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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from the Cherokee County  
Court of General Sessions

Appellate Case No. 2025-000603

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.....RESPONDENT,

v.

JOHN BENDARIAN BONNER .....APPELLANT.

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Good afternoon,

For service, attached are appellant's final opening and reply briefs in the above-captioned matter.

Best,  
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