

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

State of South Carolina,  
Dorchester County  
Respondent,

v.

Hadi Bey ex rel: KEYSHON POINSETTE  
Appellant.

Appellate Case No.:  
Lower Court Case No.: 2024A1820500960

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MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE NOTICE OF APPEAL AND TO PERFECT APPEAL

NOW COMES the Appellant, pro se, and respectfully moves this Court, pursuant to Rules 2 and 203, SCACR, for an order accepting a late-filed notice of appeal and permitting the appeal to be perfected. In support of this motion, Appellant states as follows:

1. On August 13, 2025, the trial court entered final judgment and sentence in this matter.
2. On August 13, 2025, Appellant timely filed a Notice of Appeal with the lower court, clearly expressing his intent to appeal pursuant to Rule 203, SCACR.
3. Appellant was unaware at the time that a copy of the Notice of Appeal was also required to be filed with the appellate court in order to perfect the appeal.
4. The failure to file the Notice of Appeal with the appellate court was procedural in nature, not a failure of intent, and occurred while Appellant was proceeding pro se.
5. Upon discovering the procedural defect, Appellant acted promptly by contacting the appellate court and requesting acceptance of the appeal.
6. The appeal has not been docketed or dismissed, and no prejudice will result to the State if the appeal is accepted and perfected.

7. This case presents substantial constitutional issues, including violations of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments, denial of due process, and errors affecting the fundamental fairness of the proceedings.

8. This Court has the authority to suspend or relax the rules in the interest of justice, particularly where a criminal defendant's right to appellate review is at stake.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Accept the late-filed Notice of Appeal;
- B. Permit the appeal to be perfected; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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