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Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, SC Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Correspondence with Defendant/Appellant
State v. Ronnie Joseph Summerford
Appellate Case No. 000528

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: Letter to Defendant/Appellant required by Court of Appeals; Enclosures with letter; and Proof of Service.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: The State v. Ronnie J. Summerford
Appellate Case No. 2026-000528

Dear Mr. Summerford,

I have enclosed with this letter two letters that I received from the South Carolina Court of Appeals dated March 10, 2026. I have also enclosed a copy of the explanation for appealing (Rule 203 Explanation) that I provided to the Court of Appeals when I filed your Notice of Appeal, along with a copy of the Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service, and the letter I sent to the Court with that initial filing.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of my transmittal letter to inform the Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.

The Court's address is:

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

Sincerely,

David E. Rigney

Enclosures:

Copy of my explanation for appealing (Rule 203 Explanation)
Copy of Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service
Copy of Letter to Court with initial filing
Copies of 2 Letters from Court of Appeals dated March 10, 2026

Cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Mark Reynolds Farthing, Esquire
John Charles Jepertinger, Esquire
Wanda H. Carter, Esquire

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DILLON

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Indictments: 2025GS1700010,
2025GS1700011

vs.
RONNIE JOSEPH SUMMERFORD,

Appellant

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RULE 203 EXPLANATION

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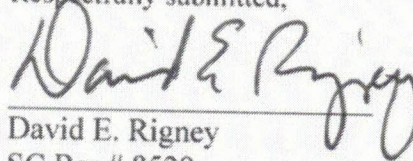
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Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals and no motion to reconsider the sentence was filed.

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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March 5, 2026

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
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

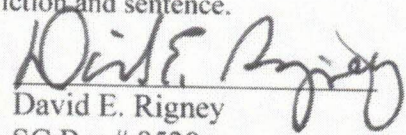
VS.

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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Other Counsel of record is:

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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 Jepertinger.

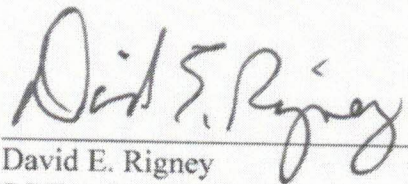
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The Honorable Marquita Britton, Clerk of Court
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Dated this 5th day of March 2026



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Re: The State v. Ronnie J. Summerford
Appellate Case No. 2026-000528

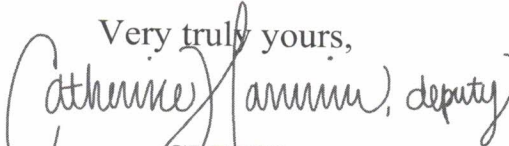
Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

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

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

CLERK

cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Mark Reynolds Farthing, Esquire
John Charles Jepertinger, Esquire
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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review

filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

This is to advise that the title in the above matter has been changed to read as follows:

The State, Respondent,

v.

Ronnie Joseph Summerford, Appellant.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,


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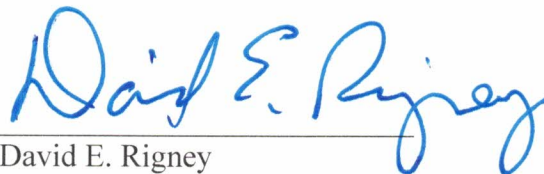
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I, David E. Rigney, do hereby certify that I have this day served Defendant/Appellant Ronnie Summerford with my letter to him required by the Court of Appeals regarding his need to inform the Court of any arguable basis of any issues preserved for appeal, along with copies of the Notice of Appeal and the Rule 203 affidavit which was served on the SC Court of Appeals, and copies of 2 letters from the Court of Appeals about his appeal, by placing the documents into the US mail with proper first class postage affixed thereto. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson was served in the same manner by mail. These documents were served on the following by email: South Carolina Court of Appeals; Wanda Carter, John Jepertinger, Caroline Collins, Mark Farthing, Della White.

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Dated this 12th day of March 2026



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