

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

THE STATE)

v.)

AUSTIN LEWIS HAZARD,)

DEFENDANT.)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Warrant Nos.: **2025GS4203087**

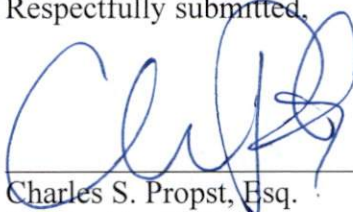
Rule 203(d)(1)(b)(iv) Certification

Pursuant to SC Rule 203(d)(1)(b)(iv), Defendant would show that the sentence imposed is unreasonable. Defendant was sentenced ten (10) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections with credit given for one (1) day of time already served. Defendant communicated to his Attorney that he demands an Appeal.

Defendant's Attorney is filing this appeal pursuant to his ethical duty to his client, and Defendant's constitutional right to appeal. See Frazer v. South Carolina, 430 F.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)).

Defendant did not inform his attorney of any specific issues to appeal. Defendant only requested an appeal, and when Defense counsel requested clarification, Defendant simply stated that he wanted to appeal. Defense counsel can provide no material issues to appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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WITNESSES

Spartanburg Police Department

Lt. G. Arnold

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

2024A4210206332
DIRECT INDICIMENT

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date:

JUN 20 2025

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO.

25-GS-42-3087

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County of Spartanburg

Barry J. Barnette, Solicitor

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Indictment for

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 1ST DEGREE

SC Code: 16-25-20(B)

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INDICTMENT

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At a Court of General Sessions, convened on _____, the Grand Jurors of Spartanburg County present upon their oath:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 1ST DEGREE

That Austin Lewis Hazard did, in Spartanburg County on or about December 30, 2024, cause physical harm or injury or offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to [REDACTED] a household member, causing the victim to fear for her safety, to wit: by strangling the victim, and/or headbutting her, and/or throwing her to the floor, and/or shoving her; and

- (1) the defendant has two or more prior convictions for domestic violence within the past ten years from the current offense,

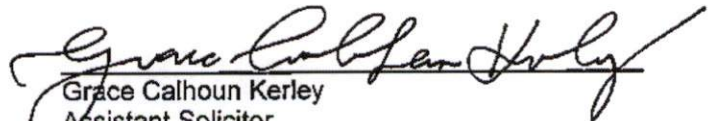
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in violation of Section 16-25-20, *THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA*, (1976) as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


Grace Calhoun Kerley
Assistant Solicitor