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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Anderson County

Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2025-001574

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1 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
2 IN GENERAL SESSIONS
3 COUNTY OF ANDERSON

4 State of South Carolina,

5 vs. Transcript of Record
6 2018-GS04-00856

7 Christopher D. Simpson,

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9 July 18, 2025
10 Anderson, South Carolina

11 B E F O R E:

12 The HONORABLE R. LAWTON MCINTOSH

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14 A P P E A R A N C E S:

15 Agent Cooper, Representing Probation/South Carolina
16 Matthew Bradley, Representing the defendant.

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20 SHARON G. HARDOON, CSR
21 Official Circuit Court Reporter, III
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1 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand. Do
2 you solemnly swear or affirm to tell the truth,
3 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

4 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, ma'am.

5 THE CLERK: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Sir, you are Christopher
7 David Simpson?

8 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Simpson, have you read or
10 had read to your report of your alleged probation
11 violation?

12 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: You understand why you are
14 here?

15 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Do you agree or disagree you
17 willfully violated the terms of your probation?

18 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: What do you have to say in
20 your defense?

21 MR. SIMPSON: Well, SCDC, they don't have
22 no paper for me to report to probation on my
23 release papers when I received them. From what I
24 understand from what's on-line or seen on-line, it
25 was a money situation, it was a non-report

1 probation.

2 As far as my address, my address is the
3 same. My home phone number has been the same.

4 I paid the probation up -- paid up -- paid it
5 off.

6 THE COURT: Tell me, what's this about he
7 beat the victim again?

8 AGENT COOPER: It's a separate victim,
9 Your Honor. If I could just -- bear with me, Your
10 Honor.

11 THE COURT: Yes, please.

12 AGENT COOPER: He had a partial
13 revocation in 2021. He served a five-year partial
14 revocation. He was released from SCDC. He didn't
15 report upon release. I went out and made contact
16 with him in December of last year. At that point,
17 he tested positive for illegal narcotics. I
18 arrested him.

19 The first step is go to an administrative
20 hearing. We are going forward to put him in some
21 kind of treatment facility. He failed to show up
22 to the administrative hearing.

23 I went to his house again. I couldn't
24 make contact. I exhausted all avenues at that
25 point.

1 Another warrant was issued. Consequently, in
2 June 10th, he was arrested by Anderson County
3 Sheriff's Office for a new domestic violence 2nd
4 degree.

5 THE COURT: The same victim?

6 AGENT COOPER: A different victim.

7 I have received paperwork for an
8 affidavit withdrawing the criminal complaint.
9 That's not what we're interested in.

10 We issued a warrant because of our DV
11 conditions. Harassment is a component of that.

12 So June 10th -- he's been incarcerated
13 since June 10th. He barely reported. He missed
14 his admin. And if he wanted to get clean and get
15 substance abuse counseling, he would have showed
16 up to the admin and that's what we were looking
17 for originally.

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir.

19 AGENT COOPER: Thank you.

20 MR. BRADLEY: May it please the Court? Your
21 Honor, exactly what Agent Cooper just said.
22 Mr. Simpson is seeking a residential facility. As he
23 said, he's paid all his money off. He already served
24 six-and-a-half years towards the largest sentence.
25 He's already completed the other two; possession of

1 meth charge and unlawful possession of a sawed-off
2 shotgun. He's already maxed those out and it should
3 have already been terminated anyway.

4 But remaining charge, he's already served
5 six-and-a-half years. Another 39 days this time
6 around. I do have a affidavit of dismissal for
7 that charge.

8 And he's only 38 years old. He was
9 trying to get a job. He's recently released from
10 prison, as Agent Cooper just said. But he did
11 admit missing the admin hearing. He had talked to
12 Agent Cooper about getting into a residential
13 facility at that time.

14 He regrets that now. Obviously, he missed
15 that because that's what he was wanting and needing to
16 help him get clean, so that's what we're here today,
17 for Your Honor to consider -- asking you to send him
18 somewhere for at least six months to a year. I know
19 the Hope Center Ministries is a year-long program.

20 But he's already on the DSS treatment
21 plan. Once he's released, he has to go to the
22 Fatherhood Coalition in order to get custody of
23 his child back. So he's already got those
24 requirements of him, so we're asking that you --
25 if he has to be on house arrest while at the

1 residential facility, we'd ask Your Honor to
2 consider that. Not send him back, but to let him
3 get some rehab and give him house arrest.

