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Re: The State v. Desmond M. Bates
Appellate Case No. 2026-001404

Dear Counsel:

Upon reviewing your client's notice of appeal, the following deficiency or deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this matter will be dismissed:

- The notice of appeal is not accompanied by the order(s) and/or judgment(s) challenged on appeal.
- A notice of appeal must be filed pursuant to Rule 203, SCACR. Specifically, you must file a notice of appeal substantially in the format shown by Form 1 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR.
- A proof of service on the respondent has not been provided. You must serve and file a proof of service substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Harrison, deputy
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