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APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

Warrant No (s): 2017A1510100496; 2017A1510100497  
Indictment No (s): 2017-GS-15-00872, 2017-GS-15-00873

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

Kasiem Rashawn Stephens,

Appellant.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Kasiem Rashawn Stephens appeals his trial, conviction and sentence on the charge(s) of Murder / Homicide By Child Abuse (20y To Life); Children / Legal Custodian, Unlawful Neglect Of Child Or Helpless Person before the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Kasiem Rashawn Stephens appeals the Denial of his Motion for Directed Verdict and such matters as may become apparent from a review of the record on September 22, 2025 through September 25, 2025 before the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

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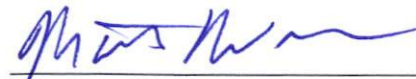
I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on September 25, 2025.

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

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**State v. Kasiem Rashawn Stephens**

Indictment No(s): 2017-GS-15-00892; 2017-GS-15-00893

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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 Colleton County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the sentencing sheets from which this appeal is taken and a copy of the warrant(s) and indictment(s).

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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