

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable Thoms W. McGee, III, Circuit Court Judge  
Indictment Nos. 2025-GS-32-03475; -03476; -03477A; -03478

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

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Appellant, **Jan 28 2026**

**SC Court of Appeals**


vs.

JOSEPH STEPHEN CONNOLLY, JR.,

Respondent.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

The State of South Carolina appeals the ruling of the Honorable Thomas William McGee, III, with respect to suppression of evidence alleged to have been associated with Defendant, pronounced orally on January 21, 2026. This notice of appeal is filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330(2)(a), because the trial judge's Order affects a substantial right and prevents a judgment from which an appeal might be taken.

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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