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Misti H. Shelton, Circuit Judge

State of South Carolina v. Matthew Drakeford
Case No. 2025GS2900638, 2026GS2901286, 2026GS2901287

Matthew Drakeford,.....Appellant,
v.
State of South Carolina,.....Respondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Matthew Drakeford appeals his conviction and sentence. The sentence was imposed by The Honorable Misti H. Shelton on August 3, 2026.

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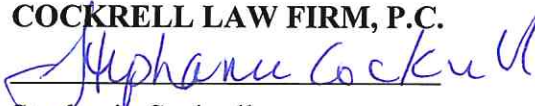
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Respondent by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on August 11, 2026, addressed to Respondent's attorney of record, Chief Deputy Kaitlyn Marie Easler, 104 North Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina 29720.

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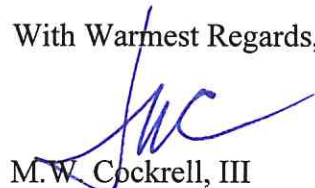
The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Matthew Drakeford
Charge(s): Criminal Sexual Conduct (minor less than 11) 4x / Solicitation of minor
2024A2910101469; 2024A2910101470; 2024A2910101471; 2024A2910101472;
2024A2910101473

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal and proof of service in the above case.

With Warmest Regards,



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Enclosure(s)

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