copy of it to the Charleston County Solicitor's Office at 101 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on April 03, 2024.



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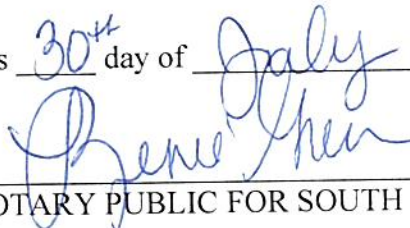
Dated: July 30, 2024.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 ) VERIFICATION  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )

Personally appeared before me the above-signed attorney, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Request for Representation on Appeal and knows the allegations contained therein are true, except as to those which may be alleged to be upon information and belief and as to those, he believes them to be true.

SWORN to and subscribed before me

this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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My Commission Expires: 11/29/2024

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Re: State of South Carolina vs. Karseem Nicholas Hardaway  
Indictment.: 2024-GS-10-00589, 2024-GS-10-00590  
Warrant No: 2021A1010900367; 2021A1010900368  
Charge(s): Murder ; Poss. weapon during violent crime

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

Attached is the Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above-referenced case, together with appropriate Proof of Service upon the Circuit Solicitor and Proof of Filing with the local Clerk of Court who is copied on this email. The Defendant-Appellant was represented by our office as an indigent, pursuant to the Defense of Indigents Act. While the trial and subsequent sentencing was on this date March 28, 2024, Defense filed a motion to reconsider the sentence on April 4, 2024. Judge Jefferson issued an order on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 denying the motion to reconsider. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a duplicate set of these documents to the South Carolina Commission of Appellate Defense.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s): As stated above

cc: South Carolina Commission of Appellate Defense