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Mr. Christopher Dale Helms, Esquire
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Re: The State v. Franklin D. L. Vereen-Price
Appellate Case No. 2026-002012

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Dear Counsel:

Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this matter will be dismissed:

- The accompanying proof of service is not in compliance with the SCACR. Your proof of service should be substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR. You must provide the date of service.
- You must provide proof the notice of appeal was filed with the Horry County Clerk of Court.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire
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FORM 7
PROOF OF SERVICE OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2026-002012

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Franklin D.L. Vereen-Price,

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on August 28, 2026, addressed to Jimmy A. Richardson, Post Office Box 1276, Conway, South Carolina 29528.

September 15, 2000

s/ Chris Helms
Chris D. Helms
3575 Hwy. 17 Business
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Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
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In Re: **State v. Franklin Donte Lemar Vereen-Price**

Case No. 2024GS2601398, 2024GS2601399, 2024GS2601419

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Appeal in the above criminal case. These documents have been stamped/clocked by the Horry County Clerk of Court, illustrating their receipt and inclusion in the trial case file. Also enclosed are the following:

1. Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal
2. A copy of the Order(s)/Sentence Sheet(s) which is/are to be challenged on appeal.
3. Self-addressed stamped envelope

I would appreciate your filing the Notice of Appeal, as well as the Proof of Service, and returning to me the date-stamped copies in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Court of General Sessions
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CASE NO:
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2024GS2601399,
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The State, Respondent,

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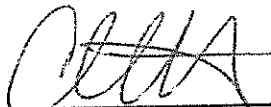
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Franklin Donte Lemar Vereen-Price, appeals the conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable B. Alex Hyman.

August 28, 2026


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CASE NO: 2024GS2601398,
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The State, Respondent,

V.

Franklin Donte Lemar Vereen-Price, Appellant.

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

STATE vs.

Franklin Donte' Lemar Vereen-Price

AKA: Franklin Donte' Lemar SSN: 110-17-2431

Price (Vereen), Franklin D

Price (Vereen)

RACE: B

SEX: M

DOB: 01/09/1999

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024GS2601419

) AW#: 2024GS2601419

) Date of Offense: 12/15/2023

) S.C Code§: 16-17-0410

) CDR Code #: 0049

) Range of Offense: Criminal Conspiracy (NMT 5 years or \$5,000)

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF ☒ or ☐ PLEADS

TO: Criminal Conspiracy

Range of Offense Pled: (NMT 5 years or \$5,000)

In violation of § 16-17-0410 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0049

☒ NON-VIOLENT

☐ VIOLENT

☐ SERIOUS

☐ MOST SERIOUS

☐ MANDATORY GPS

☐ § 17-25-45

(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)

The charge is: ☒ As indicted

☐ Lesser Included Offense

☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury

The plea is: ☐ w/o Rec/Negotiations ☐ Negotiated

☐ Recommendation

Mary-Elfen Walter,
Solicitor

SC Bar # 76142
103036

Christopher D. Helms,
Attorney for Defendant

100116

SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Program
for a determinate term of 5 days/months/years Time Served ☐ YOA NTE _____ years and/or shall pay a fine
of \$ _____; provided that upon the service of _____ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment
of \$ _____ plus costs and assessments as applicable*; balance is suspended with probation for _____ months/years
and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run ☒ CONCURRENT or ☐ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: _____

☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC
_____ days/months ☐ To include time spent on monitored house arrest prior to trial and sentencing

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

☐ PTUP

☐ No Contact with Victim

☐ Domestic Violence Intervention Program

☐ Hold for Inpatient Treatment

☐ Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430

☐ SAC/MHC if necessary

☐ Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135

☐ Other: _____

☒ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-490(B))

§14-1-206 (Assessments 107.5%)

§14-1-211 (A)(1) Conv. Surcharge)

§14-1-211 (A)(2)(DUI Surcharge)

§56-5-1995 (DUI Assessment)

§56-1-286 (DUI Breath Test)

§14-1-212 (Law Enforcement Funding)

§14-1-213 (Drug Court Surcharge)

§34-11-70(b)and(c), and 34-11-90(c)and(d) (Admin Fraud Check Court Costs)

§50-21-114 (BUI Breath Test Fee)

§56-5-2942(J) (Vehicle Assessment)

3% to County (if paid in installments)

☐ Appointed PD or appointed other counsel. Provisio requires \$500 to be paid to Clerk during
probation and shall be collected before any other fees

☐ §17-3-45(B) Unpaid Application Fee to be paid to the Public Defender Fund

Restitution

FINE:

\$100

\$100

\$12

\$25

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\$150

\$41

\$50

\$40/ea

TBD

\$500

\$40

TOTAL

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Bobbie Fisher
Court Reporter

Judge Code

Sentence Date

Presiding Judge

SCCA217B
01/27/2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HORRY

SENTENCE ORDER

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

STATE vs.

Franklin Donte' Lemar Vereen-PriceAKA: Franklin Donte' Lemar SSN: 510-17-2431Price (Vereen), Franklin DPrice (Vereen)RACE: BSEX: MDOB: 01/09/1999) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024-GS26-01399) AW#: 2024A2610700043) Date of Offense: 12/15/2023) S.C Code§: 16-11-0311) CDR Code #: 0079) Range of Offense: Burglary, First Degree (NLT 15 years to Life)In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF ☒ or ☐ PLEADSTO: Burglary, First DegreeRange of Offense Pled: (NLT 15 years to Life)In violation of § 16-11-0311 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0079☐ NON-VIOLENT☐ VIOLENT☐ SERIOUS☒ MOST SERIOUS☐ MANDATORY GPS☒ § 17-25-45(CSC w/minor 1st or CSC w/minor 3rd)The charge is: ☒ As indicted☐ Lesser Included Offense☐ Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand JuryThe plea is: ☐ w/o Rec/Negotiations ☐ Negotiated☐ RecommendationMary Ellen Walker
SolicitorSC Bar #
76142
403036Christopher D. Helms,
Attorney for Defendant

100116

SC Bar #

The Defendant is committed to the ☒ SCDC ☐ County Detention Center ☐ Home Incarceration Programfor a determinate term of LIFE days/months/years/Time Served ☐ YOANTE _____ years and/or shall pay a fine

of \$ _____; provided that upon the service of _____ days/months/years/Time Served and or payment

of \$ _____ plus costs and assessments as applicable*; balance is suspended with probation for _____ months/years

and subject to SCDPPPS standard conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference.

The sentence shall run ☒ CONCURRENT or ☐ CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: _____☒ The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied by SCDC
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

☐ PTUP _____☐ No Contact with Victim☐ Domestic Violence Intervention Program☐ Hold for Inpatient Treatment☐ Sex Offender Registry pursuant to S.C. Code § 23-3-430☐ SAC/MHC if necessary☐ Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-25-135☐ Other: _____☐ RESTITUTION See Separate Order (20% per S.C. Code §24-21-490(B))

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RACE: B

SEX: M

DOB: 01/09/1999

) INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2024-GS26-01398

) AWW#: 2024A2610700044

) Date of Offense: 12/15/2023

) S.C Code§: 16-03-0010, 0020

) CDR Code #: 0116

) Range of Offense: Murder (Death, Life, or NLT 30 years to Life)

In disposition of the above indictment comes now the Defendant who was CONVICTED OF ☒ or ☐ PLEADS

TO: Murder

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In violation of § 16-03-0010 of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0116

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