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APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

Warrant No (s): 2021A1510200023, 2021A1510100108
Indictment No (s): 2021GS1500130, 2021GS1500191

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

v.

Keith Simmons,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Keith Simmons appeals his trial, conviction and sentence on the charge(s) of Weapons/
Poss. Weapon During Violent Crime, and Murder before the Honorable Perry H. Gravely,
Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Keith Simmons appeals the Denial of his
Motion for Directed Verdict; Denial of Defendant's Motion to cross examine on witness' prior
criminal conviction, and such errors that may become apparent from a review of the record. The
trial took place from 3/23/2026 to 3/26/2026 before the Honorable Gravely, Presiding Judge,
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on March 27, 2026.

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I further certify that on March 27, 2026 an Original Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above captioned case was filed with the Colleton County Clerk of Court.

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State v. Keith Simmons

Warrant/Ticket No(s): 2021A1510100108; 2021A1510100109; 2021A1510200023

Dear Sir/ Madam:

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 Colleton County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the sentencing sheet from which this appeal is taken and a copy of the warrant(s) and indictment(s).

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.

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Yours very truly,



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Enclosure

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