4 He has done something, Your Honor. He's
5 paid off all his monies. That's a big
6 accomplishment.

7 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to go
8 ahead and let him do the rest of his time. He has
9 not done what he's supposed to do, so I'm going to
10 revoke him in full. If he owes you money, reduce
11 it to civil judgment. Okay?

12 AGENT COOPER: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: You have 10 days to appeal
14 that sentence. Good luck to you.

15 AGENT COOPER: How many days?

16 MR. BRADLEY: Thirty-nine.

17 THE COURT: Recommend ATU on that.

18 AGENT COOPER: Yes, sir.

19 (The hearing was concluded.)
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, SHARON G. HARDOON, Official Circuit Court Reporter, III for the State of South Carolina at Large, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete Transcript of Record of the proceedings had and evidence introduced in the hearing of the captioned case, relative to appeal, in General Sessions for Anderson County, South Carolina.

I do further certify that I am neither kin, counsel, nor interest to any party hereto.

Novembe 14, 2025



Sharon G. Hardoon, CSR
Official Circuit Court Reporter, III

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County of Anderson

STATE VS

Christopher David Simpson

AKA: None

Race: White Sex: Male

DOB: 1

SSN: _____

SID#: 01648192

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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

2018

Indictment Number:

GS - 04 - 00956

Probation C/W#s & Issuance dates: _____



Name of Original Offense: Domestic violence 1st degree

Original AWW#: 201740411000108

Date of Original Offense: 11/29/2017

Conviction S.C. Code §: 16-25-0020 (A)(C)(D)

Conviction CDR Code #: 3 1 8 1 1 1 1

Original Sentence: 10 years 4 months service of 18 months ss 5 years credit for 709 days

ORDER

The above named defendant has been charged with violating the conditions of probation ordered on 07/19/2018 in the Court of General Sessions of Anderson County, and/or the additional conditions ordered by the Court in probation continuation order(s) issued on 06/21/2021, as set forth in the attached warrant(s) or citation(s). After hearing the evidence and being duly advised, in the (presence/absence) of the defendant, I find that the above named defendant has violated the following condition(s) of probation: (List by number or indicate special conditions as provided in the affidavit)

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

- ☒ the suspended sentence be revoked and the above named defendant be required to serve the remainder of the original sentence.
- ☐ the suspended sentence be partially revoked and the above named defendant be required to serve 28 days/months/years of the original sentence; and
 - ☐ Terminate the balance of probation.
 - ☐ Continue/reinstate probation, subject to the conditions set forth in the original sentence and not inconsistent with this order.
- ☐ the above named defendant is continued on probation as provided for in the original sentence, subject to the conditions set forth therein and not inconsistent with this order.
- ☐ probation is reduced to time served under supervision and the defendant is discharged from supervision on this date.
- ☐ the above named defendant is placed on electronic monitoring pursuant to §23-3-540.
- ☐ Financial Obligations: Order satisfies:
 - ☐ Department fees (arrearage)
 - ☐ Fines and other fees (arrearage / balance)
 - ☐ Restitution (and 20%) (arrearage / balance)
- ☐ Civil Judgment:
 - ☐ Department fees
 - ☐ Fines and other fees
 - ☐ Restitution (and 20%)

☒ Additional Conditions ordered by the Court (Jail time credits should not be reported in this section): Revoke in full and terminate. All fees are paid as of 07-18-2025. credit for 36 days. Recommend ATU.

- ☒ The defendant is given credit for 18 days/months/years of pre-arrest detention time on current probation violation to be calculated and applied by the SC Department of Corrections.
- ☒ The defendant is to be given credit for 5 days/months/years of Hayes credit (N/A if defendant has served prior SCDC time).
- ☐ No pre-arrest detention time to be awarded because a citation was issued.
- ☐ The defendant was previously placed on active electronic monitoring pursuant to §23-3-540.

This 18 day of July, 2025
Anderson, SC

Presiding Judge

10th

Judicial Circuit

You are hereby advised that under the law the Court may at any time revoke or modify any condition of this probation; impose any lawful conditions it deems proper; or extend your period of probation not to exceed five (5) years. At any time within the period of your probation, the Court may require you to serve any part of the original sentence imposed.

This is to certify that I have read, or have had read to me, the order and the conditions set out therein. I agree to comply with such conditions and the conditions of my attached probation order during the period of my probation. I have received a copy of this Court's order and all attachments.

Offender's Signature

unable to sign
Signed this 18 day of July, 2025 at _____ SC

Witnessed by

Walt
Anderson City

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WITNESSES

Anderson Co. Sheriff's Office
Craig R. Mize

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2017A0411000108

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

TRUE BILL

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: MAR 20 2018

William Garick
Foreperson

VERDICT

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2018-GS-04- 00856

The State of South Carolina
County of Anderson

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

MAR 20 2018, TERM

THE STATE

VS.

