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In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Judge Hayes, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024GS1101603

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The State, Respondent,

v.

Jayunta B. Epps Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Jayunta B. Epps appeals his/her conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge Hayes on July 20, 2026. This appeal is taken from the conviction and sentence and the order of the Honorable Judge Hayes on July 20, 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 July 29, 2026, addressed to its attorney of record, Kimberly L. Leskanic, Esq., Assistant Solicitor, 202 N. Petty Street, Gaffney, South Carolina 29340.

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RE: State v. Jayunta B. Epps
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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 and a copy of the indictment, verdict, and sentence to be challenged on appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. MacDonald IV

Enclosures: Notice of Appeal
Proof of Service
Court Orders (Indictment/Sentencing Sheet/Denial of Motion for New Trial)

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