

EXPLANATION OF GUILTY PLEA / PLEA PURSUANT TO ALFORD

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Charles J. McCutchen, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002185

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Hesed Yoseph Deas,

Appellant.

GUILTY PLEA EXPLANATION

Hesed Yoseph Deas appeals his conviction and sentence from guilty pleas in the Court of General Sessions. On October 17, 2025 Appellant pled guilty to Assault & Battery in the third degree and pled pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford to Trafficking Methamphetamine and Possession with intent to distribute Fentanyl and was sentenced by the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen to four years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Appellant challenges the voluntariness of these pleas and requested the undersigned file this appeal on his behalf based on his misunderstanding of the consequences of pleading guilty. But for Appellant's assertion that his guilty pleas were not made freely, knowingly, and voluntarily and upon review of this matter the undersigned finds no other legal basis for this appeal.

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