

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2026GS4203041

The State

Simon Hammond

v.

Respondent,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Simon Hammond appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr. on June 23, 2026. This appeal is taken from this conviction and sentence.

June 30, 2026



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 30, 2026, addressed to its attorney of record, JR Bales, Esq., Assistant Solicitor, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306.

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RE: **State v. Simon Hammond**  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is the original Notice of Appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are the Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent, the Explanation of Appeal and Proof of Service, and a copy of the indictment, verdict, and sentence to be challenged on appeal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beverly D. Jones".

Beverly D. Jones

Enclosures

cc: Office of Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor  
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Dear Mrs. Cox:

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