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The State,

Respondent.

v.

Izel Mario Paul,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Izel Mario Paul appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini on February 10, 2026.

Date: February 19, 2026



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Other Counsel of Record:

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Solicitor Caroline Kneece  
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Attorney General Alan Wilson, Esq.  
Office of the Attorney General  
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**Via Regular Mail**

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Re: **State v. Izel Mario Paul**

Indictment No(s): 2025GS23008385

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Dear Mr. Paul:

As you requested, I have filed and served the notice of appeal from your conviction and sentence imposed on February 10, 2026. Please find enclosed a copy of all documents filed for purposes of the appeal. Any further representation in this matter will be conducted by the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense.

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, you are required to provide the appellate court with an explanation of an issue that may be reviewed on appeal when appealing from a guilty plea. As you can see, I have raised the issue regarding the denial of your credit for time served. You may also submit your own explanation of an issue on appeal to the appellate court at the following address:

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

Yours very truly,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: 

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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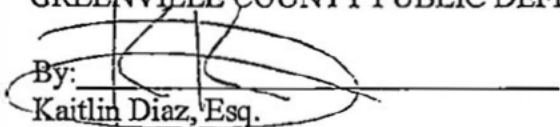
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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, sentencing sheet, Rule 203 explanation of issue, and a letter to Izel Mario Paul regarding the Rule 203 explanation. 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

By:   
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cc: Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor  
Office of the Attorney General  
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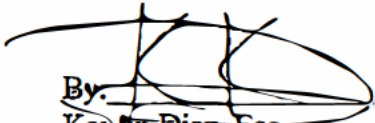
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Dear Attorney General Wilson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service and Rule 203 Explanation of Issue on Appeal. This matter is being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Yours very truly,

Greenville COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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Dear Ms. White:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal and Rule 203 Explanation of Issue in the above matter. The Court Reporter's name and address is as follows:

**Hollie M. Jenkins**  
**P.O. Box 16506**  
**Greenville, SC 29606**

Also enclosed are copies of our letters to the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General's office as well as Proof of Service on all parties involved. Copies of the indictment and sentencing sheet are also enclosed.

Please let us know what further service we can be in this matter.

Yours very truly,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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Kaitlin Diaz, Esq.

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