

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

GREETINGS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE LAWS THAT GOVERN AND PROTECT THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MY NAME IS JASON EDWARD BARNES, AND I'M WRITING TO YOU IN REGARD TO AN APPEAL DOCUMENT FILED ON MY BEHALF BY MY COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, ELAINE COOKE, OF THE SUMTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, ON JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025. ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER IS A PHOTOCOPY OF THE DOCUMENT.

ONE CONCERN I HAVE AND WANT BROUGHT TO ATTENTION IS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR CONTAINED IN THE MAIN BODY OF THE NOTICE. THE TEXT WITHIN THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE CONVICTION AND SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED ON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, WHICH IS INCORRECT. THE CONVICTION AND SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED ON JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025. I'M ASSUMING THAT WHOEVER ORIGINALLY TYPED THE DOCUMENT MISSED THE KEYSTROKE FOR THE NUMBER "2" WHEN TYPING THE DATE — AN UNDERSTANDABLE, AND I'M SURE ENTIRELY UNINTENTIONAL, HUMAN ERROR. I'M ASSUMING THAT A CHECK INTO THE COURT RECORDS WILL EASILY VERIFY THE ACTUAL CORRECT DATE AND CONFIRM THAT THE DATE PRINTED ON THE NOTICE IS, IN FACT, AN ERROR.

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A TIME LIMIT TO FILE AN APPEAL FOLLOWING THE DATE THAT THE CONVICTION AND SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED. THAT'S WHY I'M TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION NOW. EVEN THOUGH I'M SURE THE ISSUE COULD BE SORTED OUT FAIRLY EASILY IF IT CAUSED A PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE, THIS IS AN ATTEMPT AT A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE THAT WILL HOPEFULLY AVOID FURTHER SLOWING DOWN WHAT IS ALREADY AN EXCRUTIATINGLY SLOW PROCESS.

ALSO, WHEN THE CERTIFIED COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS MAILED TO ME, IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER FROM ELAINE COOKE INFORMING ME THAT THE CASE WAS TURNED OVER TO ANOTHER ATTORNEY WITH AN AGENCY SHE REFERRED TO AS THE "OFFICE OF APPELLATE DEFENSE." UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE INFORMATION SHE PROVIDED. NO OTHER DETAILS, WHATSOEVER, WERE INCLUDED. I WROTE TO HER IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN MORE INFORMATION, BUT I NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY.

I WILL BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR ANY AND ALL INFORMATION YOU CAN, AND WILL BE WILLING TO, PROVIDE ME WITH CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF APPELLATE DEFENSE AND THE ATTORNEY THE CASE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO, OF WHICH ELAINE COOKE MADE MENTION.

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION TO ME AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

JASON EDWARD BARNES SCDC#351825  
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*Jason Barnes*

JASON BARNES

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!  
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING BACK FROM YOU SOON.  
MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!

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*James C. Campbell*

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

Honorable Ferrell R. Cothran Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2023GS4300766

The State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

v.

**JASON EDWARD BARNES,**

Appellant.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Jason Edward Barnes appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The conviction and sentence was imposed by the Honorable Honorable Ferrell R. Cothran Jr. on June 6, 2025.

Date: July 02, 2025

*Elaine Cooke*

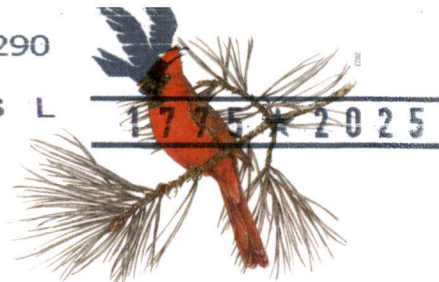
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