

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the South Carolina Court of Appeals**

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

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SC Court of Appeals

**The Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge**

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**Case No(s): 2021-GS-43-0390**

The State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

v.

**TRAVON DERRELL RAGIN ,**

Appellant.

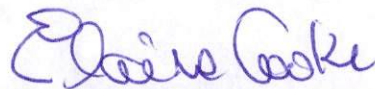
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Travon Derrell Ragin appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The conviction and sentence was imposed by the Honorable Clifton Newman on February 26, 2025.

Date: March 03, 2025



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(803) 436-2424  
Attorney for Appellant

Other Counsel of Record:  
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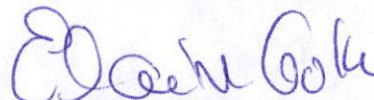
I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents/involved parties by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on March 03, 2025, addressed to:

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P.O. Box 11433  
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To Whom It May Concern:

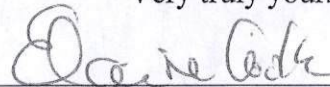
Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter. The Court Reporter's name and address is as follows:

Julie Emerson  
P.O. Box 253  
Scranton, SC 29591

Also enclosed are copies of our letters to the Court of Appeals, Sumter County Clerk of Court, Third Circuit Solicitor as well as Proof of Service on all parties involved. Copies of the Indictment(s) and Sentencing Sheet(s) being challenged on appeal are also enclosed.

Please let us know what further service we can be in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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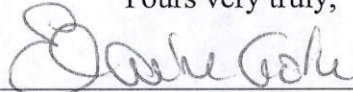
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Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service. This matter is being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Yours very truly,



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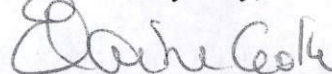
Dear Clerk:

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 Sumter County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed are redacted copies of the Indictment and the respective Sentencing Sheet being challenged on appeal.

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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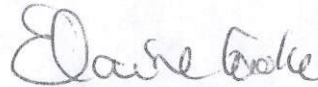
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