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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER D. TAYLOR

February 17, 2026

Indictment #: 2026GS4000806

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

VS.

JOHNNY FLETCHER JR - Appellant

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Johnny Fletcher, Jr. entered a guilty plea to Murder before the Hon. Christopher D. Taylor on February 10, 2026 in Richland County, South Carolina, and was sentenced on February 10, 2026 before the Honorable Christopher D. Taylor. in Richland County, South Carolina. He appeals his conviction and sentence.



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Vs:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ola Johnson, do hereby certify that I have this day served the original of Appellant's Notice of Intent to Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation with letter to the defendant upon the South Carolina Court of Appeals by U.S. mail, and copies of Appellant's Notice of Intent to Appeal to the Clerk of Court of Richland County, and to Byron E. Gipson, Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit and to the Office of the Attorney General and to the South Carolina Commission of Appellate Defense by placing same in the United States Mail properly addressed and with correct postage affixed thereto:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211


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Dated this 17 day of February 2026



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The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Attn: Notice of Appeal (Criminal)
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DEFENDANT: **JOHNNY FLETCHER JR.**
INDICTMENT: 2026GS4000806

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intent to Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation on behalf of the Defendant in respect of the above referenced indictment, along with a copy of the letter to Defendant, sentencing sheet, Indictment and warrant. It is anticipated that this appeal will be handled by the Office of Appellate Defense, in view of the indigent status of the Appellant/Defendant.

Yours truly,



Ola Johnson

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 JOHNNY FLETCHER JR.)
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 Defendant.)
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RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence.

The undersigned attorney consulted with the client and after consultation the client requested that an appeal be filed.

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, 706 (4th 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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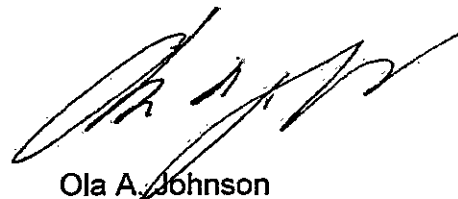
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FLETCHER JR, JOHNNY (00231789)
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RE: APPEAL

I have enclosed a copy of the appeal with attached documents and Rule 203 explanation that I filed related to your case. You have 20 days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The mailing address for the court is listed below. This completes my representation on your case. The Office of Appellate Defense has been notified of your appeal and they will represent you (the letter I mailed to them is enclosed). I sent them the appeal and related paperwork to assist them in your representation. You are also free to hire counsel to represent you on the appeal. Thank you.

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