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APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Charles McCutchen, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2026GS18-0501

The State,Respondent.

v.

Michelle Ballard,Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Michelle Elizabeth Ballard, appeals her conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Charles McCutchen, on July 21, 2026. This appeal is filed at the request of Defendant Michelle Ballard. However, counsel is not aware of any exceptions to Rule 203.

July 30, 2026

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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Jamie L. Cooper, who first being duly sworn, deposed and says:

That on the 30th day of July, 2026, she personally served a copy of the Notice of Appeal on Amy Saukas, Assistant Solicitor, via first class, postage paid wrapper, properly addressed, in a post office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service to 101 Ridge Street, Second Floor, St. George, South Carolina 29477.

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SWORN to before me this
30th day of July, 2026.

Lauren D. Kizer
My commission expires: 4-5-2028
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Michelle Elizabeth Ballard
Indictment No.: 2026GS18-0501

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find the original Notice of Appeal, Proof of Service and Sentencing Sheet(s) in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jamie L. Cooper /lr

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Enclosures

cc: First Circuit Solicitor's Office
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Chief Appellate Defender
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Michelle Elizabeth Ballard
Indictment No.: 2026GS18-0501

Dear Ms. Carter:

Enclosed please find a copy of Michelle Ballard's Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service from her sentence in Dorchester County.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Dorchester County Detention Center
220 Hodge Road
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Michelle Elizabeth Ballard
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Dear Ms. Ballard:

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