CHRISTOPHER DAVID SIMPSON

INDICTMENT FOR

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND
AGGRAVATED NATURE**

SC Code: § 16-25-0065(A) & 16-25-0065(B)
CDR Code: 3814

COMMITMENT

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C. Reena Thomason
CLERK OF COURT

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COUNTY OF ANDERSON

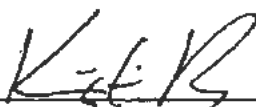
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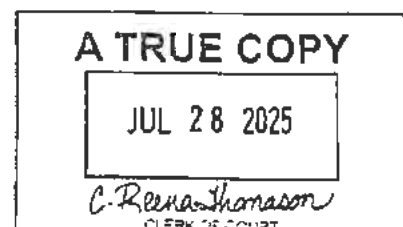
At a Court of General Sessions, convened on MAR 20 2018, the
Grand Jurors of Anderson County present upon their oath:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE

The defendant, Christopher David Simpson, did on or about November 29, 2017, in Anderson County, South Carolina, commit the crime of Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, in that the defendant did cause physical harm or injury, or offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to [REDACTED] a household member, with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril. In addition, the defendant committed the offense, with or without an accompanying battery, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life and great bodily injury resulted or would reasonably cause a person to fear imminent great bodily injury or death; or in the process of committing Domestic Violence in the 1st Degree, violated a protection order. All in violation of Section 16-25-65 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976) as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


KRISTIN W. REEVES
SR. ASSISTANT SOLICITOR



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF ANDERSON
STATE VS.CHRISTOPHER DAVID SIMPSONAKA: _____
Race: White Sex: M Age: 31
DOB: _____ SS#: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
DL# _____ SID# SC01648192INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2018GS0400856
AWW: 2017A0411000108
Date of Offense: 11/29/2017
S.C. Code §: 16-25-0065(A) & 16-25-0065(B)
CDR Code #: 3814

SENTENCE SHEET

*Victim notified**CDL Yes ☐ No ☐ CMV Yes ☐ No ☐ Hazmat Yes ☐ No ☐In disposition of the said indictment comes now the Defendant who was ☒ CONVICTED OF or ☐ PLEADSTO: Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature *1st degree*In violation of § 16-25-0065 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code 3811 *10 yrs susp 18 mos (200 days credit) 5 yrs prob.*☐ NON-VIOLENT ☒ VIOLENT ☒ SERIOUS ☐ MOST SERIOUS ☐ Mandatory GPS ☐ §17-25-45
(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)The charge is: ☐ As indicted, ☒ Lesser Included Offense,☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury. (def.'s initials)The plea is: ☐ Without Negotiations or Recommendation,☐ Negotiated Sentence,☒ Recommendation by the State.

ATTEST:

Kristin W. Reeves, Sr. Assistant Solicitor SC Bar # 69673

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

SC Bar # 77943WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the ☒ State Department of Corrections ☐ County Detention Center,for a determinate term of 10 days/months/years or ☐ under the Youthful Offender Act not to exceed _____ yearsand/or to pay a fine of \$ _____; provided that upon the service of 18 days/months/years and or paymentof \$ 500; plus costs and assessments as applicable; the balance is suspended with probation for 5 months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Service standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.☒ CONCURRENT or ☐ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on:☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code §24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDOP. *(200 days)*☐ The Defendant is to be placed on Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code §17-25-135.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922, it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of Section 16-25-20 or 16-25-65 (Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

☐ RESTITUTION: ☐ Deferred ☐ Def. Waives Hearing ☐ Ordered PTUP _____
Total: \$ _____ plus 20% fee: \$ _____ days/hours Public Service Employment

Payment Terms:

A TRUE COPY☐ Set by SCDPPPS**JUL 28 2025**

Recipient:

C. Reena Thomson
CLERK OF COURT

*Fine: \$ _____

§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)	\$	
§14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)	\$100	\$ <u>100.00</u>
§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)	\$100	\$ _____
§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)	\$12	\$ _____
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)	\$25	\$ _____
Proviso (Public Def/Prob)	\$500	\$ _____
§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)	\$25	\$ <u>25.00</u>
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)	\$150	\$ _____
§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)	\$50	\$ _____
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)	\$40/ea	\$ _____
3% to County (if paid in installments)	\$	\$ <u>3.75</u>

TOTAL

128.75

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk:

Court Reporter:

