

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Brandon Dean Childers, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2017-001879

ORDER

This is a criminal case in which the appellant was tried in his absence. The jury found the appellant guilty and the sentence was sealed by the trial judge. A criminal defendant may not appeal until after the sentence has been imposed. State v. Miller, 289 S.C. 426, 346 S.E.2d 705 (1986). Where a defendant is tried *in absentia*, an appeal may not be taken until the sealed sentence is opened and read to the defendant. State v. Washington, 285 S.C. 457, 330 S.E.2d 289 (1985). For these reasons the appeal is Dismissed.



J.

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