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In the South Carolina Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Christopher Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

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Case Nos.: 2024-GS-46-05743 and 2024-GS-46-06080

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The State of South Carolina, Respondent  
vs.  
Darshay Jamar Neely, Appellant

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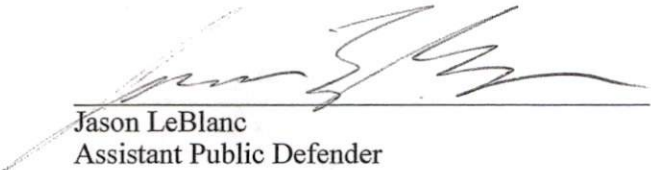
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Darshay Jamar Neely appeals his guilty plea and the sentence imposed by the Honorable Christopher Taylor. On February 3, 2026, the Appellant pled guilty to Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 2nd offense on Indictment no. 2024-GS-46-05743 and Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams - 1st offense on Indictment no. 2024-GS-46-06080. Appellant received a sixteen-year sentence on Indictment 2024-GS-46-05743 and Indictment 2024-GS-46-06080. Both sentences are to run concurrent and with 490 days credit for time served.

  
Jason LeBlanc  
Assistant Public Defender

This 4 day of February, 2026  
York, South Carolina

Other Counsels of Record:  
Kevin Bayona  
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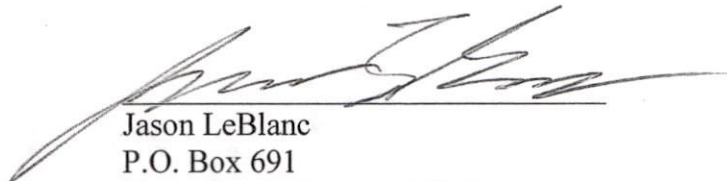
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**RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issue to be raised on appeal is whether the trial court abused its discretion when it imposed the sixteen (16) years sentence with four hundred ninety (490) days credit for time served, concurrent, upon the Appellant after he pled guilty to Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 2nd offense and Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams - 1st offense.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that this issue is properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. *See Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 705 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,



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This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the case of The State vs. Darshay Jamar Neely was served upon counsel for the State, Kevin Bayona, Assistant Solicitor, 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor on February 4, 2026 by hand-delivering a copy to his office located at the 1675-1A York Hwy, York, South Carolina, 29745 by the undersigned.



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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Darshay Jamar Neely (Indictment No. 2024-GS-46-05743 and 2024-GS-46-06080)

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Appeal, Certified Certificate of Service, Rule 203 Explanation and letter to appellate in the above captioned matter. On February 3, 2026, the Appellant pled guilty to Drugs / Trafficking in meth. or cocaine base - 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 2nd offense on indictment no. 2024-GS-46-05743 and Drugs / Trafficking in Fentanyl, 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams - 1st offense on indictment no. 2024-GS-46-06080. Appellant received a sixteen-year sentence on Indictment 2024-GS-46-05743 and Indictment 2024-GS-46-06080. Both sentences are to run concurrent and with 490 days credit for time served.

Sincerely,

  
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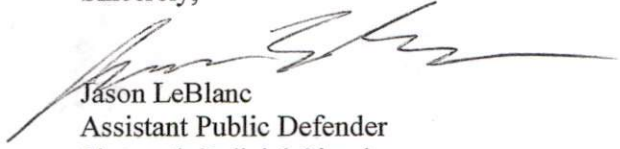
Dear Mr. Neely:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Notice of Appeal, Rule 203 (B) Explanation and Certified Certificate of Service regarding your recent plea and probation violation hearing. Please note that you must inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing, within **twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter, of any arguable basis that there are issued preserved for appeal.

You must send your arguments for your appeal to the following address:

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Sincerely,

  
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