

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Jane H. Merrill, Circuit Court Judge

Indictment No.: 2023-GS-23-00988  
Warrant Nos. 2021A2330208333  
2021A2330208336

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The State,

Respondent.

v.

Aaron Messiah Hodari Harper,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Aaron Messiah Hodari Harper appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Jane H. Merrill on November 7, 2025.

Date: November 14, 2025



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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 November 14, 2025, addressed to:

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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 Greenville County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment. Michael Martinez, an attorney with the 13th Circuit Public Defender Office, will be representing Mr. Harper on appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By:   
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Enclosures:

Notice of Appeal  
Certified Indictment(s)  
Proof of Service

cc: Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor  
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