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May 04, 2026

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RE: The State v. Brian F. Crawford
Appellate Case No.: 2026-000687

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Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Crawford with information regarding the appeals process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John T. Kornegay/ad

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Mr. Brian Frederick Crawford (scde #: 400320)
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence received from the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Please be advised that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals, in writing, of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The Court's address is as follows:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

I have enclosed another copy of the Notice of Appeal for your reference.

Very truly yours,

John T. Kornegay/ad

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Enclosure

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Charles J. McCutchen, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023GS1802319

The State, Respondent.

v.

Brian Crawford, Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Brian Frederick Crawford, appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, on March 4, 2026. This appeal is filed at the request of Defendant Brian Crawford. However, counsel is not aware of any exceptions to Rule 203.

March 9, 2026

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

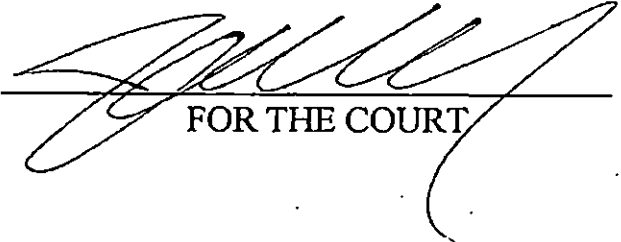
v.

Brian Frederick Crawford, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000687

ORDER

On April 7, 2026, we dismissed this appeal because Appellant failed to provide a sufficient guilty plea explanation as required by Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and Appellant's counsel failed to forward his guilty plea explanation to his client along with a statement that his client had twenty days to inform this court in writing of any arguable basis that there were issues preserved for appeal as required by this court's March 16, 2025 letter. On April 21, 2026, Appellant's counsel moved to reinstate the appeal, explaining that "[d]ue to an oversight by [Appellant's counsel's] office, Appellant was not timely forwarded the guilty plea explanation with a statement that he had twenty days to inform the [c]ourt of any arguable basis for his appeal." No return was filed. After careful consideration, we grant the motion to reinstate. Within ten days of the date of this order, Appellant's counsel shall forward his explanation to Appellant along with a statement that Appellant has twenty days from the date of Appellant's counsel's letter to inform this court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Appellant's counsel shall copy this court with his letter to Appellant. Failure to copy this court with the letter will result in dismissal of the appeal.


FOR THE COURT J.

Columbia, South Carolina

FILED
May 04 2026

cc:

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Kelly Amell LaPlante, Esquire

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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March 16, 2026

Mr. John Thomas Kornegay, Esquire
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Re: The State v. Brian F. Crawford
Appellate Case No. 2026-000687

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

Catherine S. Harrison, deputy
CLERK

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Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

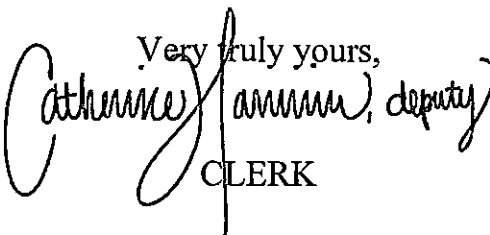
This is to advise that the title in the above matter has been changed to read as follows:

The State, Respondent,

v.

Brian Frederick Crawford, Appellant.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

CLERK

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