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August 31, 2026

Mr. Roger Jones, Jr.
Orangeburg Calhoun Regional Detention Center
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SC Court of Appeals

RE: State of South Carolina v. Roger Jones, Jr.
Warrant No.: 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

Dear Mr. Jones, Jr.:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence received from the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Please be advised that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals, in writing, of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The Court's address is as follows:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

I have enclosed another copy of the Notice of Appeal for your reference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christel L. Purvis".

Christel L. Purvis
Assistant Public Defender

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Enclosure



The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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August 28, 2026

Ms. Christel Lopez Purvis, Esquire
372 St. Paul St.
Orangeburg SC 29116

Re: The State v. Roger Jones, Jr.
Appellate Case No. 2026-001909

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Harrison, deputy
CLERK

cc: Gabrielle Tesia Williams, Esquire
Mark Reynolds Farthing, Esquire
Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Wanda H. Carter, Esquire



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Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number!

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

This is to advise that the title in the above matter has been changed to read as follows:

The State, Respondent,

v.

Roger Jones, Jr., Appellant.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,


CLERK

cc: Gabrielle Tesia Williams, Esquire
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

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SC 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.

August 21, 2026


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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Plaintiff,

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SC Court of Appeals

) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
) THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
)

) **Warrant/Indictment Nos.:**

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) 2024a3820800740; 2024a3820800741;
) 2024a3820800742; 2024a3820800743

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/ Sexual Exploitation Of A Minor,
First Degree; Children / Legal
Custodian, Unlawful Neglect Of
Child Or Helpless Person

v.

) **RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**
)
)

ROGER JONES, JR.,
Defendant.

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: Christel L. Purvis
Christel L. Purvis
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Orangeburg, South Carolina
This 21st day of August, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)

COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG.)

State of South Carolina,)

vs.)

Roger Jones, Jr.)

Appellant.)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF
APPEALS

2024GS3802718

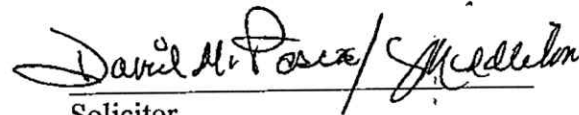
ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

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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.


Solicitor

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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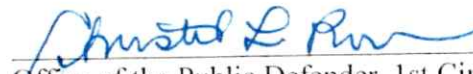
vs.

Roger Jones, Jr. Appellant

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.

August 21, 2026


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VIA CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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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

Christel L. Purvis, Esq.
Assistant Public Defender

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Enclosures: As stated.

cc: Ms. Rhonda D. Foxworth