

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM LANCASTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2025-GS-29-00130

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The State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

v.

D'Vonte Demeatress Watson,

Appellant.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv)

Appellant pled guilty on March 4, 2026 and was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment by the Honorable Paul M. Burch. Appellant was before the Court after the Lancaster County Family Court transferred jurisdiction of this matter to General Sessions Court. Appellant contends that the Family Court erred in transferring jurisdiction of this matter to General Sessions Court and, therefore, the General Sessions Court lacked jurisdiction to accept Appellant's plea.

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