

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the South Carolina Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2025-GS-46-00751-2025-GS-46-00753

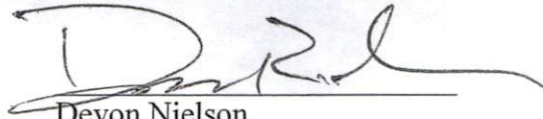
The State of South Carolina, Respondent  
v.

Thomas Dean Boulter, Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Mr. Boulter appeals his/her 15 year sentence that he plead to on February 24, 2026. Mr. Boulter did receive credit for time served which was 125 days. The sentence imposed by The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. The court reporter was Shannon McGillberry.



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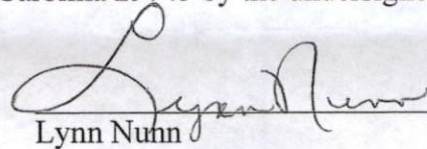
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This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the case of The State vs. Thomas Dean Bouler was served upon counsel for the State, William Anderson, Assistant Solicitor, 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by hand-delivering a copy to his/her office located at 1675 1-A York Highway, York, South Carolina 29745 by the undersigned.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

Indictment Nos.: 2025-GS-46-00751, 00753

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-vs- )

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**RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issue to be raised on appeal is Mr. Bouler appeals his/her 15 year sentence he received. Mr. Bouler did receive credit for time served which was 125 days.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that this issue is properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, 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, 705 (4<sup>th</sup> 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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Re: MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I (b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II 3<sup>rd</sup> (2025GS4600751);  
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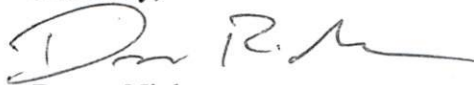
Dear Mr. Boulter:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Notice of Appeal, (B) Explanation and Certified Certificate of Service regarding your recent plea. Please note that you must inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing, within **twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter, of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.

You must send your arguments for your appeal to the following address:

**South Carolina Court of Appeals**  
**P.O. Box 11629**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find copies of the Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service on the above captioned matter. Thomas Dean Boulter plead guilty on February 24, 2026. Mr. Boulter appeals his/her the 15 year sentence he received imposed by the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. Mr. Boulter did receive credit for time served which was 125 days. The court reporter was Shannon McGilberry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Devon Nielson".

Devon Nielson  
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