

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Debra McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

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2024-GS-32-05163

State of South Carolina.....Respondent

v

David E. Bender.....Defendant/Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Appellant, David E. Bender, appeals from his conviction and sentence on the charges alleged in the above Indictment. The conviction and sentence occurred on the same day, April 15, 2026. Copies of the Jury's Verdict Form and the Court's Sentence Order are attached.

April 27, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE AND FILING

I certify that, on April 27, 2026, I served and filed the Notice of Appeal in this case by
mailing copies of the Notice to:

Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office
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and

The Honorable Lisa M. Comer
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South Carolina Court of Appeals
The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings, Clerk of Court
PO Box 11629
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Re: State v. David E. Bender
Case Number: 2024-GS-32-05163

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

I have enclosed, for filing in your office, a Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service and Filing in the above case. On this date, the enclosed papers were mailed for service and filing to the Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Lexington County Clerk of Court.

Peace,

s/Arthur K. Aiken

CC: Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office
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