STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS)
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State of South Carolina)
)
-vs-)
)
Michelle Leigh Bigham,)
)
Defendant.)

Indictment Nos.: 2025-GS-46-03584,
2026-GS-46-02242,
2026-GS-46-02234

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RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), Michelle Leigh Bigham appeals her credit for time served of one hundred and fifty-five (155) days which she did not receive. The Honorable Judge McKinnon imposed the six (6) year sentence with zero (0) days credit for time served, concurrent, upon the Appellant after she pled guilty to Financial Transaction Card Fraud, Third or Subsequent Property Crime, Breaking into Motor Vehicle and Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl 2nd Offense.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that this issue is properly before the Court of Appeals, 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 her 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,* 430 F.3d 696, 705 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.") (quoting *Anders v. California,* 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

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APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

William A. McKinnon, Circuit Court Judge

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This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of Appeal in the case of The State vs. Michelle Leigh Bigham was served upon counsel for the State, William Anderson, Assistant Solicitor, 16th Circuit Solicitor on October 1, 2026 by hand-delivering a copy to his office located at 1675-1A York Hwy, York, South Carolina, 29745 and delivering a copy via US Postal Service to Mark Chapman, Agent for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services office located at 104 N. Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina, 29721, by the undersigned.

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Michelle Leigh Bigham, SCDC ID: 00379849
Camille Graham Correctional Institution,
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Dear Ms. Bigham:

Enclosed please a find certified copies of the Notice of Appeal, Rule 203 (B) Explanation and Certified Certificate of Service regarding your recent plea and probation violation hearing. Please note that you must inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing, within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter, of any arguable basis that there are issued preserved for appeal.

You must send your arguments for your appeal to the following address:

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Sincerely,

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Re: Michelle Leigh Bigham (Indictment No. 2025-GS-46-03584, 2026-GS-46-02242, 2026-GS-46-02234)

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Appeal, Certified Certificate of Service, Rule 203 Explanation and letter to appellate in the above captioned matter. On September 16, 2026 the Appellant pled guilty to Financial Transaction Card Fraud, Third or Subsequent Property Crime on Indictment no. 2025-GS-46-03584, Breaking into Motor Vehicle on Indictment no. 2026-GS-46-02242 and Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl 2nd Offense on Indictment no. 2026-GS-46-02234. Appellant received a six (6) year sentence on Indictment no. 2025-GS-46-03584, Indictment no. 2026-GS-46-02242 and Indictment no. 2026-GS-46-02234. All sentences are to run concurrent with probation violation and with zero (0) days credit for time served.

Sincerely,

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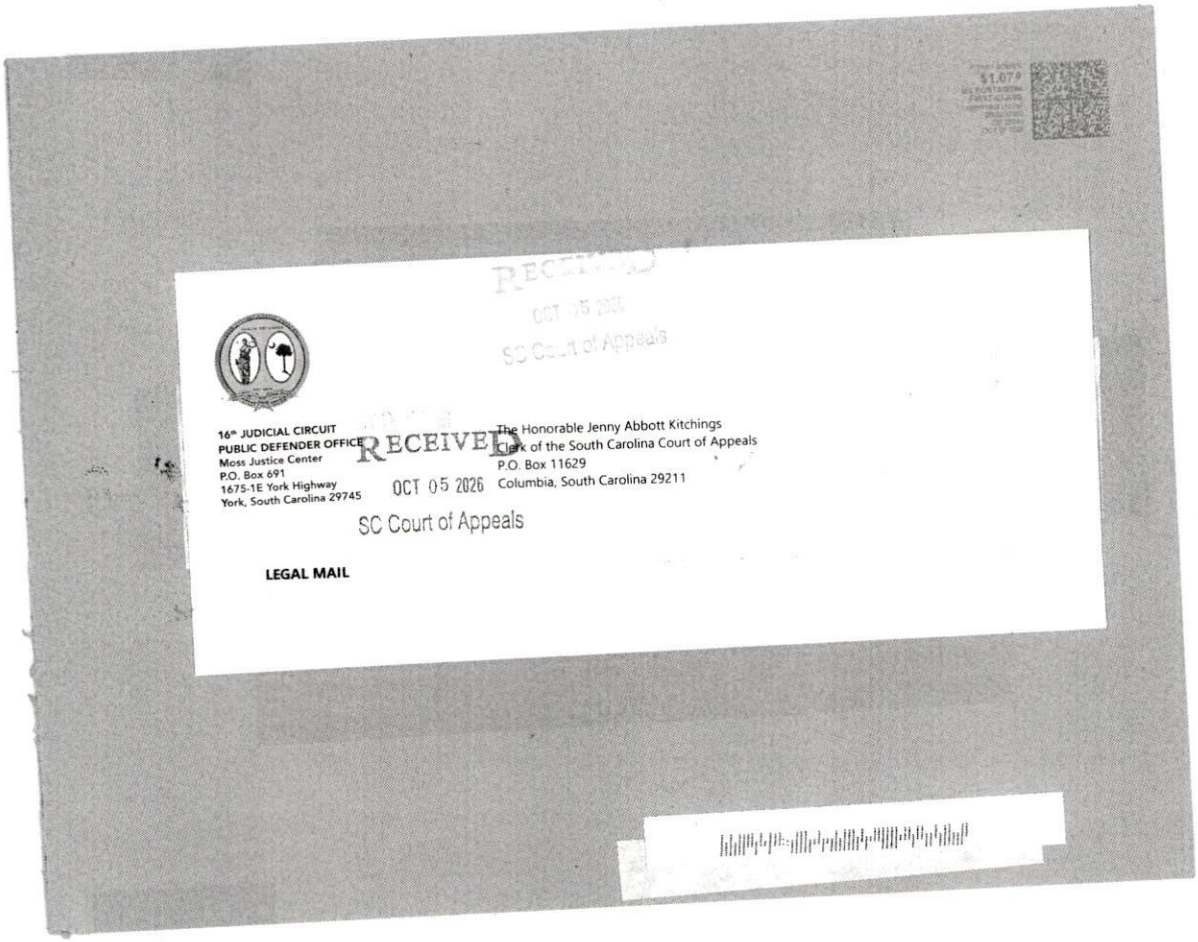

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