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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-001586

The State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Diontrae Travon Epps,

Appellant.

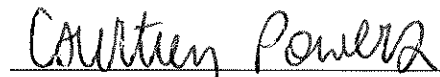
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The undersigned Counsel certifies that a true copy of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal has been served upon **Melody Brown, Esquire**, at S.C. Attorney General's Office, PO Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211, on **September 23, 2024**.



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INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
Appellate Case No.: **2023-001586**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed the original Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter, along with a Certificate of Service that I also emailed for filing today in the above-referenced case.

Thank you for your assistance with filing these documents. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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