

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM DILLON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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2025-GS-17-00010

2025-GS-27-00011

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

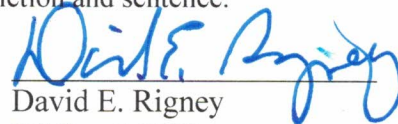
VS.

RONNIE JOSEPH SUMMERFORD - Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant Ronnie Joseph Summerford pled guilty to the charges of Grand Larceny and Malicious Injury to Real Property on February 24, 2026.

Defendant Ronnie Joseph Summerford appeals his conviction and sentence.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David E. Rigney, do hereby certify that I have this day served the original of Appellant's Notice of Appeal and the Rule 203 affidavit upon the SC Court of Appeals and the SC Office of Appellate Defense by placing the document into the US mail with proper first class postage affixed thereto. Copies of Appellant's Notice of Appeal and the Rule 203 affidavit were also sent by US mail with proper first class postage affixed thereto to the Clerk of Court of Dillon County and to Special Prosecutor John Jupertinger.

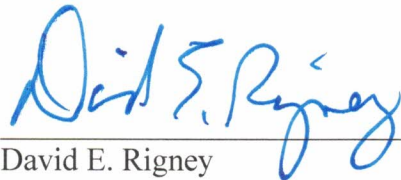
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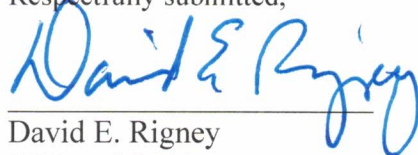
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RULE 203 EXPLANATION

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 no motion to reconsider the sentence was filed.

The undersigned consulted with his client and has filed this appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazier 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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RE: NOTICE OF APPEAL
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am sending to the Court by email, along with this letter, the following to be filed in the above referenced case: Notice of Appeal, Rule 203 affidavit, and Proof of Service.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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