

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Judge J. Mark Hayes II, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024GS1100923, 2024GS1100924

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The State,

v.

Respondent,

Leonard Wendell Davis

Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Leonard Wendell Davis appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge J. Mark Hayes II on September 17, 2026. This appeal is taken from the conviction and sentence and the order of the Honorable Judge J. Mark Hayes II on September 17, 2026.

September 18, 2026



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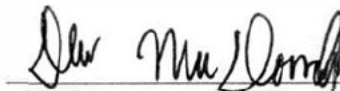
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on September 18, 2026, addressed to its attorney of record, Kimberly L. Leskanic, Esq., Assistant Solicitor, 202 North Petty Street, Gaffney, South Carolina 29340.

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RE: State v. Leonard Wendell Davis  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is the original Notice of Appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are the Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent and a copy of the indictment, verdict, and sentence to be challenged on appeal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan MacDonald".

Daniel J. MacDonald IV

Enclosures: Notice of Appeal  
Proof of Service  
Court Orders (Indictment/Sentencing Sheet/Denial of Motion for New Trial)

cc: Office of Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor  
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