

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023-GS-32-04422

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The State,

Respondent,

v.

Charles Wesley Varn,

Appellant.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Charles Wesley Varn appeals his conviction for felony driving under the influence, death results, and his sentence of twenty-five years. Mr. Varn entered an Alford plea on December 16, 2024, before the Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr. Judge Young sentenced him on December 17, 2024. An explanation supplementing this notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), SCACR, is enclosed.



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cc: Charles Wesley Varn  
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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal and Rule 203 explanation on Todd Wagoner, Robert Dudek, and Charles Varn in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on December 27, 2024, addressed to:

Todd Wagoner, Senior Assistant Solicitor  
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Re: The State vs. Charles Wesley Varn (Notice of Appeal)

SC Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed an original and one copy of the Notice of Appeal, along with the warrant, indictment, sentencing sheet, and Rule 203 explanation in the above-referenced case for filing in your office. Please file the original and return the clocked-in copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter to Charles Varn about Rule 203.

I am, by copy of this letter, serving this Notice of Appeal and Rule 203 explanation on Senior Assistant Solicitor Todd Wagoner and Chief Appellate Defender Robert M. Dudek. Copies of Appellant's Notice of Appeal and Rule 203 explanation were hand-delivered to the Clerk of Court of Lexington County. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sarah H. Mauldin

Enclosures noted

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Dear Mr. Varn:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the notice of appeal that I am filing at your request. After your sentencing hearing, I advised you that you may appeal but that I did not know of any grounds for the appeal in your case. When a person appeals his sentence following a guilty plea (which includes an Alford plea), his attorney must provide reasons for the appeal or inform the court that the attorney knows of no reasons for the appeal.

As a result of this requirement, I am filing your appeal with a Rule 203 explanation informing the court that I know of no reasons for the appeal. However, if you have any arguable basis for an appeal, you may inform the court. To do so, you must send the basis of your appeal to the court in writing within 20 days of this letter. If you have additional reasons for an appeal but fail to provide them within 20 days, you will lose those reasons.

The address for the court is South Carolina Court of Appeals, PO Box 11629, Columbia, SC 29211.



Sincerely,



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