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April 27, 2026

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Charles Saunders
Appellate Case No: 2026-000974

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

We are in receipt of Appellant's motion to file the notice of appeal out of time. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal response by the State. The State does not object for the following reasons:

The State received notice on February 25, 2026. (See Attached). This was within ten days of sentencing, as sentence was imposed on February 19th according to the public index. Therefore, with jurisdiction properly before the Court, the State does not object to the late filing of the notice of the document with this Court. See Rule 203(b)(2), SCACR ("After a ... trial resulting in conviction ..., a notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents within ten (10) days after the sentence is imposed."); *Hill v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Env't Control*, 389 S.C. 1, 21, 698 S.E.2d 612, 623 (2010) ("The service of a notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement, and the time for service may not be extended by this Court. ").

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Jennifer Bouley, Esquire (via email only)
Assistant Solicitor Trasi Campbell (via email only)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JASPER

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Warrant Nos. 2024A2720100161-163

v.

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CHARLES SAUNDERS,

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Defendant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Defendant, Charles Saunders, hereby appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the conviction and sentence entered in the Court of General Sessions for Jasper County.

The Defendant was convicted on two counts of Murder on the 19th day of February, 2026, and was sentenced on the 19th day of February, 2026.

This Notice of Appeal is filed pursuant to Rule 203(b)(2), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and is timely filed within ten (10) days of the imposition of sentence.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of February, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document was served upon all counsel of record in this proceeding this 25th day of February, 2026.

Angela Brown

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Attachments: Saunders.Response to Motion to File Out of Time.pdf

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Counsel, please find attached the State's response to the Motion to File Out of Time regarding the above referenced appeal. The response will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you,

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