SCCA/217 (04/2018)

Richard A. Miller
L. SCOTT

Presiding Judge:

Judge Code:

Sentence Date:

2155
7/11/18Obtain GED ☐
Attend Voc. Rehab. Or Job Corp. _____
May serve W/E beginning _____
Substance Abuse Counseling _____
Random Drug/Alcohol Testing _____Fine may be pd. in equal consecutive weekly/monthly
pmts. of \$ _____ Beginning _____
\$ _____ Paid to Public Defender FundOther: Defendant shall comply with Probation's Domestic Violence Protocols. Defendant signed Acknowledgment.☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel,
Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees.**RECEIVED**
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ARREST WARRANT

2017A0411000108

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Anderson

THE STATE
against
Christopher David Simpson

2017-
20324

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: _____

DOB: _____

Prosecuting Agency: Anderson County Sheriff

Prosecuting Officer: Craig R Mize - 318

Offense: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

Offense Code: 3814

Code/Ordinance Set: 16-25-0065(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of _____

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

Signature of Judge _____

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant on Christopher David Simpson 12-27-17

[Signature]
Deputy Sheriff / Courtroom Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
100 South Main Street
Po Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Anderson

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant Craig R Mize who being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Christopher David Simpson did within this county and state on or about 11/29/2017 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina for ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Anderson in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on November 29, 2017, in the county of Anderson, one, Christopher David Simpson, did commit the crime of Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature by slamming the victim to the ground while she was attempting to enter the residence located at _____. Then the defendant dragged the victim by the hair to the back of the residence then pistol whipped her and put the gun to her face and threatened to kill the victim and then himself. This incident occurred at _____ which is in the County of Anderson, State of South Carolina.

Signature of Affiant [Signature]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Anderson

Affiant's Address 305 Camson Road
Anderson, SC 29625-

Affiant's Telephone _____

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 11/29/2017 defendant Christopher David Simpson

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina for ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Anderson as set forth below.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Domestic / Domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

on 11/29/2017

[Signature] (J.S.)

Judge's Address Post Office Box 863
Iva, SC 29655

Judge's Telephone (864)348-6657

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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C. Reena Thomson
CLERK OF COURT

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM A SENTENCE IMPOSED BY THE COURT OF
GENERAL SESSIONS**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM ANDERSON COUNTY
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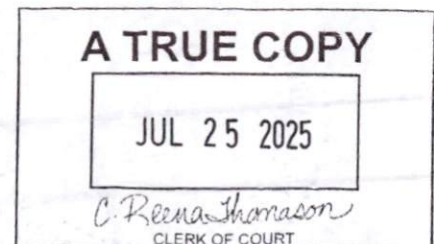
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Christopher David Simpson appeals his probation revocation, and sentences in the above referenced case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh on July 18, 2025.

Date: July 24, 2025

s/ T. Matthew Bradley
T. Matthew Bradley, Esq.
Attorney for Appellant

Other Party of Record:
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Respondent.

Christopher David Simpson,

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal in the above matter on the below listed Respondent by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 25, 2025, and via Electronic Mail addressed to:

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Matthew Cooper, Supervising Agent (E-mail: matthew.cooper@ppp.sc.gov)
Anderson County Probation, Parole & Pardon
P.O. Box 8002
Anderson, SC 29622

Date: July 25, 2025

s/ T. Matthew Bradley
T. Matthew Bradley, Esq.
Attorney for Appellant

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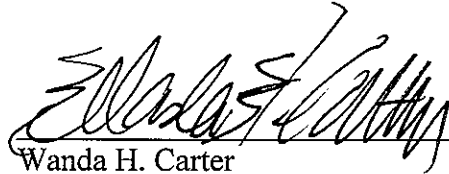
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CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT

Counsel for appellant certifies that this Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material and that this Record on Appeal complies to the best of my ability with the April 15, 2014 order from the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled "Revised Order Concerning Personal Identifying Information and Other Sensitive Information in Appellate Court Filings."

Respectfully Submitted,



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

This 16th day of March, 2026.

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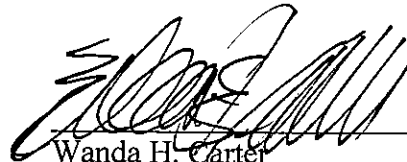
V.

CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON,

APPELLANT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Record on Appeal in the above-referenced case has been served upon Matthew C. Buchanan, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and on Christopher Simpson, 360166, MacDougall Correctional Institution, 1516 Old Gilliard Road, Ridgeville, SC, 29472, this 16th day of March, 2026.



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender