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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2025GS4203087

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The State,

Respondent.

v.

Austin Lewis Hazard,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Austin Lewis Hazard appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable R. Keith Kelly on July 29, 2026. An Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Sentence was issued and filed on August 19, 2026.

Date: August 28, 2026



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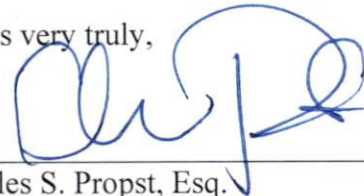
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed you will find the Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with a Rule 203(d)(1)(b)(iv) Certification and a Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Spartanburg County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment. Because I was only retained to represent Mr. Hazard in Circuit Court, these matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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