

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
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Indictment #s:
2023GS4005578

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

VS.

Thomas Edward Brown - Appellant

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Thomas Edward Brown was convicted following a plea to Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature before the Hon. Daniel Coble on May 7, 2025 in Richland County, South Carolina, and was sentenced on May 7, 2025 before the Hon. Daniel Coble in Richland County, South Carolina. He appeals his conviction and sentence.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ola Johnson, do hereby certify that I have this day served the original of Appellant's Notice of Intent to Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation upon the South Carolina Court of Appeals by U.S. mail, and copies of Appellant's Notice of Intent to Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation to the Clerk of Court of Richland County, and to Byron E. Gipson, Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit and to the Office of the Attorney General and to the South Carolina Commission of Appellate Defense by placing same in the United States Mail properly addressed and with correct postage affixed thereto:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

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The Hon. Jeanette W. McBride
Richland County Clerk of Court
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Columbia, SC 29202-2766

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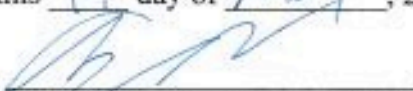
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Dated this 14 day of May, 2025



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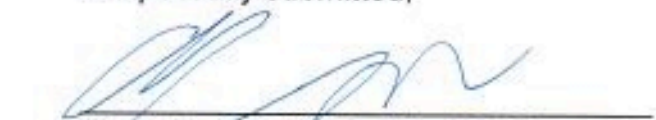
RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence.

The undersigned attorney consulted with the client and after consultation the client requested that an appeal be filed.

The undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'" (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967))).

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intent to Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation on behalf of the Defendant in respect of the above referenced indictment, along with the sentencing sheet, Indictment and warrant. It is anticipated that this appeal will be handled by the Office of Appellate Defense, in view of the indigent status of the Appellant/Defendant.

Yours truly,



Ola Johnson