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Dale E. Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2022A0410101555, 2022A0410101552,
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2022A0410101558, and 2022A0410101556

The State,

Respondent.

v.

Leo Nmn Lopez III,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Leo Lopez III appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. This case was set for trial the week of June 22, 2026. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook on June 26, 2026. The Defendant was convicted of five counts of Unlawful Neglect of a Child and Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree. The Defendant was sentenced to a term of three years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections for the five counts of Unlawful Neglect of a Child. The Defendant was sentenced to fifteen years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections that provided upon the service of eight years and five years probation for the one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree. The Defendant also received credit for any jail time served and this added up to one thousand three hundred and three days. All of the charges were to run concurrent with the sentence from June 26, 2026. In addition, the Defendant was also charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor or Attempt-Victim Under Eleven Years of Age 1st Degree (Indictment 2025GS0402372) in which the Defendant was found Not Guilty. Furthermore, Indictment 2025GS0402370 was dismissed by prosecutorial discretion and Indictment 2025GS0401724 was a Judicial Dismissal. After the trial, the Defendant contacted his attorney to request the filing of an appeal. Counsel is not aware of any meritorious issues to be reviewed on appeal. However, as Mr. Lopez, has a right to appeal his conviction and has requested that an appeal be filed, I am therefore filing this appeal.

Date: July 1, 2026



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 1, 2026, addressed to:

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Dear Ms. White:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Appeal for the above matter. The Court Reporter's name and address is as follows:

Sharon Hardoon
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Also enclosed are copies of our letters to the Court of Appeals the Attorney General Office, and the 10th Circuit Solicitor Office, as well as Proof of Service on all parties involved. A copy of the sentencing sheets and indictments are also enclosed.

Please let us know what further service we can be in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Anderson County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of letters to the S.C Office of Appellate Defense, and the Solicitor that prosecuted the case. These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Mr. Polsinello:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Anderson County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter to the S.C Office of Appellate Defense, and the Attorney General. These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at trial.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Ms. Kitching:

Enclosed you will find the original Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Anderson County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of letters to the S.C Office of Appellate Defense, the Attorney General, and the Solicitor's Office. Additionally, I have enclosed a copy the indictments and the sentencing sheets. Also, these matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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