

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Honorable J. Mark Hayes II, Circuit Court Judge

Case No: 2026-001750

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The State

v.

Respondent,

Jayunta B. Epps

Appellant.

EXPLANATION OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR, Jayunta B. Epps files this explanation of his appeal of his guilty plea, conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable J. Mark Hayes on July 20, 2026. The basis for the appeal was the amount of jail credit given to Jayunta Epps in this case. Mr. Epps received zero days credit for his time spent in the Detention Center prior to his guilty plea. After the court put on the record that Mr. Epps would not receive any credit for time in jail on the charge, attorney for the appellant objected on the record. S.C. Code § 24-13-40 provides that defendants are entitled to credit for time served in pretrial incarceration, except when a defendant "commits a subsequent crime while out on bond." This crime that Mr. Epps pled guilty to occurred in the Cherokee County Detention Center, and no subsequent crime was committed while out on bond because he did not get charged with a subsequent crime following this charge.

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