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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Florence County

Honorable William H. Seals, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000856

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT COURT 12  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE

DOCKET NO.  
2023-GS-21-02769

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
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v. )  
 )  
JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

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04/25/2025 Probation Violation Hearing

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B E F O R E:

The HONORABLE WILLIAM H. SEALS JR.,  
Circuit Court Judge

C O U R T:

Florence County Circuit Court 12

T R A N S C R I B E R:

Tina M. Steinmetz, Transcriber

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## APRIL 25, 2025 - PROBATION VIOLATION HEARING

1  
2 THE COURT: Does he concede a willful  
3 violation of his probation?

4 MR. NORVILLE: No, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Alright. Yes, ma'am?

6 MS. BRAYBOY: Judge, before us we have Joshua  
7 Boston. He was sentenced on January the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in  
8 Florence County by Judge DeBerry under Indictment No.  
9 23-GS-21-02769 for domestic violence second degree.  
10 He was sentenced to eighteen months [Inaudible --  
11 muffled/muted], two years' probation, credit for three  
12 days.

13 His current violations are slightly lengthy. On  
14 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, as evident by warrant and incident report  
15 by Florence County -- well, Florence Police Depart-  
16 ment. It stated that at the [Inaudible --  
17 muffled/muted] altercation, the defendant walked into  
18 a residence unannounced and put his hands around the  
19 victim's neck and pushed her against the wall causing  
20 a four foot hole.

21 And on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the offender committed the  
22 crime of domestic violence as evidenced per warrant  
23 and incident report submitted by Florence Police  
24 Department. It states that the victim told police

1 that upon getting out of a truck and walking up a  
2 driveway, the offender smacked her with an open hand  
3 in the face. The victim stated she dropped all her  
4 bags and took off running to the neighbor's house to  
5 call law enforcement. The officer did notate that the  
6 side of the victim's face appeared to be swollen.

7 He failed to refrain from harassing and stalking  
8 behavior, evidenced by incident report submitted by  
9 Florence Police Department on April the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025,  
10 which states that Mr. Joshua Boston went into the  
11 victim's residence and began banging on the door,  
12 demanding entry. After being advised to leave, which  
13 was also witnessed by multiple witnesses.

14 There are multiple documents, instanced of  
15 unwanted contact with the victim at the incident  
16 location and we believe -- and affidavits also.

17 He failed to refrain from possession or  
18 consumption of alcohol or drugs, as evidenced in  
19 incident report submitted by Florence Police  
20 Department. While officers were attempting to take  
21 the subject into custody, he was ob -- observed  
22 dropping 1.5 grams of methamphetamine in tablet form.  
23 These violations constitute a violation of DV  
24 conditions.

25 THE COURT: Alright. Yes, sir?

1           MR. NORVILLE: Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Boston  
2 is forty-one years old. The problem that we have with  
3 the -- the violation allegations is that they're based  
4 on pending charges alone. Even the violation that was  
5 labeled failure to refrain from using controlled  
6 substances seems to come also directly from that  
7 incident report.

8           The process that the allegations are being shared  
9 with the Court here, Your Honor, is that probation is  
10 telling you what these incident reports say; but that's  
11 coming from them reading an incident report, and the  
12 incident report came from a -- a different police  
13 officer writing down what someone told him.

14           Now, Your Honor, of course we're aware that these  
15 probation violation hearings have, you know, less  
16 procedural protections than criminal proceedings do,  
17 but I don't think that they're so much less that we  
18 can violate someone solely based on double-hearsay.

19           He's got a pretty significant bond on these new  
20 charges as well - it's \$100,000.00 surety bond, which  
21 he certainly cannot afford. So, to the extent that  
22 this creates some kind of community safety problem or  
23 something like that, he's not going to be able to get  
24 out until we deal with that anyway.

25           For those reasons, Your Honor, we would ask that

1           you find no violation.

2           THE COURT:        Alright.    I'm going to find a  
3 willful violation.   I'm going to revoke one year,  
4 terminate -- convert anything that [Inaudible --  
5 muffled/muted].

6           MS. BRAYBOY:    Okay.   Thank you.

7           MR. NORVILLE:   Thank you, Your Honor.

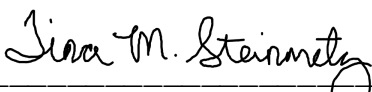
8                           **(End of Proceeding)**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tina M. Steinmetz, a court-approved transcriber, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete Transcript of Record of the proceedings had and evidence introduced in the trial of the captioned case, relative to appeal, in Circuit Court 12 for Florence County, South Carolina, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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

June 22, 2025

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tina M. Steinmetz, Transcriber

WITNESSES

Robert L Jordan Jr Florence Police Department

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Bryan Jay Neal  
[Signature]

DOCKET NO. 2023-GS-21-02769

The State of South Carolina

County of

FLORENCE

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

DECEMBER TERM 2023

THE STATE

vs.

JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER  
2022A2120200871

Danielle Letfridge

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Foreperson of Grand Jury  
Date: 12/22

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SECOND DEGREE

Indictment for

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FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

INDICTMENT FOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SECOND DEGREE

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on NOVEMBER 30, 2023 the Grand Jurors of FLORENCE County present upon their oath:

**COUNT ONE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SECOND DEGREE**

CDR: 3812 16-25-0020(C)

That Joshua Demaurice Boston did in Florence on or about May 21, 2022, cause physical harm or injury or offered or attempted to cause physical harm or injury to his own household member, Stacey Brockington, with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril, to wit: such offense causing or was accomplished by means likely to result in moderate bodily injury; such offense committed by impeding her breathing or air flow; in violation of Section 16-25-0020(C), S.C. 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.



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**E.L. Clements, III**  
TWELFTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

COUNTY OF Florence

STATE VS.

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-21-02769

Joshua Demaurice Boston

A/W#: 2022A2120200871

AKA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Offense: 5/21/2022

Race: Black Sex: M Age: 41

S.C. Code §: 16-25-0020(A)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

CDR Code #: 3812

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: Florence, SC 29506-8635

DL#\* \_\_\_\_\_ SID# \_\_\_\_\_

SENTENCE SHEET

\*CDL Yes  No  CMV Yes  No  Hazmat Yes  No

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was  CONVICTED OF or  PLEADS

TO: Domestic / Domestic Violence, 2nd degree (0-34)

In violation of § 16-25-0020(A) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 3812

NON-VIOLENT  VIOLENT  SERIOUS  MOST SERIOUS  Mandatory GPS  § 17-25-45  
(CSC w/minor 1<sup>st</sup> or CSC w/minor 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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. (prob)

ATTEST: [Signature] 104445 Joshua Boston [Signature] 105976  
Solicitor SC Bar # Defendant Attorney for Defendant SC Bar #

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the  State Department of Correction  County Detention Center,

for a determinate term of 18 days/months/years/Time Served  Youthful Offender Act not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years

and/or to pay a fine of \$\_\_\_\_; provided that upon the service of \_\_\_\_\_ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment of \$\_\_\_\_; plus costs and assessments as applicable\*; the balance is suspended with probation for 2

months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run  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 SCDoc. 3 days/months

To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

The Defendant Shall be Released from County Detention Center.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922 and § 16-25-30 it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of § 16-25-20 or § 16-25-65 (Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

STATE VS. Joshua Demaurice Boston INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2023-GS-21-02769

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

**PTUP** after \_\_\_\_\_ months/years

**And Other Terms Listed Below:**

- Substance Abuse Counseling       Completion of GED       Random Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Attend Voc. Rehab. Or Job Corp       No Contact with Victim       Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- Mental Health Counseling       May serve W/E beginning: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430       Public Service Employment \_\_\_\_\_ days/hours
- Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESTITUTION:**     **Deferred**     **Def. Waives Hearing**     **Ordered**

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus 20% fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Terms: \_\_\_\_\_  Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fine:		\$	_____
Fine may be pd. in equal consecutive weekly/monthly pmts. of	\$	_____	Beginning _____
§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)		\$	_____
§14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)	\$100	\$	<u>100.<sup>00</sup></u>
§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)	\$100	\$	_____
§56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)	\$12	\$	_____
§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)	\$25	\$	_____
§14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)	\$25	\$	<u>25.<sup>00</sup></u>
§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)	\$150	\$	_____
§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)	\$41	\$	_____
§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)	\$50	\$	_____
§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)	\$40/ea	\$	_____
3% to County (if paid in installments)	TBD	\$	<u>18.75</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees	\$500	\$	<u>500.<sup>00</sup></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund	TBD	\$	<u>90.<sup>00</sup></u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$	<u>683.75</u>

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk: *E. Ragan*  
 Court Reporter: *Digital Reporter*

Presiding Judge: *N. S. Dorris*  
 Judge Code: *2771*  
 Sentence Date: *1-15-25*

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County of FLORENCE

STATE VS.

JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON

AKA: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: Black Sex: Male

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

SID#: 01883360

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Indictment Number:

23 - GS - 21 - 02769

Probation C/W#s & issuance dates: W-21-25-0039 4/08/25

Original Offense: Domestic Violence, 2nd degree

Original A/W#: 2022A2120200871

Date of Original Offense: 5/21/2022

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

Conviction CDR Code #: 3 / 8 / 1 / 2

Original Sentence: 18 Months SS 2yrs prob. credit 3 days

ORDER

The above named defendant has been charged with violating the conditions of probation ordered on 1 / 15 / 2025 in the Court of General Sessions of FLORENCE County, and/or the additional conditions ordered by the Court in probation continuation order(s) issued on \_\_\_\_\_ 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 name defendant has violated the following condition(s) of probation: *(List by number to indicate special conditions as provided in the affidavit)*

3.6.10. DV Conditions

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 1 days/month 0 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)
- Additional Conditions ordered by the Court (Jail time credits should not be reported in this section):

*No Am*

- The defendant is given credit for \_\_\_\_\_ days/months/years pre-arrest hearing 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 3 days/months/years of Hayes credit (N/A if defendant has served prior SCDCC time).
- No pre-arrest hearing 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 25th day of April 2025  
Florence, SC

