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Court of General Sessions

SC Court of Appeals

Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No(s): 2019-GS-2308801, 2019-GS-2308799

The State,

Respondent.

v.

Steven Michael Jordan,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

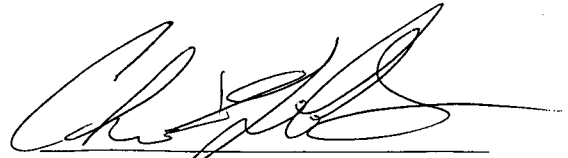
Steven Michael Jordan appeals his sentence by way of a guilty plea in this case. The sentence was imposed in Appellant's absence over Defense Counsel's objection by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin on May 19, 2021. The sentence was subsequently sealed. The sentence was published by the Honorable Edward W. Miller in open court to Appellant on June 14, 2021.

Appellant entered into a Guilty Plea Agreement with the State wherein Appellant agreed to be sentenced in his absence should he not be present at his sentencing hearing. Appellant entered his plea on February 5, 2020 and sentence was deferred. Appellant's sentencing hearing was scheduled for May 19, 2021. Appellant failed to appear for his sentencing hearing. Appellant's counsel argued that Appellant should not be sentenced in his absence as there was no prejudice to the state, and either way a warrant would be issued for Appellant's arrest. The Court overruled Appellant's objections, and sentenced Appellant and sealed the sentence.

Appellant was arrested and transported to court on June 14, 2021 for the purpose of the Court publishing his sentence. The sentence was unsealed and read in court with Appellant present.

Other than objections placed on the record at the sentencing hearing held on May 19, 2021, Appellant's counsel is aware of no other appellate issues, and this appeal was filed on request of Appellant.

Date: June 23, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Grubbs', written over a horizontal line.

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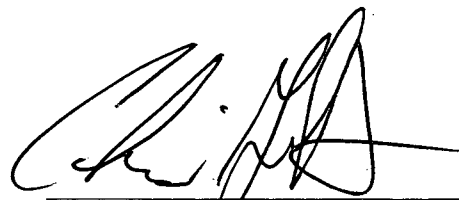
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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the below listed respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 23, 2021, addressed to:

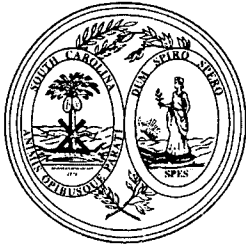
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Re: State v. Steven Michael Jordan
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed you will find the original Notice of Appeal in the above matter along with Proof of Service upon the Respondents. The Notice has been filed with the Greenville County Clerk of Court. Also enclosed is a copy of the indictment. These matters are being referred to the Office of Appellate Defense in that we were participating as Court appointed counsel at the plea.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: 

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Enclosure

cc: Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor
Office of the Attorney General
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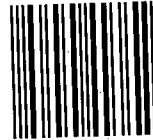
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