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APPEAL FROM LANCASTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

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
CORRECTED

Matthew Drakeford appeals his conviction and sentence. The appellant is seeking review of the acceptance of the plea and sentence from the plea colloquy. The sentence was imposed by The Honorable Misti H. Shelton on August 3, 2026.


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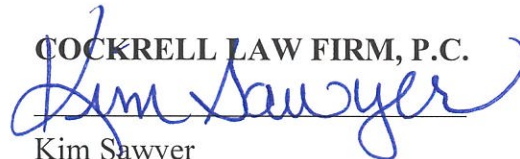
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Respondent by depositing a copy of the *corrected notice of appeal* in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on August 26, 2026, addressed to Respondent's attorney of record, Chief Deputy Kaitlyn Marie Easler, PO BOX 607, 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
Appellate Case Number: 2026-001799

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a *CORRECTED Notice of Appeal*, sentencing sheets and proof of service in the above case.

With Warmest Regards,



M.W. Cockrell, III
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Enclosure(s)

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