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The Hon. Jane Merrill, Circuit Court Judge

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Case Numbers: W-37-24-0082 (22-GS-37-00463)

The State, Respondent,

v.

Tony Sanders, Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Tony Sanders appeals the revocation of probation and sentence in this case. After a contested hearing wherein Mr. Sanders did not admit violation, the sentence was imposed by the Honorable Jane Merrill on January 5th, 2026. Mr. Sanders' appeal of the underlying conviction is ongoing.

January 15, 2026



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PROOF OF SERVICE

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 January 15th, 2026, addressed to:

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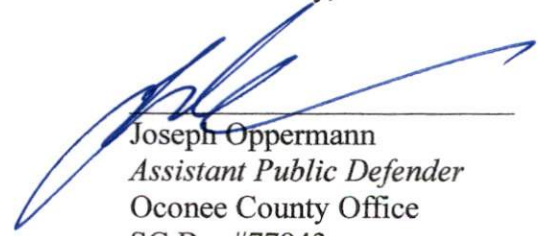
Re: State v. Tony Sanders
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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 Oconee County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed are copies of the indictments, the Probation Citation and the Form 9 orders corresponding to the Probation Revocation. These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,


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cc: Office of the AG, SC DPPPS – General Counsel, Office of Appellate Defense



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Dear Ms. Carter:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter. The Court Reporter's name and address is as follows:

Ms. Lisa Scott
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Anderson, SC 29622

Also enclosed are copies of our letters to the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General's office as well as Proof of Service on all parties involved. Copies of the indictment, probation citation and Form 9 are also enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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