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**FORM 1
NOTICE OF APPEAL**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In
The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Vernon F. Dunbar, Judge

Case Number: Ind. #: 2022-GS-37-01305

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Fredricko Craig,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Appellant, Fredricko Craig, appeals the Court's decision regarding the denial of his *Batson* Motion and the coercion which led to Defendant's plea on April 13, 2026. Defendant's plea was taken on April 13, 2026, by the Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar.

s/Donald L. Smith

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RE: State of South Carolina v. Fredricko Craig
Indictment#: 2022-GS-37-01305

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please find attached a copy of Appellant's Notice of Appeal, along with all of the associated documentation. This includes the Proof of Service for the same, which I have filed in the above-mentioned case.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With highest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

s/Donald L. Smith

Donald L. Smith

DLS/ds

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Patricia A. Howard, Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar, Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
Ms. Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, Chief Appellate Defender, South Carolina Commission
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The Honorable Melissa C. Burton, Clerk of Court for Oconee County
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Honorable Alan McCrory Wilson
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**RE: State of South Carolina v. Fredricko Craig
Indictment#: 2022-GS-37-01305**

Dear Attorney General Wilson:

Please find attached a copy of Appellant's Notice of Appeal, along with all of the associated documentation. This includes the Proof of Service for the same, which I have filed in the above-mentioned case by electronic filing.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With highest regards, I remain

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**FORM 9
LETTER TO THE CLERK OF LOWER COURT
FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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The Honorable Melissa C. Burton
Oconee County Clerk of Court
415 S. Pine Street
Walhalla SC 29691

**RE: State of South Carolina v. Fredricko Craig
Indictment#: 2022-GS-37-01305**

Dear Ms. Burton:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Appeal which I am filing in the above-referenced matter, as well as the Proof of Service for the same.

Sincerely,

s/Donald L. Smith

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**FORM 7
PROOF OF SERVICE**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY
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Case Number: Ind. #: 2022-GS-37-01305

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served Appellant's Form 1, Form 7, Form 8, Form 9, Form 11, and the Order denying Appellant's post-trial motion(s) of Appellant's Notice of Appeal, upon The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court South Carolina Court of Appeals. A copy of the above-mentioned materials were also served upon the Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar, Circuit Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, The Honorable Melissa C. Burton, Oconee County Clerk of Court; T. Cory Jones, Assistant Solicitor for Tenth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, Chief Appellate Defender, South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, South Carolina Attorney General Alan McCrory Wilson, and Mona L. Manley, Court Reporter for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, by electronic mail at the addresses found below on April 22, 2026.

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**FORM 8
LETTER TO THE SUPREME COURT CLERK OF COURT
NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
P. O. Box 11629
Columbia SC 29211.

**RE: State of South Carolina v. Fredricko Craig
Indictment#: 2022-GS-37-01305**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed the following:

- (1) Form 1-Notice of Appeal;
- (2) Form 9-Letter to Lower Court;
- (3) Form 11-Letter Ordering Transcript;
- (4) Orders appealed
- (5) Form 7-Proof of Service for the same.

Sincerely,

s/Donald L. Smith

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