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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Honorable Christopher D. Taylor

Case No. **2026-GS-40-01588**  
**2026-GS-40-01589**

The State,.....Respondent,

v.

Rushard Williams,.....Appellant.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Rushard Williams appeals his guilty plea and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge Christopher D. Taylor on March 5, 2026.

2026-GS-40-01588 – **PWID Marijuana – sentenced to Time Served**

2026-GS-40-01589 – **PWID Meth – sentenced to Time Served**

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**STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR APPEAL FROM  
GUILTY PLEA PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B)**

Pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 203(d)(1)(B), the Defendant was dissatisfied with his sentence and insisted on appealing. I am of the opinion that if the client insists on appealing, I am constrained to file an appeal. Weathers v. State, 319 S.C. 59, 459 SE 2d 838 (1995).



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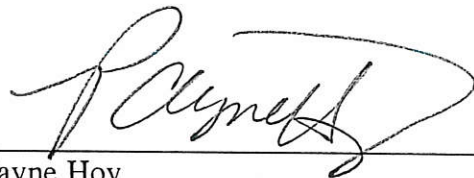
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal & the Statement of Basis for Appeal from Guilty Plea Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B) in the above-referenced case has been served upon opposing counsel by delivering same this date to his office at the Office of the Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County Judicial Center, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

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