

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Honorable Carmen Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2024GS4201869

The State

v.

Corey Kenneth Jones

Respondent,

Appellant.

EXPLANATION OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR, Corey Kenneth Jones files this explanation of appeal of his Home Detention revocation sentence. On June 20, 2025, the Defendant pled guilty under the above-captioned indictment number and received a sentence of fifteen (15) years which was suspended upon the service of eighteen (18) months. The sentencing Judge, Honorable Jane H. Merrill allowed the Defendant to serve the imposed sentence on Home Detention, monitored by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Following a violation of Home Detention, Defense Counsel filed a motion to reinstate Home Detention. The State subsequently filed a motion to convert Defendant's sentence to an active Department of Corrections sentence. The motion was heard on June 15, 2026 by the Honorable Judge Carmen Mullen. After the hearing, the Judge converted ten (10) years of the Defendant's sentence. Defense Counsel filed a motion to reconsider which was heard on June 19, 2026. The Honorable Judge Carmen Mullen reconsidered the sentence and changed the revocation to five (5) years, giving the Defendant credit for seventy-nine (79) days (days on HD and days in custody prior to the motion date). Defense Counsel asserts that any revocation above the imposed eighteen (18) month sentence was an abuse of discretion pursuant to applicable law including but not limited to the HDA and SC Code of Laws Title 24 Chapter 21 Section 460 ("...in his discretion, to require the defendant to serve all or a portion only of the sentence imposed."). Therefore, this appeal was filed pursuant to *Weathers v. State*, 319 S.C. 59, 459 S.E.2d 838 (1995), and *State v. Thrift*, 378 S.C. 70, 661 S.E.2d 373 (2008).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the Explanation of Appeal Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR, on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 25, 2026 addressed to its attorney of record, JR Bales, Esq., Assistant Circuit Solicitor, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29306.

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WITNESSES

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James W. Barnes

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER
2024A4210201486

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

Lisa Cox
Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

MAY 10 2024

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 24-GS-42-1869

The State of South Carolina

County of Spartanburg

Barry Barnette, Solicitor

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

MAY 13 2024

TERM

THE STATE
vs.

COREY KENNETH JONES

Indictment for
BURGLARY, FIRST DEGREE
(Dwelling)

SC Code: 16-11-0311
CDR Code: 0079
Class: FEL/EXM (V)

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CLERK OF COURT
SPARTANBURG COUNTY
AMY W. COX

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

INDICTMENT

MAY 10 2024

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on _____, the Grand Jurors of
Spartanburg County present upon their oath:

BURGLARY, FIRST DEGREE

(DWELLING)

That the Defendant, Corey Jones, did in Spartanburg County, on or about March 13, 2024, willfully and intentionally enter the dwelling located at 3567 Parris Bridge Rd., Spartanburg County, South Carolina without consent and with the intent to commit a crime therein, and that the defendant did enter the dwelling and when, in effecting entry or while in the dwelling or in immediate flight, he or another participant in the crime:

- (1) is armed with a deadly weapon or explosive; or
- (2) causes physical injury to a person who is not a participant in the crime; or
- (3) uses or threatens the use of a dangerous instrument; or
- (4) displays what is or appears to be a knife, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, or other firearm; or
- (5) the burglary is committed by a person with a prior record of two or more convictions for burglary or housebreaking or a combination of both; or

in violation of Section 16-11-311, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976) as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

County of Spartanburg

State

VS.

Corey Kenneth Jones

AKA: SSI

RACE: Black SEX: Male DOB:

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024GS4201869

) AW#: 2024A4210201486

) Date of Offense: 03/13/2024

) S.C. Code §: 16-11-311(A)(2)

) CDR Code #: 0079

) Range of Offense: 15-Life

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was ☐ CONVICTED OF or ☒ PLEADS TO: Burglary, 2nd Degree Violent

Range of Offense Pled: 0-15

In violation of § 16-11-311(A)(2) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0086

☐ NON-VIOLENT ☒ VIOLENT ☒ SERIOUS ☐ MOST SERIOUS ☐ Mandatory GPS ☐ § 17-25-45The charge is: ☐ As Indicted, ☒ Lesser Included Offense, ☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.The plea is: ☒ No Rec/Negotiations ☐ Negotiated☐ RecommendationSolicitor James Bales 105459
SC Bar #Attorney for Defendant James H. Davis 90210
SC Bar #The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDCC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Program for a determinate term of 15 days/months/years/Time Served ☐ YOA NTE years and/or shall pay a fineof \$; provided that upon the service of 18 days/months/years/Time Served and or paymentof \$; plus costs and assessments as applicable; the balance is suspended with probation for months/years and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.☐ The sentence shall run CONCURRENT or ☒ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: 2024 GS 42 05380☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDCC 435 days/month ☐ To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

☐ PTUP☒ No Contact with Victim ☐ Domestic Violence Intervention Program☐ Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430☐ Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135☐ Other: ☐ Hold for Inpatient Treatment
☐ SAC/MHC if necessary☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code § 24-21-490 (B))

\$14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)

\$14-1-211 (A)(1)(Conv. Surcharge)

\$14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)

\$56-5-2995 (DUI Assessment)

\$56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)

\$14-1-212 (Law Enforce. Funding)

\$14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)

\$34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)

\$50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)

\$56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)

3% to County (if paid in installments)

☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel, Proviso requires \$500 be paid to Clerk during probation and shall be collected before any other fees☐ § 17-3-30(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender FundT. Camp
Clerk of Court/Deputy ClerkLora McDaniel
Court Reporter2794
Judge Code6/20/25
Sentence DateJane H. Menzies
Presiding Judge

TOTAL

SCCA217B
01/27/2025

Restitution	\$
FINE:	\$
	\$
\$100	\$
\$100	\$
\$12	\$
\$25	\$
\$25	\$
\$150	\$
\$41	\$
\$50	\$
\$40/ea	\$
TBD	\$
\$500	\$
TBD	\$
TOTAL	\$ 128.75

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

v.

Corey Kenneth Jones,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Order to Convert a HD
Sentence to an Active Department of
Corrections Sentence
Indictment Nos: 2024GS4201869

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This matter was brought to the court by a Motion of the State seeking to convert a home detention sentence on the above-referenced indictments to an active prison sentence. The Defendant was represented by Sergey Germanovich of the Spartanburg County Public Defenders Office. James Bales, Assistant Solicitor, represented the State.

On June 20, 2025, the Defendant received a sentence of 15 years active time suspended to 18 months. The defendant was allowed the opportunity by Judge Merrill to serve the eighteen months of active time on Spartanburg County Home Detention program.

On June 15, 2026 before the Honorable Judge Mullen, a motion to convert as well as a motion to be reinstated on Home Detention was heard. After hearing from both sides, hearing the fact and history of the case and considering all arguments, Judge Mullen decided to convert 10 years of the defendant's sentence to active time. On June 19, 2026 a motion to reconsider the previous sentence was heard by Judge Mullen and she agreed to reconsider the sentence, ordering the defendant now serve 5 years in the Department of Corrections with credit for 79 days he spent since the arrest for the home detention violation.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the sentence imposed on June 20, 2025 by this court on the above-referenced indictment be converted to a 5 year active sentence with seventy nine (79) days of credit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Honorable Carmen T. Mullen
Judge - 7th Circuit

June 23, 2026
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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RE: State v. Corey Kenneth Jones
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Dear Ms. Cox:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Appeal in the above case.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sergey Germanovich".

Sergey Germanovich

Enclosure

cc: JR Bales, Esq.
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