

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2025GS18-0355

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The State, .....Respondent.

v.

Leigh Rayno, .....Appellant.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Leigh Ann Rayno, appeals her conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Maite Murphy, on April 10, 2025. This appeal is filed at the request of Defendant Leigh Rayno. However, counsel is not aware of any exceptions to Rule 203.

April 22, 2025

*Christel L. Purvis /r*

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

**PERSONALLY APPEARED** before me, Christell L. Purvis, who first being duly sworn, deposed and says:

That on the 22nd day of April, 2025, he personally served a copy of the Notice of Appeal on Tyler Jenkins, Assistant Solicitor, via first class, postage paid wrapper, properly addressed, in a post office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service to 101 Ridge Street, Second Floor, St. George, South Carolina 29477.

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**SWORN** to before me this  
22nd day of April, 2025.

*Lauren D. Kizer*  
My commission expires: 4-5-2028  
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Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk  
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Post Office Box 11629  
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**RE:** State of South Carolina v. Leigh Ann Rayno  
Indictment No.: 2025GS18-0355

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find the original Notice of Appeal, Proof of Service and Sentencing Sheet(s) in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Christel L. Purvis /lr*

Christel L. Purvis  
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Dear Mr.:

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Ms. Leigh Ann Rayno

**RE:** State of South Carolina v. Leigh Ann Rayno  
Warrant No.: 2025A1810200142 Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10  
g or more, but less than 28 g - 1st offense

Dear Ms. Rayno:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal, Proof of Service, and correspondence sent in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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**RE:** State of South Carolina v. Leigh Ann Rayno  
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Dear Mr. Dudek:

Enclosed please find a copy of Leigh Rayno's Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service from his sentence in Dorchester County.

Please be advised that a copy of Ms. Rayno's file will be sent under separate cover.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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