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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions**

**The Honorable Jennifer McCoy, Presiding Judge**

**INDICTMENTS: 2024-GS-10-01425; 2024-GS-10-01426**

**WARRANTS: 2023A1010206715; 2023A1010206716**

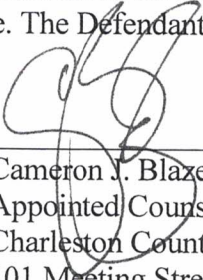
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENT**

**VS.**

**TYLER DESHAYNE HEYWARD, APPELLANT**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Tyler Deshayne Heyward appeals his convictions and sentence in this case. The Defendant was found guilty of Murder and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime. The Honorable Jennifer McCoy sentenced him to a life sentence of incarceration on the charge of Murder and five (5) years of incarceration on the charge of Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime. The Defendant was sentenced on February 12, 2026.

  
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Scarlett Wilson, Solicitor for Charleston County, by emailing and hand delivering a copy of it to the Charleston County Solicitor's Office at 101 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on February 18, 2026.



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February 13, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: State of South Carolina vs. Tyler Heyward  
Indictments: 2024-GS-10-01425; 2024-GS-10-01426

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Attached is the Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above-referenced case, together with appropriate Proof of Service upon the Solicitor and Proof of Filing with the local Clerk of Court who is copied on this email. The Defendant-Appellant was represented by our office as an indigent, beginning on November 27, 2023.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s): As stated above