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APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Circuit Court Judge

Warrant No (s): 2022GS1500865
Indictment No (s): 2022GS1500865

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

Rakeem R. Walker,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Rakeem R. Walker appeals his trial, conviction and sentence on the charge(s) of Sex / Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor, 2nd Degree before the Honorable Bonds, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Rakeem R. Walker appeals the Denial of his Motion for Direct Verdict on January 28, 2026 before the Honorable Bonds, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

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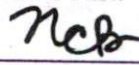
I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on January 29, 2026.

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I further certify that on January 29, 2026 an Original Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the Colleton County Clerk of Court.

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Re: NOTICE OF APPEAL
State v. Rakeem R. Walker
Warrant/Ticket No(s): 2022GS1500865

Dear Sir/ Madam:

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 Colleton County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the sentencing sheet from which this appeal is taken and a copy of the warrant(s) and indictment(s).

These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at trial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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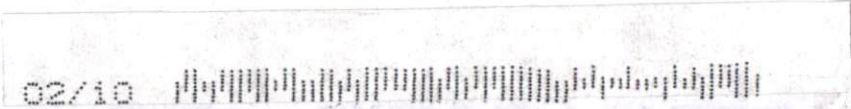
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