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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY
The Honorable R.K. Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

Case No: 2024GS3802718

The State . . . . . Respondent

vs.

Roger Jones, Jr..... Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Roger Jones, Jr. appeals his guilty plea and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by The Honorable R.K. Griffin, on August 17, 2026. This appeal is filed at the request of the Defendant Roger Jones, Jr. However, Counsel is not aware of any exceptions to Rule 203.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG	)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Plaintiff,	)	**Warrant/Indictment Nos.:** 2024a3820800718; 2024a3820800723; 2024a3820800740; 2024a3820800741; 2024a3820800742; 2024a3820800743 Sex / Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor, 3rd Degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd Act (victim Under 16 Yrs (2 Counts); Sex / Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor, Or Attempt - Victim 11 To 14 Yrs Of Age Inclusive - Second (2 Counts); Sex / Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor, First Degree; Children / Legal Custodian, Unlawful Neglect Of Child Or Helpless Person
v. **ROGER JONES, JR.,** Defendant.	)	**RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**

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Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issues to be raised on Appeal may include whether the Trial Court abused its discretion when it imposed a sentence of 10 years upon the Appellant after he plead guilty.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that such an abuse occurred and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a Motion to Reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v.*

South Carolina, 430F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A Defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate in behalf of his client, '") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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This 21st day of August, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,	)	IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG.	)	2024GS3802718
State of South Carolina,	)	
vs.	)	**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE**
Roger Jones, Jr. Appellant.	)	

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Due and legal service of the within ***Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal*** by the attorney for the above defendant, in the above entitled action is hereby accepted and a copy retained by Solicitor, David M. Pascoe, Jr., in Orangeburg, South Carolina, this 21st day of August 2026.

David M. Pascoe / JMcClellan
Solicitor

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal on Gabrielle Williams, Assistant Solicitor for Orangeburg County, by hand delivering a copy of it to the Orangeburg County Solicitor's Office at 151 Docket Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115, on August 21, 2026. The Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal was clocked in the Orangeburg County Clerk of Court's Office on August 21, 2026.

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VIA CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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Re: ***State v. Roger Jones, Jr.***

Charge(s):	Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, 3rd degree - Commit/Attempt Lewd act (victim under 16 yrs (2 Counts); Sex / Criminal sexual conduct with minor, or Attempt - victim 11 to 14 yrs of age inclusive - Second (2 Counts); Sex / Sexual exploitation of a minor, First degree; Children / Legal custodian, unlawful neglect of child or helpless person
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the original ***Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, Acceptance of Service, and Proof of Service***, with two copies. Also enclosed you will find certified true copies of the warrant(s), assignment sheet, sentencing sheet(s), and the indictment(s) in this case.

Please file the original and have the copies clocked in and returned to me in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope. As you can see, the defendant is indigent and accordingly there should be no docketing fee.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ORANGEBURG COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Christel L. Purvis

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Enclosures: As stated.
cc: Ms. Rhonda D. Foxworth