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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions**

The Honorable Thomas J. Rode, Presiding Judge

**INDICTMENT NO.: 2026-GS-10-04383
WARRANT NO.: 2025A1010204358**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENT

vs.

VIRDELL SHANTA MERCER, APPELLANT

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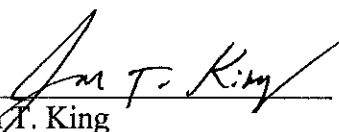
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Virdell Shanta Mercer appeals his guilty plea and sentence in this case. The defendant pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine on June 25, 2026. The Honorable Thomas J. Rode sentenced him to 5 years suspended on probation for 4 years on June 25, 2026. Under Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), SCACR, as an officer of the court, I am informing the court I am not aware of any issues preserved for appeal. My client nonetheless requested that I file a notice of intent to appeal, and I am doing so on his behalf.



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VERIFICATION

Personally appeared before me the above-signed attorney, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Request for Representation on Appeal and knows the allegations contained therein are true, except as to those which may be alleged to be upon information and belief and as to those, he believes them to be true.

SWORN to and subscribed before me

this 1st day of July, 2026.

Renée Guen
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires: 11/29/26

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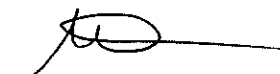
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Hunt Russell, Assistant Solicitor for Charleston County, by hand delivering a copy of it to the Charleston County Solicitor's Office at 101 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on July 1, 2026.



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Dated: July 01, 2026.

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