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In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

J. Derham Cole Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2024-GS-42-02461, 2024-GS-42-02462, 2024-GS-42-02463,
2024-GS-42-02463A

The State

v.

Respondent,

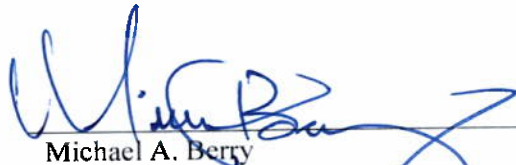
Travis Lamont Means

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Travis Lamont Means appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr. on October 12, 2026. This appeal is taken from this conviction and sentence.

October 16, 2026



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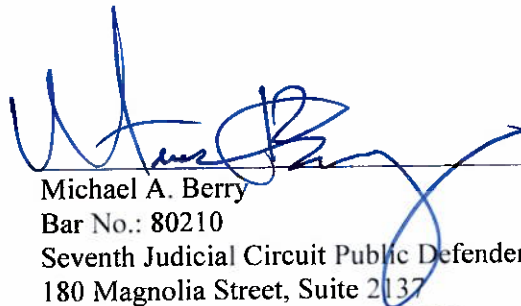
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PROOF OF SERVICE

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 October 16, 2026, addressed to its attorney of record, Spenser H Smith, Esq., Assistant Solicitor, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306.

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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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RE: State v. Travis Lamont Means

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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, the Explanation of Appeal and Proof of Service, and a copy of the indictment, verdict, and sentence to be challenged on appeal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Berry', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Michael A. Berry

Enclosures

cc: Office of Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor
Office of Attorney General
Office of Appellate Defense
Office of Clerk of Court

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Case No.: 2024-GS-42-02461, 2024-GS-42-02462.

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Dear Ms. Cox:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Appeal in the above case.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Spenser H Smith, Esq.
Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office
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Re: State v. Travis Lamont Means
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, and Proofs of Service in the above captioned matter. A copy of my letter to the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense is also enclosed.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Berry", with a large circular flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Michael A. Berry

Enclosures: Notice of Appeal
Proof of Service
ltr: South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense

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Re: State v. Travis Lamont Means
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2024-GS-42-02463,

Dear Ms. Carter:

Please find enclosed of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, and Proofs of Service in the above captioned matter. The Court Reporter's name is

Lisa G. Amick 1220 Senate Street. Ste. 200 Columbia, SC 29201

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter to the Clerk of Court of Appeals, a copy of the letter to the Attorney General, a copy of the Order and a copy of the defendant's Affidavit of Indigency.

If you or a member of your staff desire additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Berry".

Michael A. Berry

Enclosure: Notice of Appeal
Proof of Service
Affidavit of Indigency
Copy of Order
ltr: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
ltr: Alan Wilson, Esq.
ltr: The Honorable Amy West- Cox

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Dear Smith,

Please find enclosed copies of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, Proofs of Service and letters to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Clerk of Court of Spartanburg County concerning the above referenced case.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael A. Berry

Enclosures: Notice of Appeal
Proof of Service
ltr: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
ltr: The Honorable Amy West- Cox

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Travis Lamont Means
SCDC #
Kirkland Correctional Institution
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: State v. Travis Lamont Means
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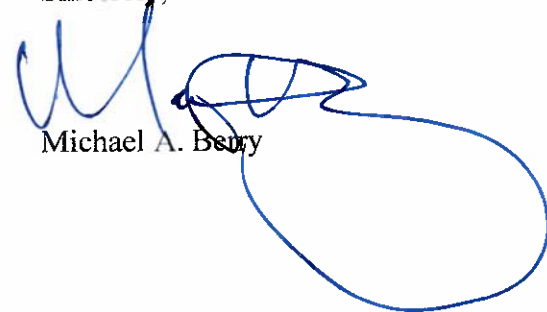
, 2024-GS-4202463,

Dear Mr. Means:

As you requested, I have served and filed an appeal in your case. Enclosed please find copies of the Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Appeal, proofs of service, and letters to the various people who are entitled to notice of your appeal. The purpose of an appeal is to correct errors of law which the judge made and which I preserved by objection or motion. Because I do not think that there is a valid reason for the appeal of your guilty plea, I am required to advise the appellate court of that assessment. Within the next few days or weeks you may be contacted by either the Court of Appeals or me to advise you of a deadline for you to explain to the court why you believe you are entitled to an appeal. You may want to begin to formulate your response now so that you will not be rushed when you are given the deadline.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Berry

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