*[Signature]*  
President Judge  
*[Signature]* Judicial Circuit

You are hereby advised that under the law the Court may at any time revoke or modify any condition of this probation, insofar as 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

Witnessed by

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ SC

**WITNESSES**

**DOCKET NO. 2025-GS-21-03432**

**The State of South Carolina**

**County of Florence**

**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

**DECEMBER TERM 2025**

**Danielle Leftridge**

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

**2025A2120200601**

**THE STATE**

**vs.**

**JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON**

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**Indictment for**

**STALKING**

**Foreperson of Grand Jury**

**Date:**

**VERDICT**

**Foreperson of Petit Jury**

**Date:**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

INDICTMENT FOR  
 STALKING

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on December 9, 2025, the Grand Jurors of Florence County present upon their oath:

**STALKING**

CDR: 2406 §16-3-1700(C), 16-3-1730(A)

That Joshua Demaurice Boston did in Florence County on or about April 3, 2025, through a pattern of words, either verbal, written or electronic, or by a pattern of conduct that served no legitimate purpose and was intended to cause and did cause Ms Stacey S Brockington, and would cause a reasonable person in her position to fear for herself or her family: death; assault; bodily injury; criminal sexual contact; kidnapping; or damage to the property of Ms Stacey S Brockington or a member of his family, to wit: the victim, and being in violation of Section §16-3-1700(C), 16-3-1730 (A), S. C. 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.




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**E.L. Clements III**  
**TWELFTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR**

**WITNESSES**

**-DOCKET NO. 2025-GS-21-03433**

**The State of South Carolina**

**County of Florence**

**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

**DECEMBER TERM 2025**

**Danielle Leftridge**

**ARREST WARRANT NUMBER**

**2025A21202200603**

**ACTION OF GRAND JURY**

**JOSHUA DEMAURICE BOSTON**

**vs.**

**THE STATE**

**Indictment for**

**DISTRIBUTION, DISPENSATION,  
DELIVERY, OR PURCHASE OF  
METHAMPHETAMINE**

*Foreperson of Grand Jury*

*Date:*

**VERDICT**

*Foreperson of Petit Jury*

*Date:*

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
 COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

INDICTMENT FOR

DISTRIBUTION, DISPENSATION, DELIVERY, OR  
 PURCHASE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on December 9, 2025, the Grand Jurors of Florence County present upon their oath:

**DISTRIBUTION, DISPENSATION, DELIVERY, OR PURCHASE OF METHAMPHETAMINE**

CDR: 3198 §44-53-375(B)(1)

That Joshua Demaurice Boston did in Florence County on or about April 3, 2025, distribute, dispense, deliver, purchase, or otherwise aid, abet, attempt, or conspire to distribute, dispense, deliver, or purchase, or possess with intent to distribute, dispense, or deliver methamphetamine, and being in violation of Section §44-53-375(B)(1), S. C. 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.




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E.L. Clements III  
 TWELFTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

INDICTMENT/ E#: 2025-GS-21-03432

COUNTY OF Florence

A/W#: 2025A2120200601

STATE VS.

Date of Offense: 4/3/2025

Joshua Demaurice Boston

S.C. Code § 16-03-1730(A)

AKA: SSN: [REDACTED]

CDR Code #: 2406

RACE: Black SEX: M DOB: [REDACTED]

Range of Offense:

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was TO: Harassment / 2nd degree Harassment

CONVICTED OF or Range of Offense Pled [X] PLEADS (0-30d)

in violation of § 16-03-1710(A) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 2401

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.

The plea is: w/o Rec/Negotiations Negotiated Recommendation TS

Danielle Letridge Solicitor 104445 SC Bar #

A. B. [Signature] Attorney for Defendant 56114 SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the SCDC County Detention Center Home Incarceration Program for a determinate term of 257 days/months/years/Time Served... provided that upon the service of... plus costs and assessments as applicable\*... and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation... The sentence shall run 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 SCDC. To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- PTUP No Contact with Victim Domestic Violence Intervention Program Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430 Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135. Other: Restitution \$ FINE: \$

RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-190(B))

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes items like §14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%), §14-1-211(A)(1) (Conv. Surcharge), §14-1-211(A)(2) (DUI Surcharge), §56-5-2985 (DUI Assessment), §56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test), §14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding), §14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge), §34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs), §50-21-114(BUI Breath Test Fee), §56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment), 3% to County (if paid in installments).

Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees

TOTAL \$ 128.75

§ 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk Court Reporter

2157 Judge Code

1/21/2025 Sentence Date

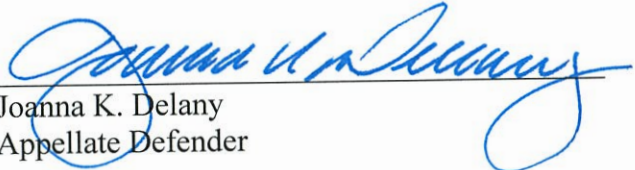
[Signature] Presiding Judge



**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,

  
Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense  
Division of Appellate Defense  
PO Box 11589  
Columbia, SC 29211-1589

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

This 22nd day of April, 2026.