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Court of General Sessions

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The State,

Respondent.

v.


Denis John Hinkle,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Denis John Hinkle appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable G.D. Morgan on February 19, 2026.

Date: February 23, 2026


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PROOF OF SERVICE

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 February 23, 2026, addressed to:

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Re: *State v. Denis John Hinkle*
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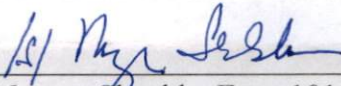
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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 Greenville County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment. 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,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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