

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
APPEAL FROM FLORENCE COUNTY

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. SEALS, JR., PRESIDING JUDGE

INDICTMENT NO.(S): 2024-GS-21-00857, 858, 859

The State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

against

Richard Lacharles Cook,

Appellant.

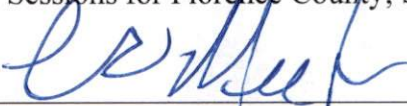
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Richard Lacharles Cook appeals from his convictions of Armed Robbery, Attempted Armed Robbery, and a Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Violent Felon the sentences imposed on January 8, 2026 in the Court of General Sessions for Florence County, South Carolina.



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The State of South Carolina,)
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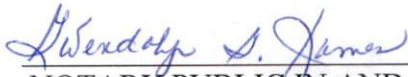
The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 15th of January 2026, he caused to serve a copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal by hand delivering a copy of same, addressed as follows:

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SWORN TO and subscribed before me
This 15th day of January, 2026.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
) INDICTMENT NO.(S): 2024-GS-21-00857,858,
COUNTY OF FLORENCE) 859

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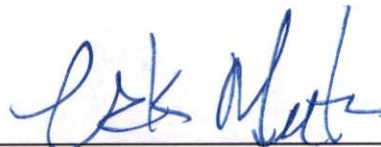
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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me WILLIAM VICKERY MEETZE, who being first duly sworn, states that

1. I am the attorney representing the Appellant in the above-captioned action.
2. I have previously served a copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above-captioned matter on the following person by delivering a copy of the same to his office on the 15th day of January, 2026.

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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
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RE: The State of South Carolina vs. Richard Lacharles Cook
Case No.: 2024-GS-21-00857,858,859

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find our Notice of Intent to Appeal, Certificate of Service, Affidavit of Service, Indictments, and Sentencing Sheets in the above matters to be filed in your Court.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

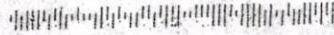
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