

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM MARION COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

Case Number: 2013-GS-33-00097

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The State of South Carolina ..... Respondent

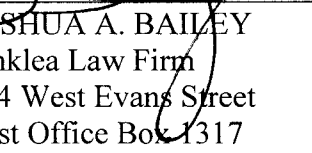
v.

Blaton Wakeem Smith.....Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Blaton Wakeem Smith appeals his convictions and sentences regarding the charges of Murder, Attempted Murder (four counts) and Possession of Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime in this case. The Appellant was convicted following a trial and sentenced on August 8, 2014.

Dated this 15 day of August, 2014 at Florence, South Carolina.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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The undersigned hereby certifies that one copy of the Appellant's Notice of Appeal in the above-entitled case has been served upon opposing counsel, The Honorable Edgar L. Clements, III, Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, by hand delivering a copy of the same to 180 North Irby Street, MSC-Q, Florence, South Carolina 29501, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
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Re: State of South **SC Court of Appeals**  
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Dear Madam Clerk:

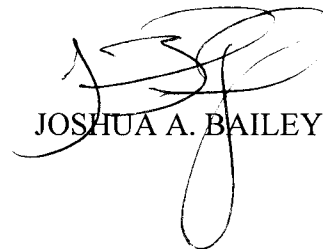
Enclosed for filing please find one original and one copy of a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service. I would kindly ask that original be filed and remain with your office and the date-stamped copy be returned to my office in the self-addressed envelope enclosed.

By copy of this letter and the enclosed Certificate of Service, I am hereby notifying The Honorable Edgar L. Clements, III, Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, of our filing of the Notice of Appeal. I am further notifying Robert M. Dudek, Esquire, Chief Appellate Defender, of our filing of the Notice of Appeal.

Should you require any further information or documentation please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



JOSHUA A. BAILEY

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Edgar L. Clements, III  
Robert M. Dudek, Esquire  
Blaton Wakeem Smith (Inmate #329045)



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