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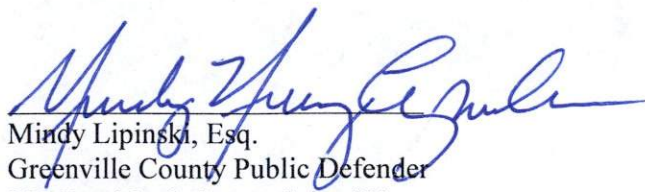
Brooke Schmitz,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Brooke Schmitz appeals her conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Jane H. Merrill on April 15, 2026.

Date: April 21, 2026



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PROOF OF SERVICE

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 April 21, 2026, addressed to:

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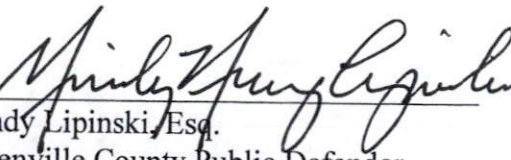
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Dear Attorney General Wilson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service. This matter is being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Ms. White:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter. The Court Reporter's name and address is as follows:

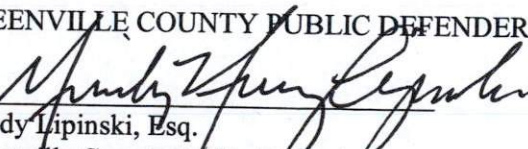
Sharon Hardoon
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Anderson, SC 29601

Also enclosed are copies of our letters to the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General's office as well as Proof of Service on all parties involved. Copies of the indictments are also enclosed.

Please let us know what further service we can be in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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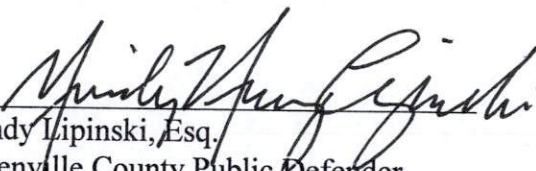
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Dear Solicitor Crick:

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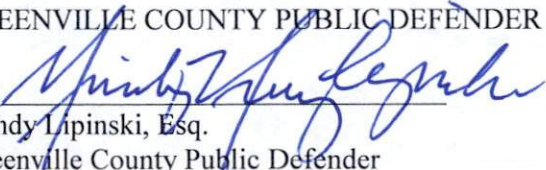
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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 Greenville County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment, sentencing sheet, Rule 203 explanation of issue, and a letter to Brooke Schmitz regarding the Rule 203 explanation. 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.

Yours very truly,

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