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APPEAL FROM JASPER COUNTY
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The Honorable Judge Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent,

v.

BRIAN JASON SKETERS,

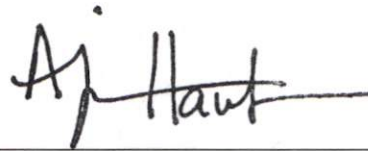
Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Brian Jason Sketers appeals his guilty plea, conviction and sentence on the charge(s) of Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree- commit/attempt and sexual exploitation of a minor, 1st degree before the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen. Defendant entered a guilty plea on February 5th, 2026.

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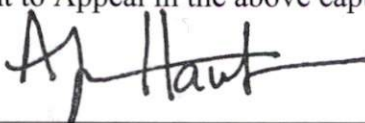
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I further certify that on an Original Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the County Clerk of Court.

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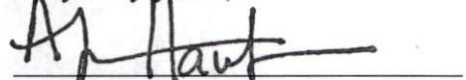
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State v. Brian Jason Sketers
Warrant/Ticket No(s): 2022A2720100440; 2022A2720100441

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal, Certificate of Service, a copy of the warrant(s), sentencing paperwork and/or indictment(s), and a copy of the indigent appointment order in the above matter.

If you require anything further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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