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In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY COURT  
Court of General Sessions

SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No: 2025-002117  
Warrant No (s): 2022A0720600056  
Indictment No (s): 2022GS0701448

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

David Wyndham Newton,

Appellant.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL**

David Wyndham Newton appeals his sentence in this case. David Wyndham Newton pleaded guilty on August 22, 2023, before the Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and was sentenced to three years suspended to multi-disciplinary court. Appellant failed to successfully complete the multi-disciplinary court program and was terminated from the program.

Upon termination, Appellant appeared before the Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit on October 14, 2025, and the three year active sentence was imposed. At that hearing, Appellant requested that the Court consider mitigation and consider a lesser sentence than three years. The sentencing judge held that the Court had no discretion in sentencing and imposed the suspended sentence. Appellant objected under the Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution and the South Carolina Constitution, but his objection

was denied.

Appellant requests review of the Circuit Court's sentence because the Court's failure to exercise discretion or consider mitigation violates the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, as well as the Due Process Clause of the South Carolina Constitution.

November 06, 2025



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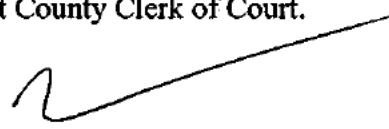
I certify that I have served the Amended Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on November 06, 2025.

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I further certify that on November 6, 2025 an Original Amended Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the Beaufort County Clerk of Court.

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**Re: AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL**  
**State v. David Wyndham Newton**  
Appellate Case No. 2025-002177

Dear Sir/ Madam:

Enclosed you will find the Amended Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Beaufort County Clerk of Court. This is in reference to a letter dated October 29, 2025, listing the deficiency of missing an explanation of the guilty plea that explains how the issues on appeal were raised below. I have included that information in the above-referenced amended notice of appeal.

These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at trial.

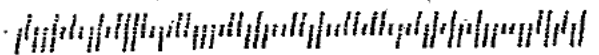
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

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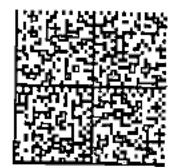
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