

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY S.C.

HON. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE - MAITE MURPHY

TRIAL COURT WARRANT NOS 2022A3810700426
2022A3810700534-540

SETH JAMES PHILLIPS

APPELLANT

THE STATE OF S.C.

VS.

RESPONDENT **RECEIVED**

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APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR
APPEAL - NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMES NOW APPELLANT ABOVE, AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS HONORABLE COURT ALLOW HIM TO FILE AND APPEAL HIS SENTENCE AND JUDGEMENT IN ABOVE NUMBERED CAUSES AND SHOWS:

I.
APPELLANT PLEAD GUILTY TO A LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE, ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT (MURDER), RECEIVED A 15-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE. HE WAS GIVEN HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL BY THE TRIAL COURT JUDGE.

II

APPELLANT HAD HIRED COUNSEL FOR TRIAL AND TRIAL COUNSEL FOR APPEAL, HE PRESUMED, HOWEVER TRIAL COUNSEL DID NOT

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PERFECT HIS APPEAL, ACTUALLY ABANDON HIM ON APPEAL, DENYING HIM HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL. APPELLANT ARGUES THAT THEY WERE ISSUES THAT DESERVED TO BE LOOKED AT AND THAT HAD A LEGAL BASIS FOR DOING SO.

III

APPELLANT ARGUES HE HAS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO APPEAL, AND HE WAS DENIED THAT RIGHT BECAUSE RETAINED COUNSEL FAILED TO APPEAL HIS CASE, AND HAS NOT FILED MOTION TO WITHDRAW, LEAVING HIM INDIGENT AND WITHOUT MONEY TO HIRE COUNSEL, FOR APPEAL. SEE RULE 602(e)(4), ALSO RULE 203 SCACR (RULE 264).

APPELLANT FURTHER ARGUES THAT UNDER STRICKLAND VS. WASHINGTON, 384 SUP CT (1984), THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HELD THAT AN INDIGENT APPELLANT AFTER TRIAL HAS A, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO AN APPEAL, AND IF INDIGENT, HAS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY TO HELP ASSIST HIM ON HIS APPEAL, ABSENT OF DOING SO, RESULTS IN A DUE PROCESS VIOLATION OF HIS 14TH AMEND. SEE U.S. CONST. AMEND 14TH.

PRAYER

APPELLANT PRAYS THIS HONORABLE COURT WILL GRANT HIM HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL, AND DUE TO HIS NOW INDIGENT STATUS, WILL HAVE THE COURT GRANT HIM A COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL TO ASSIST HIM ON HIS APPEAL.

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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED,

x GARY W. HARRIS

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APPELLANT'S PROOF OF SERVICE

I SETH JAMES PHILLIPS, CERTIFY, THAT ON THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2026, THAT I HANDED OVER TO PRISON OFFICIALS, MY NOTICE AND REQUEST TO APPEAL, TO BE MAILED VIA, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO ALL PARTIES LISTED BELOW TO BE FILED WITH THE PAPERS IN THESE CAUSES.

Respectfully,

x GRANVILLE

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SERVICE OF PARTIES

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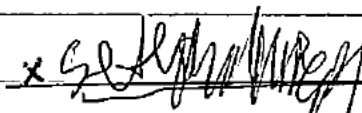
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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DEAR CLERK

INSIDE, PLEASE FIND AND FILE MY DOCUMENTS
WITH THE COURT. I DID BEST I COULD WITH NO ATTORNEY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER.

RESPECTFULLY,

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