

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

Warrant Numbers: 2021A0710200242, 2021A0710200243,
2021A0710200244, 2021A0710200245,
2021A0710200246

Indictment Numbers: 2022GS0700756, 2022GS0700757,
2022GS0700758, 2022GS0700759,
2022GS0700760, 2023GS0701862

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

FRANCISCO CORTES,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Francisco Cortes appeals his trial, conviction and sentence on the charges of two (2) counts of Attempted Murder, Assault & Battery Of A High & Aggravated Nature, two (2) counts of Discharging Firearms Into A Dwelling, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, before the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit on December 16, 2024 through December 18, 2024 and Francisco Cortes appeals the denial of any Motions regarding this case before the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit on December 16, 2024 through December 18, 2024.

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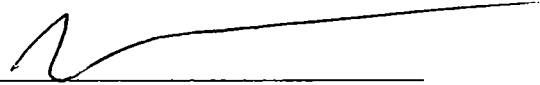
I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on December 20, 2024.

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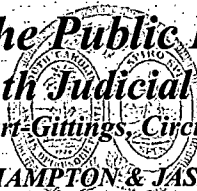
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I further certify that on December 20, 2024 an Original Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the Beaufort County Clerk of Court.


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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed you will find the original Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Beaufort County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the sentencing sheet from which this appeal is taken and a copy of the warrants and indictments.

These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at trial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

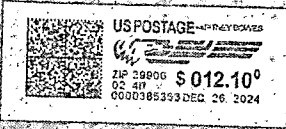
Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

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